

## **Debbie Swanson '81**

Almost a native, Debbie has lived in Colorado Springs since 1968. She graduated in 1981 from CC with a degree in English and after working a few years as a paralegal and still volunteering for multiple nonprofits, decided the nonprofit sector had a bigger place in her heart. She has served in every role in nonprofits, from administrative assistant, to executive director and everything in between. She is solidly a fund development professional, working towards her certification as a Certified Fundraising Executive. As is the case with most fund development professionals, she has extensive experience in marketing, communications, public relations and fundraising - all related to advancing the cause of any organization.

Debbie is currently the Fund Development Manager for the Pikes Peak Region of the Girl Scouts of Colorado, responsible for the fund development in the southeast part of Colorado. She has worked in fund development for many organizations in the Pikes Peak region including Colorado College, Pikes Peak Library District, The Resource Exchange, Tri-Lakes Cares, James Irwin Charter Schools and more. She volunteers extensively for Colorado College, the Triple Crown of Running (who administer the Pikes Peak Ascent and Pikes Peak Marathon races), and Jack Quinn's Running Club (having been a runner before age caught up to her). She loves motor sports, especially motorcycles, and frequently can be seen on her high-powered Vespa around town. Her daughter is a 2010 graduate from CC and gave her a beautiful grandson this past year (potential CC class of 2039!).