

December 5, 2006 – DENVER – Convened by The Leighty Foundation, The UPS Foundation and IMPACT: A Fund For Change Through Volunteerism, 30 Denver-area funders gathered to discuss trends in volunteer engagement in Denver today. This gathering was one of several hosted by the Volunteer IMPACT Fund to engage funders in discussion and collaboration to build organizational capacity to manage volunteers more effectively to enhance community impact.



Jane Leighty Justis from The Leighty Foundation (left) welcomed the funders and several nonprofit agencies. Liam Leduc Clarke from APCO Worldwide (center), which works with The UPS Foundation, presented the findings of groundbreaking volunteer management capacity research conducted by the Urban Institute and commissioned by UPS and the Corporation for National and Community Service. He also

provided an overview of research commissioned by the Corporation on trends in volunteering nationally and in Colorado. Betty Stallings (right) from the Congress planning committee provided an update of its work, happening across town while the funders met. Participants discussed the research findings and how they reflected – and in some cases differed – from their experiences. Several funders provided updates on current local initiatives focused on effective volunteer engagement.