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### **Rifle Community Foundation joins Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce**

The Rifle Community Foundation celebrated their new membership in the Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the historic and abandoned highway bridge that crosses the Colorado River. The location was considered appropriate since the bridge has become part of the Foundation's new logo.

Rifle Community Foundation was incorporated in 2001 and is dedicated to the distribution of charitable funds to community service, human service, and educational organizations from South Canyon to DeBeque Canyon. Their mission is captured in the motto: "Bridging Our Heritage to Our Future". The Foundation is organized to promote and facilitate charitable giving and the establishment of charitable endowments that will sustain the quality of life so cherished in Western Colorado. Most recently, Rifle Community Foundation chose the Western Colorado Community Foundation to be their endowment partner and work with those donors who want to make a contribution that will permanently support their charitable goals.

Local grant recipients who have received funding already in 2009 include Friends of the Rifle Animal Shelter, Family Visitor Program, Meal on Wheels, Advocate Safehouse, New Hopeful Heart, RSVP, and Rifle High School, Rifle Middle School, and Wamsley Elementary School.

Grants applications are accepted year-round but application deadlines occur biannually on April 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. Grant decisions are then made and funds are distributed twice each year.

To learn more about the Rifle Community Foundation, visit the website at [www.riflecf.org](http://www.riflecf.org) for more information or to contact any Board Member.

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**Photo Caption:** Rifle Community Foundation Board Members, front row (L to R): Tracey Langhorne, Jodi Manera, Katie Potter Mackley, Chamber Member, and Karrie Fletcher. Back Row (L to R): Chamber Member, Pam Szédelyi (Western Colorado Community Foundation), Keith Lambert, John Burwell, and Bruce Mills.