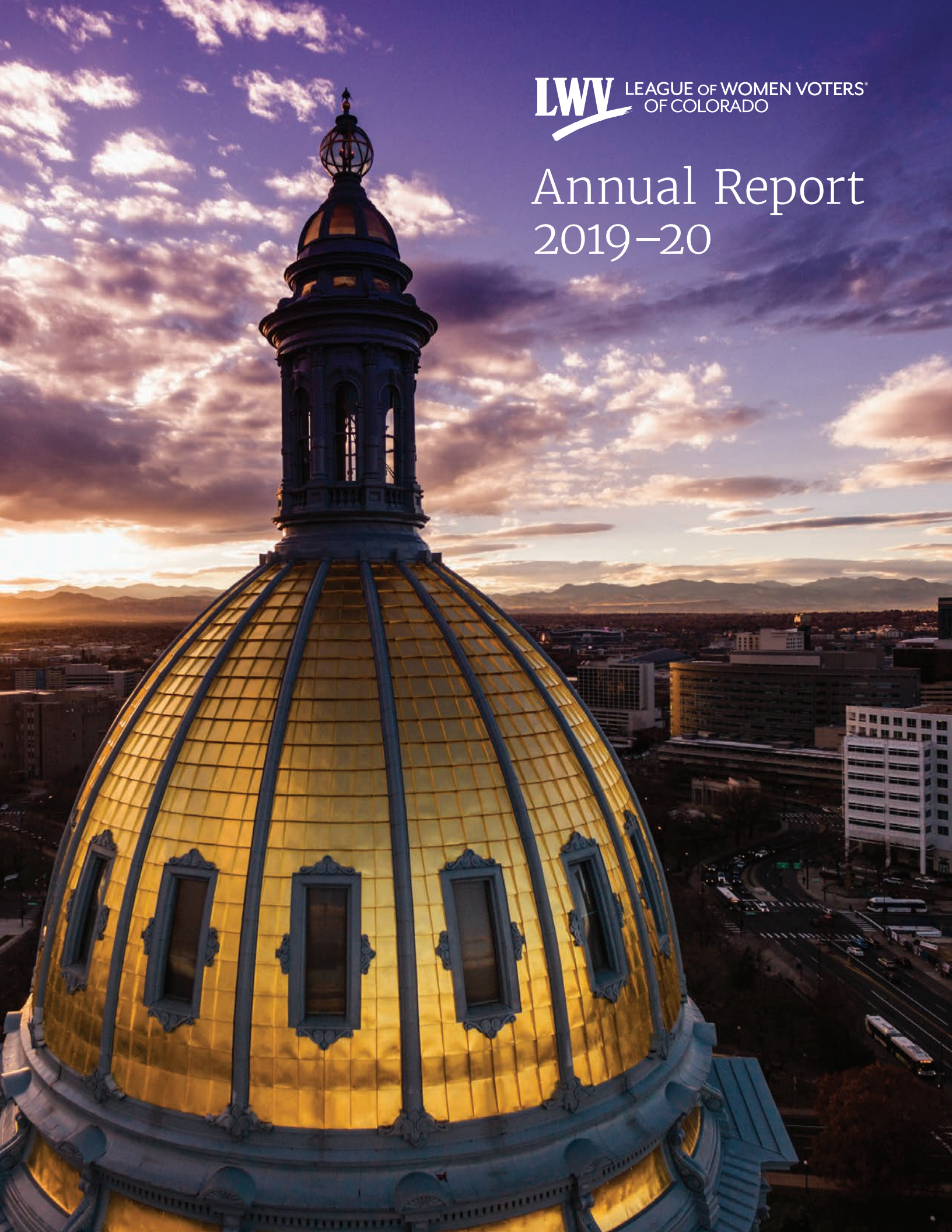




# Annual Report 2019–20









One hundred years ago, courageous women fought for the equality of suffrage



One hundred years later, the League of Women Voters of Colorado provides a platform for continuing activism for all Coloradans

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## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

We hope you will enjoy reviewing the Annual Report of the League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO) for 2019–20. We thank our many supporters for your investment in our mission, vision and values. This report outlines the many accomplishments of the organization during this important 100th year!

