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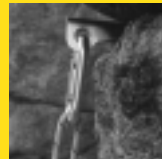
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The Piton Foundation

Dedicated to helping ensure a better future for the low- income children of Denver

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Profile

The Piton Foundation is a private, operating foundation established in 1976 by Denver oil man Sam Gary. The foundation is funded by the Gary-Williams Energy Corporation.

Our Vision

A better future for the low-income children of Denver.

Our Mission

To provide opportunities for children and their families to move from poverty and dependence to self-reliance.

Our Strategy

To develop and implement programs to improve public education, create economic opportunities for families and strengthen neighborhoods.

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History

The Piton Foundation was incorporated in Colorado in September 1976 and began awarding grants in February 1977. The founder, Denver oil man Sam Gary, determined Piton's mission would be to improve conditions and opportunities for low-income families and their children. The foundation, like the mountain climbing tool for which it was named, attempts to provide timely and needed support where none existed previously.

In its first 15 years, the foundation awarded grants in three main areas, children, youth and families; education; and general community support. In addition to its grant making, Piton developed programs in its areas of focus, provided loans and program-related investments, and partnered with national foundations on projects related to its mission.

In 1992, The Piton Foundation changed from a grant-making foundation to an operating foundation. As an operating foundation, Piton does not accept unsolicited grant proposals, but uses its private funding to develop, manage, and/or incubate programs to create opportunities for low-income families in Denver.

Since 1971, Piton, Gary-Williams Energy and its affiliates have invested more than \$71 million to assist families and children in the Denver community.

More online:
Read more about
Piton's founder,
Sam Gary, and the
Gary-Williams
Energy Corporation
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Program Areas

The Piton Foundation's program areas focus on improving public education, expanding economic opportunity and strengthening neighborhoods as the fundamentals of moving low-income families toward greater prosperity. We operate several initiatives under each of these broad areas.

Improving Public Education

The Piton Foundation believes that education is a pathway out of poverty. Our vision is that all children in Denver Public Schools will achieve at their highest levels because they attend schools that effectively address the full range of their abilities and needs. Therefore, The Piton Foundation's work in public education aims at helping low-income communities develop a continuum of quality learning opportunities from the preschool years through preparation for higher education and the workforce.

The foundation advocates for school autonomy and school choice, supports reform efforts at individual schools and works to increase philanthropic collaboration and investment in public education. Programs supported by Piton also strive to provide parents with skills to advocate effectively for their children and to help further their children's education.

In the preschool arena, the foundation's work centers on two strategies: building tighter connections between K-12 education and early childhood education, and building public will around the importance of early childhood education.

Strengthening Neighborhoods

Piton has consistently supported efforts to help ordinary citizens come together to strengthen their

neighborhoods. Our vision is that residents are organized to affect positive, sustainable change in their communities. The two program components that support this vision are:

1. strengthening residents' skills to organize and create a neighborhood-driven agenda to improve conditions in low-income neighborhoods.
2. building the capacity of schools, faith-based institutions, nonprofit organizations, philanthropy and the public sector to implement the neighborhood agenda to improve the quality of life in low-income communities.

Creating Economic Opportunities

The foundation recognizes that serious obstacles impede the achievement of economic success for many families, even in times of economic prosperity. We believe that establishing connections between families and neighborhoods and the mainstream economy is one of the most important building blocks for self-sufficiency.

The primary strategy the foundation is pursuing is around asset building. We're working to provide lower-wage working families with financial supports and services needed to succeed and move ahead economically. We're also exploring opportunities for investing in workforce development programs that help lower-wage workers gain marketable skills, retain employment and advance to higher-paying, better quality jobs.

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Piton's current work
in each of these
program areas.



Neighborhood Facts/School Facts

Through Neighborhood Facts and School Facts, available on The Piton Foundation's web site, we provide detailed and current statistics about every Denver neighborhood and school.

Neighborhood Facts includes data, maps and graphs about each neighborhood's population, housing, economic and education characteristics, and the health and safety of its residents. It is designed for use by neighborhood residents, policy makers and others who care about Denver's neighborhoods.

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You can get in-depth
Census 2000 data and
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1980 and 1990 on
Denver's neighborhoods
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School Facts provides detailed data by school, including CSAP test scores, student and teacher demographics, graduation, dropout and suspension rates, and much more specific school data.

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A joint project of The Piton Foundation and Denver Planning and Development.

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If this is your first visit to Neighborhood Facts, you will be asked to complete a simple registration form. This form will be used only to help us contact you if you first would like to see the type of information on our sample page which provides information about Denver.

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Welcome to The Piton Foundation's web site. Piton is a private operating foundation in Denver, Colorado. We develop and implement programs to improve public education, expand economic opportunities for families, and strengthen low-income neighborhoods in Denver.

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