PIFP Mentor Profile

1. Name: Linda Reiner

2. How would you like fellows to contact you (e.g., email address, phone number) lreiner@caringforcolorado.org or 720-524-0770

3. CC graduation year: 1987, Biology

4. Other education: 1993, Masters in Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago

5. Current employment position: Vice President, Caring for Colorado Foundation

6. Experience/areas of interest (that would help you match up and connect with fellows—does not necessarily have to be in the nonprofit sector):
   - Health care – especially access to care for underserved populations
   - Public health / Prevention
   - Oral health – especially access to care for underserved populations as well as prevention strategies
   - Health equity / social justice
   - Health policy and politics
   - The use of data to inform policy
   - Communication strategies to help inform debate / public policy
   - Maternal and child health
   - Mental health / early childhood mental health
   - Education system / Education policy

7. Why have you chosen to work in (or support) the nonprofit sector. Many of the issues that I am passionate about, such as social justice, access to health care, and health equity, are mostly addressed within the governmental and nonprofit sectors. The nonprofit, or third sector, has a very important role in our society in working to reduce poverty, improve access and promote equality. Because of this, I am very proud and grateful to work in the nonprofit world.

8. Why do you think being a mentor is an important thing to do? I have benefitted greatly from some amazing mentors along my career path.
Without their guidance, I’m sure I would have made more mistakes and struggled more. Sometimes the work place is hard and confusing. It helps to have someone to talk to who has been there or who has solid advice for moving forward. In the spirit of giving back and since much has been given to me, I’m more than happy to mentor someone who is starting their career.

9. What’s your favorite book or movie? I have too many favorite books to name just one. My very favorites are: Angle of Repose, Mountains Beyond Mountains, The Power of One, The Harry Potter series and Animal Dreams. I recently read Cutting for Stone and enjoyed it immensely and I’m currently reading Five Days at Memorial, about the impact and aftermath of Hurricane Katrina on a hospital in New Orleans.

10. What is something most people would be surprised to know about you? I love to sing and really enjoy Karaoke!