This calendar year included the February celebration of the 100th Birthday of our organization and the August 100th Anniversary of the signing of the 19th Amendment giving some women the right to vote. COVID-19 struck midway through the year and yet our staff, board and members used technology and ingenuity to continue our work!

The LWVCO board was determined to develop a strategic foundation to change, modernize, and move our organization forward and to enhance the working relationship between the state office and local Leagues. That Plan, developed in the Spring of 2018, is still guiding our work. The board vowed that

Let me first thank the countless members across the state; you work tirelessly every week for LWV in your community. You are committed to the mission of this organization, defending our democracy for ALL in a non-partisan, professional manner. I applaud you!

I would like to thank a few board members, staff and members individually. The initiatives listed below, as outlined in our Strategic Plan, came to fruition because of their hard work.

- **Judy Beerbaum** led our work on Governance this year. Judy always had a strategic perspective to add. She first assisted with the Executive Director task force and then worked on the tough jobs: policies and procedures, bylaws, nominating committee.
- **Lena Brown** worked on the Voter, special projects and shared her passion for the environment.
- **Gerry Cummins** continued to lead Voter Service and assist local Leagues with their Voter Service questions. Her wise advice was appreciated.
- **Beth Hendrix** led our communications and fundraising efforts, the use of tele-conferencing, partnership expansion, data collection, coordinated the office and staff, and generally kept our operations moving forward.
- **Jean Fredlund** worked on policies and procedures and action and advocacy.
- **Toni Larson** worked on action and advocacy, Legislative Action Committee, census and redistricting.
- **Cameron Manning** kept the office, website and operations running smoothly.
- **Barb Mattison** took on the fund development job and started a more diversified portfolio of fundraising strategies.

# Get in trouble: good trouble, necessary trouble.

—REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS

LWVCO was to become a “force to be reckoned with.” LWV would redouble our efforts to be a more vibrant, relevant, outward-focused community organization. We are making progress. I am so very proud of the teamwork of the LWVCO board, staff and members to embrace and move this Plan forward. The Plan has laid the foundation for a strong non-profit organization that can facilitate the reason we all joined the League—to adopt sound public policy.



We march!

- **Jean McGuire** worked tirelessly on behalf of the local Leagues. Jean developed a local League support program, improved communications, revised the grants program, and launched webinar trainings. Jean also led our LWVUS 100th anniversary efforts.
- **Andrea Mitchell** was always there to document our meetings, assist with new evaluation processes and add her wisdom to the Executive Team and to Technology.
- **Rionda Osman** became our first technology director to transform websites across the state and linked our state network for the first time ever. Our association management system is now national. Rionda also took on the challenge of data management and is linking our needs with the LWVUS data program.
- **Cath Perrone** continued to lead the effort on VOTE 411; more important than ever!
- **Bonnie Seals** led us through our first audit, switched the office to a remote professional accounting system and watches over our investments.
- **Linda Sorouf** and **Sylvia Bernstein**, my personal heroes, took on action and advocacy around the issue of National Popular Vote from the grassroots and developed a statewide program that links local Leagues. We made a difference! National Popular Vote was passed during the 2019 legislative session; an LWV key component of a representative democracy.
- **Andrea Wilkins** led the Legislative Action Committee through an interesting and challenging year bringing our legislative letter online.

And thank you to the board members of previous years who have moved on but previously laid the groundwork for the organization to change and grow! You know who you are!

Onward!

*Ruth Stemler*

Ruth Stemler  
President, LWVCO





Colorado's ratification of the 19th Amendment on Dec. 15, 1919

## ACTION & ADVOCACY

LWVCO continues to prioritize Action & Advocacy as per our 2018–20 strategic plan. The LWVCO Legislative Action Committee (LAC) is led by Dr. Toni Larson, Director of Action & Advocacy, and Legislative Liaison Andrea Wilkins, and consists of a trained group of volunteer lobbyists from around the state that work to influence the Colorado General Assembly on selected bills, based on League positions and principles.

