

## **Meet Bonfils-Stanton Foundation's Newest Trustee Member – and Recent Awarded Grants**

**DENVER, COLORADO (October 11, 2017)** – Bonfils-Stanton Foundation welcomes CBS4 Denver's Community Affairs Director, **Elaine D. Torres to the Board of Trustees**. Torres was named to the board in July 2017.



‘We’re very excited to have Elaine Torres join our remarkable group of community leaders on Bonfils-Stanton Foundation’s Board of Trustees,’ says Gary Steuer, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation’s President and CEO. ‘Elaine’s knowledge of Denver’s arts and cultural organizations will be an invaluable asset to the Foundation and we look forward to seeing the many contributions she’ll make on the Board.’

As CBS4 Denver’s Community Affairs Director, Elaine oversees the station’s community partnerships through special events, initiatives, and other signature station events. She’s also the go-to person for the station’s sponsorships, charitable giving, and community outreach.

Along with Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, Elaine serves on several community boards and committees, including the Mile High Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District, and the Denver Art Museum’s Market & Strategic Alliance Committee.

View Elaine D. Torres’ bio on Bonfils-Stanton Foundation’s website for additional information: <http://bonfils-stantonfoundation.org/about-us/board-of-trustees/elaine-torres/>

Bonfils-Stanton Foundation also announces the latest awarded grants from a recent quarterly meeting. The Foundation’s grantmaking focuses on the arts and cultural organizations that help inspire people and create and fuel an intellectual economy. The recent grants total \$876,500. Recipients include:

**The Allied Arts** (\$4,000) to support the financial aid program for young artists

**Arts Students League of Denver** (\$20,000) to support public arts programming and outreach

**Black Cube** (\$10,000) to support *Drive-In*, a series of one-night experimental exhibitions throughout Denver neighborhoods

**Colorado Ballet** (\$55,000) for general operating support (payment two of a three-year award)

**Colorado Photographic Arts Center** (\$15,000) for general operating support

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**Curious Theatre Company** (\$40,000) for general operating support and \$30,000 for The Loyalty Target initiative (fulfilling a two-year grant award)

**Denver Art Museum** (\$350,000) to support Vision 2012: North Building Renovation (payment three of a \$3.5 million 10-year pledge)

**Denver Biennial of Americas** (\$50,000) to help implement Havana Nights, based on Cuba's Fábrica de Arte Cubano through collaboration with local arts organization and to assist with marketing efforts

**The Denver Brass** (\$25,000) to support Denver Brass: The Next Generation (payment one of a two-year pledge)

**Denver Film Society** (\$25,000) to support the annual mini-festivals

**The Denver Foundation** (\$12,500) to support Colorado Art Tank

**Friends of Chamber Music** (\$20,000) to support Audience Development and Educational Outreach Programs

**Grantmakers in the Arts** (\$10,000) to support general operating expenses and (\$50,000) for the 2019 Annual Conference in Denver (payment one of \$100,000 pledge)

**Lighthouse Writers Workshop, Inc.** (\$20,000) to support The Writer's Studio program

**Mizel Arts and Culture Center** (\$15,000) to support the 2017 JAAMM Festival

**Museum of Contemporary Art Denver** (\$100,000) for general operating support (payment one of \$300,000 award)

**University of Denver** (\$25,000) to support the Community Connections Initiative

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At Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, we believe that extraordinary arts and leadership are key to building a vibrant Colorado. Every day, we strategically invest in imagination and innovation, because cultivating the creative spark is vital to making our community an exciting place where people want to live, work and thrive. Since its founding, the Foundation has distributed over \$68 million in charitable contributions. Learn more at [Bonfils-StantonFoundation.org](http://Bonfils-StantonFoundation.org).