



WESTERN COLORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Connecting People Who Care with Causes that Matter...



A YEAR TO CELEBRATE!

The Western Colorado Community Foundation is celebrating its 20th anniversary! For two decades, our regional foundation has been promoting local philanthropy and improving the communities we live in here in western Colorado!

We are pleased to report on our work this past year. 2016 was an excellent year for our regional community foundation... as measured by the total number of grants and scholarships awarded, total new donations received, and growth in total assets under management.

On the following pages you will find stories about our generous donors, the grants they make and the impact they have. We celebrate the creation of 15 new donor funds in 2016, many of them focused on education. In addition to managing endowed scholarship funds for Delta County School District, we celebrate a new partnership with Delta-Montrose Technical College to provide scholarships for vocational education. In partnership with D51 Foundation, we distributed \$50,000 worth of Chromebooks to elementary schools in Mesa County, providing much needed technology tools for 21st century learning.

While many of our \$2.5 million in grants provided general operating support to dozens of nonprofit organizations, we also supported important capital projects to help our nonprofits expand to better meet the needs of those they serve. Several of these larger grants are featured on the following pages.

In this our 20th anniversary year we celebrate all our wonderful donors and the many worthwhile projects we are able to support. Help us continue to grow... for another 20 years and beyond!



2016 Highlights

- Over \$9 million in new donations
- \$2.5 million in grants and scholarships awarded - a 20% increase from 2015
- 15 new funds established
- \$60 million in total donor fund assets under management - a 28% increase from 2015
- Four new planned gifts documented



Martie Edwards
Board Chair



Anne Wenzel
President and Executive Director

Types of Funds

Our Community Foundation offers a number of different types of funds and maximum flexibility to donors. Donors can establish a permanent endowment or a fund for a more limited time duration.

- **DONOR-ADVISED FUND** – provides the ultimate flexibility, allowing donors to recommend specific organizations to receive grants each year.
- **DESIGNATED FUND** – donors select one or more favorite charitable organizations and the designated organization(s) automatically receive the annual earnings on the fund.
- **FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUND** – donors choose the area of impact for their funds (e.g., children at risk, arts and culture) and WCCF makes the annual grantmaking decisions.
- **NONPROFIT (AGENCY) FUND** – nonprofit organizations establish these funds to provide an annual income stream to support their mission.
- **GEOGRAPHIC AREA FUND** – donor or group of donors establish the fund to benefit a particular geographic area or community.
- **SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – donors establish the criteria and guidelines to provide financial support to students pursuing college or continuing education after high school.
- **COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND** – donor contributions enable WCCF to respond to new and changing needs in our communities.

Getting kids to unplug and explore the outdoors Establishing the Nature Connection

Now retired, Delta County elementary school teacher Anita Evans has a vision to expand environmental education – in classrooms and outdoor settings – for school age children. Founded in 2014, the Nature Connection began by distributing science inquiry tubs for elementary school teachers, complete with lesson ideas and hands-on activities. They organized teacher training programs with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. With the help of many partner organizations, they offer varied recreational activities for children who might not otherwise be exposed to camping, fishing, archery, cross country skiing, and water sports. Current projects include a gear lending library that collects and lends out equipment for these activities. Their Youth Outdoor Network provides high school students with opportunities to explore careers in natural resource management.



Delta County's Nature Connection involved more than 4,000 children in outdoor education and recreation last year.

A number of our donors support programs that encourage kids to put away their electronic devices and get outdoors to learn about nature and enjoy the many recreation opportunities in western Colorado.

Remembering Bill Ela

Long-time champion of open space and outdoor recreation

Bill Ela grew up in a historic Victorian house on Main Street in Grand Junction, now the office for the Mesa Land Trust. His mother, Lucy Ela, a founding member of the Grand Valley Audubon Society, instilled in her son a love of birds and botany.