**The Legislative Action Committee followed more than 100 bills during the 2020 session on issues. Lobbying and advocacy efforts included:**

- Providing testimony on specific bills
- Providing input to legislators on LWV positions re pending legislation
- Followed state budgeting process, monitored funding allocations
- Attended stakeholder meetings
- Issued action alerts
- During interim, continued monitoring of JBC hearings and budget discussions, legislator and stakeholder meetings on developing legislation

### Major Issues:

- Accurate Residency for Redistricting; Funding for Redistricting Commissions
- Law Enforcement Reforms/Enhance Law Enforcement Integrity
- Repeal Death Penalty
- Environment/Climate & Energy
- Expand Markets for Recycled Materials; Air Quality Measures
- Colorado Secure Savings Plan
- Housing Legislation
- COVID-19 Related Measures
- Rent & Mortgage Assistance; Utilities Assistance; Paid Sick Leave

## LWVCO Statewide Action

**Census:** LWVCO was named a Complete Count Committee by the US Census Bureau and received funding to promote the 2020 Census from the Colorado Health Foundation; a social media campaign, a grants program to chapters, and two educational events were provided, reaching an estimated 6,000 people.

**Redistricting:** LWVCO partnered with the League of Women Voters Education Fund on the first year of their national People Powered Fair Maps campaign, aimed at eliminating partisan gerrymandering in the United States. LWVCO will oversee implementation of Amendments Y&Z and promote application to the two independent redistricting commissions.



**National Popular Vote (NPV):** The League of Women Voters has supported a national popular vote for president since 1970 and is the main organization promoting the campaign of Yes on NPV for the November 2020 ballot.



Gov. Jared Polis cuts LWVCO's 100th birthday cake on Feb. 14, 2020

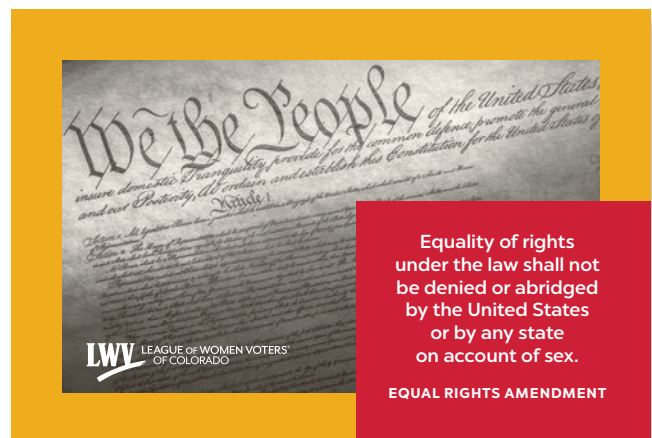
**Fair Tax Colorado:** LWVCO worked with Vision 2020 to place a provision for a graduated tax on the November 2020 ballot; the initiative failed to get sufficient signatures due to COVID.

**Alternative Voting Methods:** LWVCO members were successful in lobbying LWVUS membership for the passage of a concurrence proposal on alternative voting, placing the issue as a permanent national League position.

### Climate Change and Economic Mobilization

**Resolution:** LWVCO members successfully lobbied for passage of a resolution regarding Climate Change at the LWVUS national convention.

**HR1, For the People Act:** LWVCO worked with a national coalition for passage of HR1, For the People Act, through social media and postcard campaigns.



**Equal Rights Amendment (ERA):** LWVCO worked with LWVUS and Leagues around the US to lobby for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment through social media and postcard campaigns.

**Secretary of State Lobby Commission and Election Commission:** Andrea Wilkins, Legislative Liaison, serves on the Secretary of State Lobby Commission and Toni Larson, Director of Action and Advocacy, serves on the Secretary of State Election Commission.

**Proclamation:** A 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters proclamation passed both the House and Senate of the Colorado General Assembly. Governor Polis signed a separate proclamation and attended an afternoon celebration of February 14, 2020 and cut our birthday cake.

## Colorado's Local Leagues

Adams County  
Arapahoe-Douglas Counties  
Boulder County  
Chaffee County  
Denver  
Estes Park  
Greeley-Weld  
Gunnison Valley  
Jefferson County  
La Plata County  
Larimer County  
Mesa County  
Montezuma County  
Montrose County  
Pikes Peak Region  
Pueblo  
Routt County  
San Luis Valley  
Sterling Area

## Counties Served

Adams  
Alamosa  
Arapahoe  
Boulder  
Chaffee  
Delta  
Denver  
El Paso  
Gunnison  
Jefferson  
Huerfano  
La Plata  
Larimer  
Mesa  
Montezuma  
Montrose  
Pueblo  
Rio Grande  
Routt  
Teller



## VOTER SERVICES

**Ballot Issues:** LWVCO distributed 25,000 English copies and 5,000 Spanish copies of Ballot Issues for the November 2019 election.

