

SCHOLARSHIP BOARD 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The Frank E. and Salome B. Smith Scholarship Trust was established in 1976 by Mrs. Salome Smith. When Mrs. Smith died in 1994 she designated a portion of her estate to establish a trust fund to provide scholarships for young people to be administered by the Community Congregational Church of Manitou Springs. We received \$24,681 in distributions from the trust in 2019 and awarded \$27,000 in scholarships during the past year.

The duties of your scholarship board are to review and approve applications for the Frank E. and Salome B. Smith Scholarship Fund and monitor the educational and personal progress of our young adults. In the years since the Smith Scholarship Board was established, we have been able to help over 100 young people continue their education.

We have an amazing group of young people in our scholarship group for the 2019 – 2020 academic year: full time students **Cassidy Arndt** (Ft. Lewis College), **Molly Arndt** (Middlebury College), **Josh Elkington** (Colorado State University), **Anna Stellick** (Pikes Peak Community College), **Stephanie Winters** (University of Northern Colorado), and **Roxy Witham** (C U Boulder), and part-time students **Matt Hinkley** (Pikes Peak Community College) and **Abby Steen** (Colorado State University – Pueblo). **Nick Brennan** graduated last spring from C U Boulder. **Merkin Karr**, one of our recent graduates, has entered a Master of Fine Arts program at Florida Atlantic University this fall and was granted a Congregational Church Educational Assistance grant to help her in this endeavor.

One of the fun things we do is send “our” kids care packages near the end of the fall and spring semesters to help them get through the last few weeks of studies and finals. These care packages are usually filled with hot chocolate, tea, candy, power bars, other assorted munchies, and most importantly, our best wishes for their continued success. We always toss in peppermints to help boost brain power.

We love working with these young people, seeing them grow as individuals through their college years.

Members of your scholarship board for the year 2019 are Kim Beard, Jean Gabardi, Sue Jones, Ben and Raynelle Kuckel, Arlene Penman and Dan Stuart.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Jones

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