Bill's career involved serving in the Navy and as a District Court Judge for 35 years, but his civic passions revolved around championing open space conservation and outdoor recreation. He founded and served as co-chairman of the Colorado Riverfront Commission, promoting access to the riverfront and the extensive riverside pathway system. He was an avid skier, active in the Grand Mesa Nordic Council well into his 80s. In his retirement, Bill and his wife Shirley (a founding board member of our Community Foundation) moved to Rogers Mesa in the North Fork.

Bill served on the board of Goodwin Foundation for decades with his long-time friend, Herb Bacon. The Bacon Family Foundation honored Bill with a grant of \$50,000 to support Delta County's Nature Connection program (see story on opposite page). This generous grant is a fitting memorial tribute to Bill. He so loved the western Colorado rivers and landscapes. He spent his lifetime working diligently to expose as many young people to outdoor recreation as he could, creating pathways – physical, programmatic and spiritual -- to fully enjoy and appreciate the outdoors.



Outdoor enthusiast Bill Ela climbing his last 14-er, Mt. Sherman. Bill enjoyed hiking and skiing well into his 80s.

Ways to Give

- **CASH** – is the simplest way to give and always welcome, and provides immediate benefits to the donor.
- **STOCK AND SECURITIES** – can be donated via a stock transfer directly to our investment account. Appreciated securities may have a double tax advantage; the donor receives an annual charitable tax deduction and avoids capital gains taxes.
- **RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS** – donors who are 70½ can take advantage of the IRA charitable rollover, or designate WCCF as the beneficiary of their retirement accounts at end of life.
- **REAL ESTATE** – and other property can be donated to our Community Foundation.
- **LIFE INSURANCE** – a donor can name WCCF as beneficiary of an existing policy that is no longer needed, or consider purchasing a life insurance policy naming WCCF as irrevocable beneficiary.
- **CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY/CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST** – allows the donor to receive considerable tax deductions and an income for life. When the donor passes away, the remainder transfers to WCCF for charitable use specified by the donor.

Going Mobile with Summer Meals

Expanding the Lunch Lizard food truck program

The summer of 2016 saw a major expansion of our pilot mobile meals program. Working with our partners at D51 Food and Nutrition Services and other donors, we helped purchase a second used food truck and added a route in Clifton. The Lunch Lizard trucks provided almost 16,000 meals over a nine-week period to children in low-income neighborhoods, quadrupling the number of meals served during the summer of 2015. Plans are underway for further expansion into Palisade in the coming year.

In addition to our efforts to feed hungry kids in Mesa County, our Community Foundation supported summer food programs in Fruita, Rifle, Eagle County and Delta.



Feeding hungry kids... one neighborhood at a time.

New Home Base for Kids Aid

Warehouse provides room to grow

The Kids Aid Backpack Program has been growing steadily for almost a decade. They started in one school, providing weekend food provisions in backpacks to 40 students. Over the next eight years they expanded to serving 2,200 students a week through all schools in District 51.

Realizing a need to secure their own home for expanding operations, the board undertook a \$300,000 capital campaign to purchase a warehouse. Our Community Foundation jumpstarted the campaign with \$90,000 from three donor-advised funds.

After a successful campaign, Kids Aid purchased their new warehouse. The space provides ample room to move ahead with ambitious goals to double the number of hungry kids they serve in the next three to five years.



Kids Aid moved into their new warehouse in June.

Our Community Foundation can research areas of interest to our donors and identify specific grant opportunities for their consideration.

New Partnership with Delta-Montrose Tech College

Expanding career and technical education opportunities

The US Department of Labor estimates that 60% of all jobs generated in the coming decade will require an occupational certificate, not a college degree.

Delta-Montrose Technical College (DMTC) is growing and providing more offerings for students. Last year, our regional community foundation entered into a special partnership with the tech college which serves six counties in western Colorado. We now manage their endowed scholarship funds, including the

Horizon Scholarship supporting students in the Licensed Nurse Practitioner program, and the Ronald N. Nelson Jr. Scholarship and Roger Coursey Scholarship for students in the Criminal Justice program.