**Get Out The Vote (GOTV):** LWVUS expanded their GOTV pilot program targeting the 18-34 age demographic and mailed 105,000 postcards reminding recipients to vote in Denver, Colorado Springs and the university communities of Boulder County, Larimer County, Weld County, and Mesa County ahead of the 2020 primaries.

**Voter Registration:** LWV Arapahoe/Douglas took the lead to register 800 new citizens at naturalization ceremonies at the USCIS offices in Centennial. Local Leagues who registered voters in their communities included Estes Park, Larimer County, Boulder County, Denver, and Pikes Peak Region. *(Note that voter registration activities were suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)*

**Your Voice, Your Vote:** This publication was updated to include recent changes in election laws; it was printed in both English (21,000 copies) and Spanish (5,000) and distributed to local Leagues.

**VOTE411.org:** VOTE411 went live on February 4, 2020 for the Presidential Primary. In Colorado, more than 91,000 voters used VOTE411, and there was a 257% increase in statewide VOTE411 usage between 2017-2019.

## CHAPTER SUPPORT

LWVCO distributed 12 grants to statewide Leagues totaling \$4,275 and provided 21 diverse events to support Colorado League operations, membership, and programming.

**11.5% GROWTH** IN MEMBERSHIP ACROSS THE STATE

**53% INCREASE** IN E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

**98,000 PEOPLE REACHED** THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

**161,000 PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED** TO EDUCATE VOTERS AND GET OUT THE VOTE

**397,000 PEOPLE REACHED—** THAT'S 10% OF COLORADO'S VOTERS!



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2020

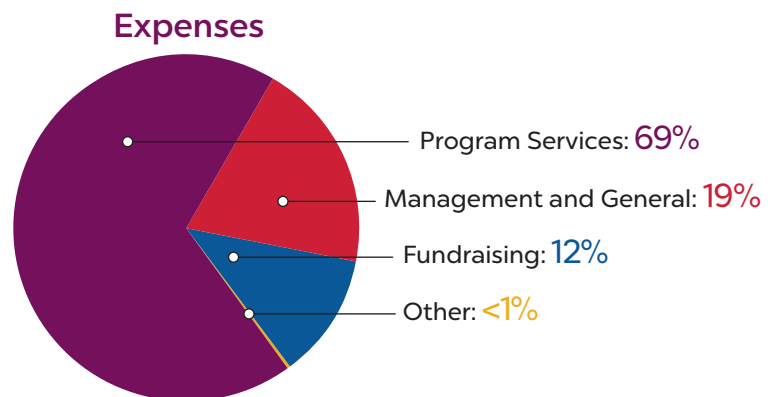
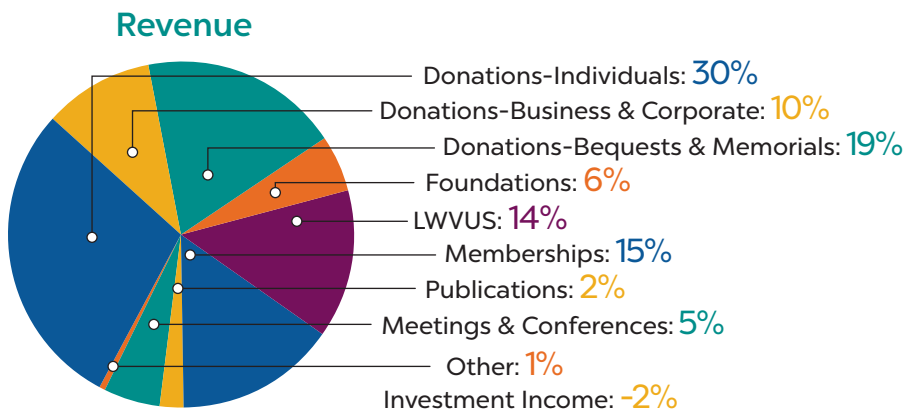
## Statement of Activities

