



GARY COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

Working together
for Colorado's children

Meet Bruce Hoyt, Gary Community Investments New SVP, Investments



In your new role, how will you help GCI advance its mission?

I hope that the combination of my 31 years of investment banking experience and long time community activism will provide me with tool and insights to advance our desire to put more impact investment dollars to work in Colorado. That is a nice way of saying that I'm old.

How will your private sector investment experience inform your work at GCI?

I have been lucky enough to gain experience working with all types of asset classes from asset securitizations, senior debt, subordinated debt, real estate, equity and private placements. I want to use this experience to help evaluate and structure optimal capital solutions for our community partners. Deal judgment and thoughtful due diligence make for better investments and I have gained a lot of experience over numerous business cycles to help lead these efforts at GCI.

Why were you interested in philanthropy and impact investing? I have been a community volunteer for over 30 years. When my head hit the pillow at night I found myself usually thinking about the nonprofit accomplishments more than my day job. I have always hoped to end my career working with a foundation and consider myself incredibly lucky to get this opportunity. Denver is one of the most hopeful cities in the nation in terms of bold leaders from all walks willing to take on large challenges to solve problems. I believe GCI can act as a catalyst and help craft solutions that will change the lives of children in poverty. Impact investing makes intuitive sense to me. Impact investments will allow GCI to make its investment capital go farther, create sustainable funding for many Denver nonprofits, and bring an impact discipline that will allow us and others to funnel capital to those that make the biggest difference for our kids.

As a committed civic volunteer, what community issues are you most concerned with and why? The level of income inequality and opportunity inequality concern me. I always loved Chopper Travaglini's quote that no one is perfect - except a kid. Too many of our perfect kids face long odds of growing up healthy and becoming productive members of our community. I think it is incumbent on all of us to do what we can to try and level the playing field and provide a fair opportunity for all kids to succeed.