Both of these criminal justice scholarships are memorial funds. Mr. Coursey was an instructor at DMTC's Law Enforcement Academy and lost his life in the line of duty in 1994. Ron Nelson's parents established a scholarship in his name after he passed away.



DMTC's Law Enforcement Academy prepares students for careers in criminal justice and law enforcement.



Isabella H. is one of many 2016 graduating seniors who received a scholarship from our regional foundation.

In 2016, our Community Foundation awarded over \$780,000 in scholarships from 42 different funds to 110 students. We also manage endowed scholarships for Colorado Northwestern Community College and Delta-Montrose Technical College.

Scholarship Funds

Kay Armstrong
Tilman and Pat Bishop
Jean M. Blue
Caddo
Genevieve Clough
Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative
CNCC/Everett S. Berry
CNCC/Donald and Thelma Boyd
CNCC/Derrace Hoey

CNCC/Albin Salton
Edith May Cox
Weldon Crousen
Dorothy Crousen
Delta County School District
DMTC/Roger Coursey
DMTC/Owen and Ruth Hill
DMTC/Horizon
DMTC/ Ronald N. Nelson Jr.
Didrickson-Niles

Fruita Rotary/Marge Miller
Fruita Rotary/Mike and Felicie Williams
Laura R. Genelin
Lew Goodhart
Anna Lee Janowitz
Leitzinger-Hallenbeck
Hazelbaker Education
Fred and Ruby MacKendrick
Jason Manspeaker

Richard W. McGuire Jr.
Natural Soda/Bill Gunn
Thomas Ward Osborn
Bill Patterson
Kathy Pippenger
Richard W. Pippenger
Plateau Valley
Lena Sammons Reed
Rifle Community Foundation Merit

Stanway
Stewart/Watson/Wheeler
Faye Shofner Tally
Eldon E. and Ruth N. Veirs
Waldeck Nursing
Jeanette Wilkinson
Willson Education
Dave and Mary Wood
J. Robert Young



Mind Springs Health is undertaking a major capital campaign to expand the number of psych beds available here in western Colorado.

Building Sanctuary, Rebuilding Lives

Increasing psych beds for those in crisis

The only psychiatric hospital within a 100-mile radius, West Springs Hospital experiences an overwhelming need for beds on a daily basis. People in crisis, experiencing mental breakdowns or thoughts of suicide, need a safe haven and professional care.

In western Colorado, the ratio of psych beds to the general population is 6 per 100,000. The Colorado State average is 10 beds per 100,000, and the national average is 14 beds per 100,000 population. Clients needing services may wait in detention or unsafe homes until a spot is available, or else need to travel to Denver or Salt Lake City for services. An expanded facility will allow more people to get the treatment they need right here in western Colorado.

Partners in Integrated Care

Montrose offers new health care model

More and more these days, community health care clinics are expanding to offer not just physical check-ups but eye exams, dental care and behavioral health services. The former Community Dental Clinic in Montrose is moving ahead with plans to build a state-of-the-art facility to embrace this integrated care model. The new PIC Place, opening in June 2017, will be at least three times larger than the current facility and able to handle a corresponding increase in annual patient visits. Several grants from our donor-advised funds provided \$80,000 for their capital campaign.



New Partners in Integrated Care (PIC) Place will more than triple the number of patient visits provided annually in their new facility.



In 2016, the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild initiated the **Dave and Mary Wood Classical Concert Series** to honor long-time donors who loved orchestral music and championed the arts in Ouray and across western Colorado. Both Dave and Mary Wood had a fondness for opera and all forms of music.

Unrestricted funds provide greater flexibility and allow our Community Foundation to respond to unmet needs in our communities, now and in the future.

Small Grants for Arts and Culture Organizations

Stepping in so the show can go on

In 2016, local government funding for arts and culture organizations in Mesa County was cut from the budget, leaving a number of small groups struggling for general support. Our board decided to dedicate a portion of its discretionary funds to help these organizations. Many arts groups are all volunteer and provide an outlet for community members who are musically or theatrically inclined to share their gifts with the community. A total of \$14,000 was distributed to eight organizations.