### REVENUE

Donations-Individuals .....	\$57,324
Donations-Corporations .....	\$20,000
Donations-Bequests & Memorials .....	36,586
Contributions-Foundations .....	10,750
Contributions-LWVUS .....	27,063
Memberships .....	29,570
Publications .....	2,929
Meetings & Conferences .....	10,234
Investment Income .....	(3,182)
Other .....	1,059
<b>Total Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$193,733</b>

### EXPENSES

Programs .....	\$181,894
Administration .....	51,781
Fundraising .....	31,385
Other .....	155
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$265,216</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets .....</b>	<b>(\$71,483)</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year .....</b>	<b>\$730,852</b>



## DONORS

As a grassroots nonprofit, the League of Women Voters of Colorado is grateful to our many donors who make our work of empowering voters and defending democracy possible. The people, foundations, and corporations listed below gave their hard-earned funds to LWVCO knowing that each cent will be spent efficiently, effectively and according to our mission. We're honored by each donation and work hard to leverage every dollar entrusted to us for maximum impact.

### \$5000 & UP

Anonymous  
The Benevity Community  
Impact Fund  
The Colorado Health  
Foundation

### \$2000-\$4999

Devora Leiser  
Marjory W. Rapp

### \$500-\$1999

Marilyn Brown  
Vivian Dodds  
Roberta Heisterkamp  
Robert Hickler  
Martha Fay Plummer  
Sarah Pitts  
Mary A. Ramsey  
Michael Redmond  
Kay Shaw

### \$250-\$499

Ruth Abram  
Frank Bennett  
Bonita Bowman  
Janice Campbell  
Amy Christiansen  
Keith Connaghan  
Gerry Cummins  
Sandra Cunningham  
Billie Day  
Ruth Gilfillan  
William Holt  
Lois Linsky  
Sue Ellen Markey  
Roger and Barbara Mattison  
Carol Milligan  
Marcia Rodney  
Beatriz Roederer  
Judith Schuenemeyer  
Marilyn Shuey



Your vote matters!

Ruth Stemler  
Ann Sutton  
Jane Wasson  
Lynn Young

### \$100-\$249

Anonymous (5)  
Carol Abel  
Jeanette Abelman  
Peggy Abrams  
Carole Adelstein  
Florence Anderson  
Christine Watson Armstrong  
David Ashmore  
Ball Corporation  
Nancy Baker  
Tannis Bator  
Margaret Batschelet  
Margaret Baxter  
Linda Bay  
Ingrid Becher  
Rebecca Becker  
Judith Beerbaum  
Mary Alyce Behrns  
Rachel Bellis  
Patricia Benhmida  
Alan Bieber

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Gena Boney  
Julie Boyle  
Kathleen Brennan  
Beverly Bridges  
Kathleen Brown  
Magdalena Brown  
Kathryn Brunner  
Mary Beth Buescher  
Marge Burgess  
Janet Burns  
Mary Butz  
Katherine Cameron  
Colleen Campbell  
Martha Carter  
MJ Cavallo  
Susan Christenson  
Bonnie Clarke  
Nancy Clegern  
Laura Coates  
Julia Collins  
Richard Collins  
Community First Foundation  
Karen Connor  
Patricia Cordova  
Dave Coren  
Barbara Corwin  
Elizabeth Crowe  
Dawn Cyr  
Joan Dacres  
LouAnne Dale  
Kathy Dannemiller  
Lynn Davies  
Patricia Davis  
Robert Dawes  
Linda deLeon  
Karen Dils  
Karl Dise  
John Dixon  
Vivian Dodds  
Kathleen Doyle



LWVCO staff includes Legislative Liaison Andrea Wilkins, Executive Director Beth Hendrix, and Operations Manager Cameron Manning

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 C. Elaine Carleton  
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 Naomi Fishman  
 Jodi Foran  
 Kenneth Fordyce  
 Linda Foreman  
 Constance Fox  
 Meg Froelich  
 Lisa Fry  
 Patricia Gabow  
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 Stephanie Gibert  
 Hazel Gibson  
 Lynn Gilbert  
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Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser flashes a peace sign during LWVCO's 2020 Legislative Conference



