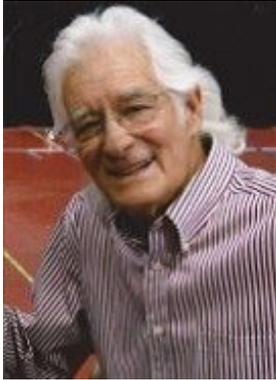




Mike Bloom, 1942 – 2014



The Colorado Access family mourns the loss of Mike Bloom. Mike was a former Colorado Access board member, a key partner in our Region 2 Regional Care Collaborative Organization (RCCO), and a beloved friend and colleague.

Mike was a tireless, dedicated, and visionary founder of community health in Colorado. He began Valley-Wide Health Services (now called Valley-Wide Health Systems) in Alamosa in the early 1980s; helped establish Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN), Colorado Community Managed Care Network (CCMCN), and Colorado Access in the 1990s; and led Sunrise Community Health through a period of rebuilding from 1998 – 2006. Mike was also a founding member of the North Colorado Health Alliance in 2002. He was their Chief Executive Officer from 2006 – 2012, leading the way toward integrated, collaborative partnerships and healthcare delivery. Our partnership with Mike and the North Colorado Health Alliance were important factors that helped Colorado Access win the RCCO bid for Region 2. He was a thoughtful and engaged member of our board for many years and remained a committed supporter. His perspective and council was often sought by members of our executive team. Mike served on countless boards and always sought ways to serve the community in which he lived, including serving many years in the Peace Corps in South and Central America.

Mike will be incredibly missed. His impact was profound, his legacy is strong, and his inspiration is cast wide and deep.

Colorado Access will make a donation to the Mike Bloom Community Service Scholarship Fund at Sunrise Community Health. This fund honors Mike's life-long dedication to helping those in need while celebrating his commitment to health care, education, and growth.

Mike Bloom Community Service Scholarship Fund
c/o Sunrise Community Health, 2930 11th Avenue Evans, CO 80620
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Note: The fund will provide scholarship support to high school graduates who are children of Sunrise and Alliance employees based on a student's demonstrated community service. Details to be announced at a later date.