Grand Junction Senior Theatre

Grand Junction Symphony

High Desert Opera

KAFM Community Radio

Messiah Choral Society

Super Rad Art Jam

Talking Rhythms

Western Colorado Center for the Arts



Drama abounds for members of the Grand Junction Senior Theatre Company.



Local leaders in Ouray County are excited to build their own community fund and distribute grants annually.

Ouray County Community Fund Established Give where you live

A group of Ouray County leaders came together in 2016 to establish a permanent endowment to provide grant funds to nonprofit organizations in their community. With support from our staff, they were able to raise almost \$80,000 in one year for the endowment and distribute \$15,000 through a competitive grants process.

Notes Mick Graff, founding co-chairman of the OCCF, “the establishment of this fund provides a vehicle for people in our community, like me and my wife, to leave some of our assets in our estates to benefit the community we live in. We love that our community fund has a local steering committee with community leaders who help raise money and determine what grants to make each year. We leave the responsibilities of investment management and grants administration to WCCF which specializes in this.”

Our Community Foundation manages several endowed geographic funds benefiting particular communities in western Colorado and partners with a number of affiliates working in local communities.

A donation to a community fund allows you to support a range of nonprofit organizations that enhance the place you call home.



Legacy Gift to Help Kids in Need and Promote Animal Welfare

Man without heirs leaves generous charitable legacy

In 2016 we received an unexpected phone call from one of the attorneys we work with on a regular basis. One of his clients had passed away, leaving his entire estate to our Community Foundation. The anonymous donor had no living family and WCCF was involved in settling the estate. This donor had a number of unique assets, all of which required time and expertise to appraise and sell.

The new charitable legacy fund being set up with proceeds from the estate will support the donor's favorite animal welfare organizations and a field-of-interest fund to help kids in need. This donor was a quiet and private man who did not want recognition. His generosity allows our regional Community Foundation to identify current and emerging needs for economically disadvantaged children and provide funding to support basic needs, health care and education. Funding will begin in 2018.

Interested in learning more about a charitable legacy?
Call our office or visit our website, wc-cf.org.



WCCF Legacy Society

We recognize and appreciate dozens of community-minded people who have made provisions for a gift to our Community Foundation in their estate plans.

Liane Abrams
Dale and Donna Albertson
Tillie and Pat Bishop
John Breckinridge
Elaine and Jim Brett
Bill and Rouene Brown
Evelyn Audin Brown
Lynn (Gus) Brownson
Rod and Nina Christ
Genevieve Clough*
Anita Cox and Bill Ekstrand
Bob and Kate Denning
Anne Devine and Ray Cozzens
Bruce Dixson*
Mike and Mary Doring
Norman Dorsey
Adele Filener
Peggy Foster*

William and Kathleen Frey
Jan and Mike Gage
John and Jan Haines
Evelyn Haley
Cheryl and Gordon Hebenstreit
Tom and Sue Hillhouse
Quincy Hines
Laura Horan
Tom Huerkamp
Russel and Dorothy Johnson*
Doug and Laura Johnston
Don and Shirley Kramer
Stan and Pam Lochrie
Sheila Maki
Charles McKean*
Jim and Fran McKinney
Carol Minion
Richard Moore and Sharon Riegel

Virginia Reed Moore*
Harold and Ruth Moss
David and Crystal O'Connor Murphy
Karen Nicholson
Mardell Niles*
Brian and Joyce Olson
John and Verda Patterson
Romagean Personne
Wendell (Del) and Nancy Petty
Gary and Kathy Pfeifer
Gregg and Sandy Pietak
Frank and Josephine Prinster*
Joe and Del Prinster*
Tony and Sally Prinster
Bill and Wanda Putnam
Charlie Quimby and Susan Cushman
Jane Quimby*
Fred and Susan Rainquet

Dorothy Ross*
Kay Sather
Al and Jean Schiesswohl
William Selden
Verne and Diana Smith
Roger and Sharon Sollenbarger
Charlie and Vicci Spencer
John Sprendrup
Thelma Starner
Jim and Melissa Sullivan
Hal, Mary and Norma Sundin
Pam Szédelyi