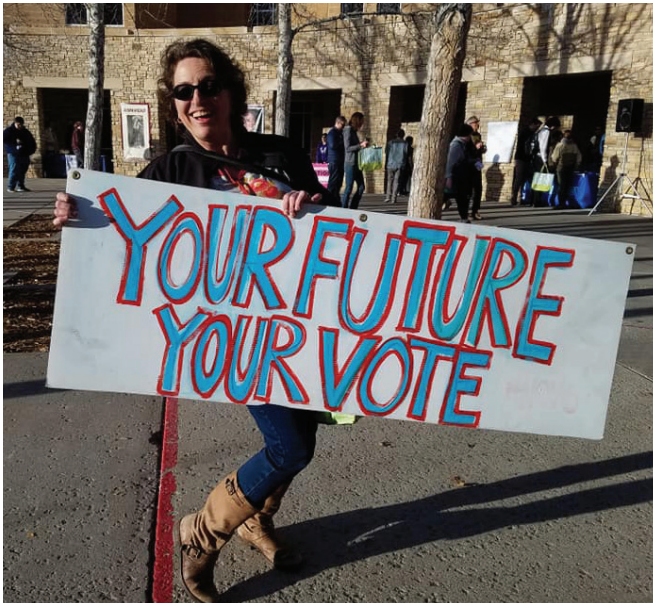
LWV Montrose celebrates the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment in grand style

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 Jane Hamburger  
 Mary Hamburger  
 Toni Hapgood  
 Eldridge Hardie  
 Kaaren Hardy  
 Leanne Harper  
 Rose Havel  
 Monique Hea  
 Ellen Heath  
 Paul Hebert  
 Norma Heinz  
 Terri Helm  
 Sherron Helms  
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 Melvyn Klein  
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 Rochelle Krovitz  
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 Christina Manthey  
 Susan Maxwell  
 Ruby Mayeda  
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 Barbara McDaniel  
 Jean McGuire  
 Debra McKee  
 Victoria McLane  
 Laurie Meininger  
 Mary Metzger  
 Andrea Mitchell  
 William Moninger  
 Holly Monkman  
 Douglas Moran  
 John Morris





A Fort Lewis student accepts the challenge at LWV La Plata's *Fall in Love with Voting* event on Feb. 14, 2020

Linda Mulka  
Garrett Mumma  
Vincent Murphy  
First National Bank Omaha  
Toya Nelson  
Ruth Nerenberg  
Denise Nervik  
Network for Good  
Alice Neumann  
Gretchen Nicholoff  
Nancy Nicodemo  
Ken Norem  
Jan Oen  
Peg Oldham  
Mary C. Olson  
Stephanie Berg Oram

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Julie Ott  
Sharon P. Lewis  
Myriam Palmer  
Jaculynn Panuska  
Ellen Park  
Pamela Parks  
Terri Paschetag  
Coreen Patricia Franklin  
Jill Patton  
Sonya Pennock  
Catherine Perrone  
Carol Peterson  
Caren Philips  
William Pilkenton  
William Pinkham  
Anita Pisciotte  
Douglas Porter  
Linda Porter  
Frederick Powers  
Glenda Prosser  
Cecelia Prouty  
Patricia R. Skrentny-Lamb  
Mary Ratigan  
Linda Reinstein, MD  
Mandy Riggs  
Vicki Robbins  
Robert Wood Johnson  
Foundation  
Ruthie Rockwell



Kathy Ewert of LWV Larimer County channels her inner suffragist

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Rollie and Josie Heath  
Family Fund  
Cordelia Rosenberg  
Mary Jane Rowe  
Murray Rubenstein  
Judy Ruckman  
Barbara Rustein  
Ellen Sanchez  
Gerald Saul  
Susan Saunders  
Marcia Schafer  
Marie Schaffner  
John Schellenger  
Antoinette Scheuneman  
Terri Schultz  
Schwab Charitable  
Jeanette Scotland  
Bette Seeland  
Cindy Sestrich  
Mary Shafer  
Joan Shapiro  
America Sherwood  
Norma Shettle  
Rona Shor  
Sandra Shreve  
Cheryl Siefert  
Alice Silver

Barbara Stevens  
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Barbara Whinery  
Madeline Williams  
Maribel Williams  
Donna Willis  
Susan Windels  
Honora Wolfe  
Scott Yates  
Wanda York



A new American receives congratulations at his naturalization ceremony

Janet Slate  
Judith Smith  
Kathleen Smith  
Paul Smith  
Anne Sneed  
Beverly Springer  
Joyce Stahly  
Susan Stark  
Robin Starr  
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