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Dear CNGA Member,

Thank you for your continued support of the Colorado Horticulture Research and Education Foundation (CHREF). We enjoyed seeing many of you in person once again at our events this year.

The Foundation makes a powerful difference in the industry and the future of horticulture businesses in Colorado. In 2021, CHREF awarded scholarships to <u>eleven</u> deserving Colorado State University and Front Range Community College students. <u>In addition, the foundation has supported horticulture research at CSU through grants totaling more than \$220,000</u>.

One of our scholarship recipients made the case so very well...

"I have worked every summer and through the school year – along with small projects and gigs –trying to save funds for continuing my education. I was so passionate about horticulture, but I kept hitting roadblocks and disaster zones trying to figure out how to cover the cost of attendance at Colorado State University. I am so grateful I received my scholarship!

Along with the reward of pursuing my passion, there is absolutely <u>NO OTHER UNIVERSITY</u> able to provide the exposure and depth in the latest research and immersive experiences in horticulture. The research facilities, trial grounds, and instructors at Colorado State University are the best."

I couldn't summarize the impact of your support better! When our industry is booming and has experienced record-breaking recognition and demand, and requires an educated and highly capable workforce, CHREF's support of scholarships and research is more important than ever.

On behalf of our foundation board, I respectfully request your consideration to make a year-end gift to help us continue to grow scholarships and horticulture research. Every \$1,000, \$500 or \$300 helps the Foundation make a great impact.

Please help us continue to provide the future leaders of the industry top-notch training, and provide research funding for industry-leading best practices for horticulture in Colorado. With your support, we can do even more. If you would like more information about our programs, please don't hesitate to contact me at the email below, or our Executive Director, Glenda Mostek, at 303-758-6672 or email gmostek@coloradonga.org.

Jack Fetig, President

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If You Are a Corporation: The CARES ACT allowed businesses a tax deduction of up to 25% of their Adjusted Tax Income for contributions to qualifying charities, an increase from 10%.

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If You Take the Standard Deduction: The CARES ACT allows you to take a tax deduction for cash donations of up to \$300 made to qualifying charities. This means, in 2021 if you give up to a \$300 donation to a qualifying charity, the amount of your donation will be added to the standard rate of deduction, resulting in an "above the line" deduction. New in 2021, joint filers can now receive a deduction worth up to \$600.

Please consult your tax advisor for further information.