Steve and Wendy Vanderhoof
Ellen Jo Waldeck*
Steve and Lenna Watson
Bill Welch and Laurae Fortner Welch
Anne Wenzel and David Miller
George Wheeler
Jim and Debbie Widdows
Dixie Lee Williams*
Felicie Williams*
Harry Willson
Dave and Mary Wood*
Anonymous (30)

*Denotes a planned gift that has matured

These are individuals who have informed WCCF of their intentions. We do not mean to omit any names. If you have made plans for a future gift and would like to be recognized as a member of our Legacy Society, please call 970.243.3767.

Grants and Distributions

In 2016, our Community Foundation awarded \$1.8 million in grants and distributions. Listed below are the western Colorado-based organizations throughout our seven county region who received funding.

5 Point Film Festival (Carbondale)
A Kidz Clinic (Delta)
A Little Help North Fork (Paonia)
Abraham Connection (Delta)
Access Roaring Fork (Carbondale)
Advocate Safehouse Project (Glenwood Springs)
Alano of Grand Junction
Aspen Hope Center (Basalt)
Boy Scouts of America - Western CO Council (Grand Junction)
Carbondale Community School
Carbondale Council on the Arts and Humanities
CASA of the 7th Judicial District (Montrose)
Cedaredge Music Boosters
Child and Migrant Services (Palisade)
City of Grand Junction - Parks and Recreation
Colorado 500 Charity Fund (Ouray)
Colorado DiscoverAbility (Grand Junction)
Colorado Mesa University Foundation (Grand Junction)
Colorado Riverfront Foundation (Grand Junction)
Colorado Zone 4 Swimming (Glenwood Springs)
Community Food Bank (Grand Junction)
Community Impact Council (Grand Junction)
Delta County Public Library
Delta County School District #50J
Delta United Methodist Church
Desert Edge Therapy (Palisade)
District 51 Foundation (Grand Junction)
Eagle Valley Land Trust
Families Plus (Delta)
Fellowship of Christian Cowboys (Delta)
First Christian Church (Grand Junction)
First United Methodist Church (Grand Junction)
Foster Grandparent Program (Grand Junction)
Friends of the Wright Opera House (Ouray)
Fruita Monument High School
Fruita Rotary Club
Garfield County Senior Meals
Garfield County Library
Garfield School District
Girl Scouts of Colorado
Girls on the Run of the Grand Valley (Grand Junction)
Glenwood Springs High School
Glenwood Springs Kiwanis Club Foundation
Grand Junction High School
Grand Junction Imagination Library

Grand Junction Rotary Club Foundation
Grand Junction Senior Theatre
Grand Junction Symphony Foundation
Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra
Grand Mesa Nordic Council (Cedaredge)
Grand River Hospital District Senior Meals (Rifle)
Grand Valley Audubon Society (Grand Junction)
Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (Grand Junction)
Grand Valley Educational Foundation (Parachute)
Grand Valley Historical Society (Parachute)
Grand Valley Parks Association (Parachute)
Grand Valley Peace & Justice (Grand Junction)
Grand Valley Pets Alive (Grand Junction)
Grand Valley/Parachute Kiwanis Club Foundation
Habitat for Humanity of Mesa County
Harmony Acres Equestrian Center (Fruita)
High Country RSVP (Glenwood Springs)
High Desert Opera (Grand Junction)
Hilltop Community Resources (Grand Junction)
Hispanic Affairs Project (Montrose)
Holy Family School (Grand Junction)
HomewardBound of the Grand Valley (Grand Junction)
Hope of the Grand Valley (Fruita)
HopeWest
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (Grand Junction)
John McConnell Math and Science Center (Grand Junction)
Junior Achievement of the Roaring Fork Valley (Glenwood Springs)
Juniper Ridge Community School (Grand Junction)
KAFM Community Radio (Grand Junction)
Karis/The House (Grand Junction)
KDNK Community Radio (Carbondale)
Kids Aid (Grand Junction)
Kids Aid (Montrose)
Koinonia Church (Grand Junction)
Lift-Up (Rifle)
Loma Cat House
Lower Valley Imagination Library (Fruita)
Lutheran School of the Messiah (Grand Junction)
Marillac Clinic (Grand Junction)
Meeker Arts and Cultural Council
Mesa County Business Education Foundation
Mesa County Department of Human Services
Mesa County Partners
Mesa County Public Library
Mesa County School District 51

