

# Creating Futures



University of Colorado *at Colorado Springs*

## *The Heller Center for Arts & Humanities*

# See the Difference Donors are Making!

*We've come so far thanks to generous donors who have believed in the Heller Center for the Arts & Humanities from the outset, and who give us faith in the Center's potential to transform lives.*

### **Below are just a few examples of gifts that have made a difference:**

Community leader Nancy Lewis cultivated hundreds of projects during her 28 years with the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation department, and was an early supporter of securing the Heller ranch as a community treasure and a tribute to the lives of Larry and Dorothy Heller. **Lyda Hill**, a longtime supporter of several UCCS programs, wanted to recognize the impact Nancy had on the vitality of our region. Lyda's gift in support of the Heller Center honors Nancy, and helps to ensure that the property will be able to provide programming and open space that will serve Southern Colorado's citizens.



*Indian Maiden, Larry Heller, oil on board, 1938*

**Elizabeth O. "Betty" Taylor** was a retired elementary school teacher who lived in Colorado Springs for more than 25 years. Because of her love of open spaces, she bequeathed her family's 1,500-acre Montana ranch to the CU Foundation with the understanding that the land would be sold and 80 percent of the proceeds used to renovate the Heller property. In memory of her late son, Paul Francis Taylor, the main structure has been restored, enhancing the transformation of this amazing space.

After **Barbara Sparks'** late husband, Ken, held an outdoor dinner for his work colleagues at the Heller Center for Arts & Humanities, the couple fell in love with the Center. In appreciation of the space and in honor of her late son Clayton, a lover of photography and fly-fishing with an irrepressible human spirit, Barbara has donated original photography taken by her son, Clayton (UCCS MBA '99)—*Winter Elm*, taken in 2007—to be displayed at the Heller Center.



*Larry and Dorothy Heller, early 1950s*



*The Heller estate, circa 1948*

To learn about the many ways you can make a gift:

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## *Giving Opportunities*

# You Can Support Our Shared Future

Thanks to our supporters and the diligent efforts of committed UCCS leadership, we have achieved our Phase 1 goal: the restoration of the Main House. But we have ambitious plans to continue to transform the Heller Center site into a unique academic and community resource. In addition to naming opportunities in the Main House, you can become an integral part of the Heller family by supporting:

- **An artist-in residence apartment, workshops, and studios** to support the inspiration of today's students, and the creation of tomorrow's art
- **The restoration of artwork by Larry Heller**, to ensure the preservation of a singular legacy
- **Support for lectures, workshops, and performances** that connect distinctive ideas and creative work with audiences from within and beyond UCCS
- **The restoration of the guest house**, enabling a historic space to serve 21st century purposes
- **The installation of benches and other amenities** that will enhance the enjoyment and charm of this sublime natural site

If you have been wondering about helping, the opportunity remains. Contact us today to learn more about supporting the Heller Center for Arts & Humanities.



*All gifts should be payable to the University of Colorado Foundation, specifying the Heller Center for Arts & Humanities fund.*

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