Mesa County School District 51/Nutrition Services
Mesa Land Trust (Grand Junction)
Messiah Choral Society (Grand Junction)
Mind Springs Health
Mind Springs Health/Womens' Recovery Center
Montrose County School District
Mountain Harvest Creative (Paonia)
Mountain Madrigal Singers (Glenwood Springs)
Mountain Ride of Garfield County
MusicSpark (Grand Junction)
National MS Society/Colorado Chapter (Grand Junction)
North Fork Montessori (Crawford)
Our Community Foundation of Eagle County
Ouray County Housing Authority
Ouray County Arts Association
Ouray County Food Pantry
Ouray County Historical Society
Ouray County Performing Arts Guild
Ouray Library District
Ouray Mountain Rescue Team
Ouray School District
PIC Place (Montrose)
Project PACK (Provide a Crisis Kit) (Glenwood Springs)
Reach-Out Colorado (Rifle)
Ridgway Chautauqua Society
Ridgway Public Library
Ridgway Spirit Fest
Rifle Animal Shelter
Rifle High School
River Bridge Regional Center (Glenwood Springs)
River Center of New Castle
Riverside Educational Center (Grand Junction)
Roaring Fork Valley Early Learning Fund (Parachute)
Roice-Hurst Humane Society (Grand Junction)
Salvation Army (Grand Junction)
Schneegas Wildlife Foundation (Silt)
Senior Companion Program (Grand Junction)
Sharing Ministries Food Bank (Montrose)
Sopris Barracudas (Glenwood Springs)
St. James Episcopal Church (Meeker)
St. Mary's Gray Gourmet (Grand Junction)
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church (Grand Junction)
St. Stephen's Catholic School (Glenwood Springs)
STRIVE (Grand Junction)
Suicide Prevention Foundation (Grand Junction)

Agency Funds

Child and Migrant Services
Colorado Northwestern Community College
District 51 Foundation
Grand Junction Symphony Foundation
Grand Valley Audubon Society
Grand Valley Historical Society
Grand Valley/Parachute Kiwanis Club Foundation
HopeWest
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Marillac Clinic
Messiah Choral Society
Mesa Land Trust
Mount of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Mesa County Partners
Ouray County Performing Arts Guild
Two Rivers Community Foundation
United Way of Mesa County
Valley View Hospital Foundation
YouthZone Foundation

Donor Advised Funds and Donors

Dale and Donna Albertson	Anita Cox	Laura Horan	Linda Grace McBride	Frank J. and Josephine R. Prinster	Amy Largent Schutter	J. J. and I. B. Uri
Liz Armstrong	Darlene Cox	Helen B. Christensen Howe	McCarthy Family	Kevin R. Prinster	Scofield Family	Vanderhoof Family
Colby and Leslie Barrett	Bob and Kate Denning	Lynn and Patricia James	William G. McGowen	Charlie Quimby and	Scrubby Brothers	Alexandria and India Wanebo
Thomas B. Beard	Norm Dorsey	Dorothy and Russel Johnson	George B. McKinley Family	Susan Cushman	"See A Need"	Mike and Marian Wanebo
Peter Bergh	Bill and Shirley Ela	Elizabeth Jones	Dr. Tom Melzer	Jane Quimby Family	Douglas Shawcroft	Bill and Laurae Welch
Elaine and Jim Brett	Farley Family	Chris and Connie Jouflas	Carol C. Minion	Aldo and Sara Radamus	Roger and Rita Shenkel	Wenzel-Miller Family
Bud and Phyllis Brownson	Ruth and Pat Gormley	Kriz Family	Dave and Crystal Murphy	Reed Family	Verne and Diana Smith	Jim and Debbie Widdows
Mary Beth and Bernie Buescher	Grand Junction Lions Club	Rick and Linda Levine	Tom and Jean Paradis	Kim Richardson	Larry and Deb Sullivan	Dave and Mary Wood
Chuncey	Timothy Hackett	Lummis Family	Harold and Margaret Porter	Kay Sather	Tim and Irene Sullivan	Kenneth K. Yata
Conrado Family	Susan and Thomas Hillhouse	Kelly James Markham	Anthony F. and Sally L. Prinster	Walt and Lavina Schultz	Pam Szédeli	
Jerry and Dorothy Cook	Hoffman Family Fund					

Designated Funds and Donors

Dale and Donna Albertson/Center for Children	Grand Junction Rotary Club Foundation	Mind Springs Health	Redlands UMC	Mary Catherine Gallarnau Blue
Bacon Family/INSTAR	Grand Valley Audubon Society	Montrose Lions Club	Serra Family/Northside Elementary	Brownson Memorial
Jim and Mercedes Beck/First UMC	Grand Valley Catholic Outreach	David Moore	Elizabeth Somerville/Rocky Mountain PBS	Bruce Dixson
Jesse and Elizabeth Boyce/Mesa Public Library & Land Trust	Elizabeth B. Harris/Roice-Hurst Humane Society	Oliver Reed and Virginia Reed Moore/	Elizabeth Somerville Family/Salvation Army	Hope Haven
Jerry Cook/Garfield CO Veterans Memorial	Holy Family Catholic School	School District 51	STRIVE-Botanical Gardens	Karen's Animal Care
Delta County School District 50	HopeWest	Harold and Ruth Moss/Art Center/	Bette Thul/Smile Train & Make-a-Wish	Dorothy Ross
Delta County School District 50/Nature Connection	Stephen and Anita Nickels Johnson/Botanical Gardens	Boy Scouts/First Christian Church	United Way of Mesa County	Western Colorado Health
Bob and Kate Denning/Avalon Theatre	Lutheran Church and School of the Messiah	MS Society/Colorado Chapter	Vail Mountain School	WSSA Youth Recreation
Bruce Dixson/Salvation Army	Marillac Clinic	Painted Sky RDC	Waldeck Family	
Ed and Frannie Ellinwood/St. Mary's Residency Program	Mesa County Business Education Foundation	Don Petersen/Cedaredge Library & Chapel	Western Colorado AIDS Project	
Dave and Sherry Farny/Grand Junction Symphony	Mesa County Health Department	Gary and Kathy Pfeifer	West Lake Park	
Peggy Foster/Art Center	Mesa County Partners	Harold and Margaret Porter/Delta UMC	Western Slope Center for Children	
Glenwood Springs Kiwanis Club Foundation	Don Milham/Alano Club	Joe and Del Prinster/Holy Family School	Dave and Mary Wood/Ouray Public Library	

2016 Contributors (\$500 or more)

Alpine Bank	Dan and Ellen Conrado	Francis Evans	Laurel Jones	Gary and Kathy Pfeifer	Monique Serra and	Francie Tisdel
Lee and Kay Ambrose	Joe and Kelly Conrado	Estate of Margaret E. Foster	Kampe Foundation	Dick Pippenger	George Woolsey	William G. Waldeck LLC
Anonymous	Katie Conrado	Mick and Kathy Graff	Carolyn and Lynn Kircher	Rev. Jim Plough	Mike and Jean Sewell	Walmart
Bacon Family Foundation	Pittsburgh Foundation/	Grand Junction Lions Club	Lake Fork Community Foundation	ProSpace Interiors	Gregg Stanway	Steve and Lenna Watson
Baird and Company	Danforth Fund	Grand Junction Rotary Club Foundation	Katie Mackley	Charlie Quimby and	Share Our Strength	Bill Welch and Laurae
Colby and Leslie Barrett	Delta County School District #50J	Grand Mesa Nordic Council	Dennis and Alice McCary	Susan Cushman	Douglas Shawcroft	Fortner-Welch
Tillie and Pat Bishop	Delta-Montrose Electric Association	Jim Grisier	William G. McGowan	Jane Quimby and Gerry Cowhig	Roger and Rita Shenkel	Anne Wenzel and David Miller
Ann and Dave Brach	Delta-Montrose Technical College	Sue and Tom Hillhouse	Charitable Fund	Aldo and Sara Radamus	Thelma Starner	Chris West
Elaine and Jim Brett	Susan Diaz	Aaron Hoffman and Nikki Grant-Hoffman	Dick Moore and Sharon Riegel	Ridgway Mountain Market	State of Colorado Department	George Wheeler
Jim Brown	Estate of Bruce Dixson	Laura Horan	Jay Moss	Amy and Ralph Risch	of Higher Education	Harry Willson
Gus Brownson	Martie and Rich Edwards	Kathleen Housh	Dave and Crystal Murphy	Rocky Mountain HMO	Katie Steele	Wilson Family Foundation
Phyllis Brownson	El Pomar Foundation	Independence Academy	Natural Soda/Enirgi Group	Mike and Sue Rushmore	Stimpson Family Trust	Estate of David G. Wood
Robert and Holly Brownson	Bill Ellinwood and Karen Milbank	Interpretive Association of	Amy Nuernberg and Owen O'Fallon	Janet Schevel	Richard and Jean Tally	
Bernie and Mary Beth Buescher	Frances Ellinwood	Western Colorado	Pamela Parsons	Gwen Serra	Tayshen Automotive	
Ed and Laura Carney	Kelly Ellis	Bob and Patti Johnson	Verda Patterson	Mike Serra	Steve and Wendy Vanderhoof	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Financial Position (as of December 31, 2016)

ASSETS

Cash and investments	\$ 57,603,998
Mineral rights	3,866,214
Other assets	168,875
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 61,639,087

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 26,570
Note payable	1,500,000
Other liabilities	82,500
Agency funds	1,105,046
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,714,116

NET ASSETS

TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 58,924,971
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 61,639,087

Statement of Activities (for year ended December 31, 2016)

REVENUE

Contributions	\$ 9,106,950
Other income	3,500
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 9,110,450

GRANTS AND EXPENSES

Grants	\$ 2,427,881
Other program expenses	279,257
Supporting services	425,451
TOTAL GRANTS AND EXPENSES	\$ 3,132,589

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Change in net assets from operations	\$ 5,977,861
Net Return on Investments	\$ 6,238,058
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 12,215,919
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 46,709,052
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 58,924,971

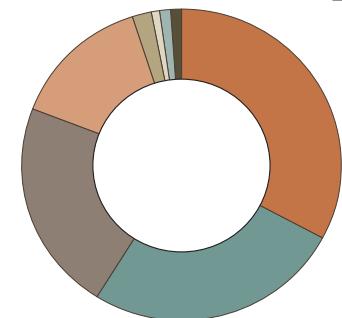
This summary Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities is taken from an independent audit for 2016. The full audit and other financial and investment performance information is available on our website.



Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations

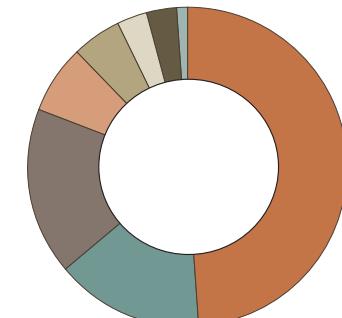
TOTAL ASSETS BY FUND TYPE

Donor-advised	33 %	
Designated	26 %	
Scholarship	22 %	
Field of Interest	14 %	
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Environment	1 %	





A word about our logo...

The **circle** reflects a sense of community and our connectedness to others.

The **spiral** reflects the power of endowment, a permanent gift that keeps on giving.

The **petroglyph** symbolizes those who have been here before us and who have left their mark.

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