Aspen to Parachute
Giving Guide
2022
Dear Donor Advisors and ACF Donors,

The Board and staff of Aspen Community Foundation are pleased to present the Aspen to Parachute Giving Guide 2022 which is designed to help you with your local giving decisions.

Since 1980, Aspen Community Foundation has been addressing the needs of the Aspen to Parachute region by supporting nonprofit organizations and connecting donors to community needs. This work is made possible by annual contributions from donors including individuals and families, businesses, foundations and donor advised fund holders.

Donor Advised Funds are an important part of Aspen Community Foundation. Since 1997, more than $136 million has been awarded to nonprofit organizations and charitable causes across the nation and 70% of these funds has supported the Aspen to Parachute region.

This Giving Guide is designed to help you with your local giving decisions throughout the year by providing information on Aspen Community Foundation’s annual grantmaking, Cradle to Career Initiative, scholarships, and special interest area funds as well as the nonprofit organizations we support. Through your Donor Advised Fund, you may support any of Aspen Community Foundation's funds or recommend grants to the organizations in this guide.

If you would like to learn more about the work showcased in this guide or if you need assistance with Donor Central, either to obtain your fund balance or to recommend grants, please contact Stephanie Gianneschi, philanthropy director, at 970.925.9300 or stephanie@aspencommunityfoundation.org

Click HERE to access your fund via Donor Central.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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About ACF

We help individuals and families in the Aspen to Parachute region thrive!

The Aspen to Parachute region is an amazing place to live. Incredible outdoor lifestyle, world-class arts and cultural experiences, safe neighborhoods, quality schools. No matter where you are in the region, you’ll find friendly, welcoming faces, people working hard, raising families, contributing to the community. Yet, sadly, among us there are neighbors who are struggling. Struggling to make ends meet. Struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues. Struggling to ensure that their children have equal opportunities to thrive.

Founded in 1980, Aspen Community Foundation (ACF) has been dedicated to helping those in our community who are struggling, ensuring that they have opportunities to live healthy, successful, and self-sufficient lives. We do this by connecting donors to community needs, building permanent charitable funds, and bringing people together to address the most pressing issues.

In 2010, when ACF was closing out its 30th anniversary, we asked ourselves some tough questions. Questions like, are we, as a community foundation that serves the diverse region from Aspen to Parachute, as effective as we can be? Are we, as the largest private funder in the region, making a significant difference? And are we, as an institution with deep knowledge and long-standing relationships in the community, moving the needle?

This led us to look more comprehensively at the persistent needs of our community, in particular at our children, ages 0-18. We commissioned an issue paper and found an alarming set of statistics that reflected poor performance on school readiness, academic proficiencies, high school graduation, and college enrollment. As a funder, we were aware of the numerous nonprofit organizations providing programs for these children and various school improvement efforts. Yet the disparity and gaps were still evident: many children were not getting off to a strong start, falling through the cracks, and unable to get on a pathway to a successful future.

While our nonprofits, schools, philanthropists, government, and businesses are working diligently, our challenges are too complex and far reaching for any single organization to fully address on its
own. Needle-moving change requires the engagement of all sectors working together toward the same goals, using data to drive decisions and policies, and continuous communication and collaboration among the partners. Recognizing that we were uniquely situated to coordinate a collective impact effort in our region, ACF stepped into the backbone role to provide facilitation, data collection and reporting, communications, and a myriad of other logistical and administrative supports needed to transform our community. This led to the launch of Cradle to Career in 2012.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coordinated networks of nonprofits and agencies to work collectively toward common goals and common measures of success
- Engaged all four school districts in cross sector collaborations and shared measurement
- Engaged more than 250 businesses to advocate for early childhood education policies and offer more career exploration opportunities for youth
- Leveraged philanthropic dollars to increase government funding and partnership (City of Aspen, Garfield County, City of Glenwood Springs)
- Built trust with donors to fund emergent needs (Giving Network, Ultimate Ski Pass)
- Supported the creation of family resource centers in three school districts, providing safe, accessible places for families to connect with comprehensive services
- Founding partner of Roaring Fork PreCollegiate, an academic mentoring program that supports students who will be the first in their families to attend college
- Created and operated the Preschool on Wheels program for seven years, filling a critical gap in early childhood education and increasing the kindergarten readiness
- Created the Post High School Success project, placing dedicated college and career counselors in all nine public high schools to ensure all students have access to postsecondary planning and support
- Established the Healthcare Alliance Fund to develop affordable health insurance options for small business owners in the region

As ACF concludes its 42nd year, we continue to ask ourselves how we can deepen our efforts to build a region of thriving children, supported and supportive families, and healthy communities. Through our Cradle to Career efforts, we’ve learned that we can make lasting change in our community. We’ve also learned that tackling deep-seated social issues like poverty and inequity is a long game. There is so much more to be done to address root causes and change systems so that everyone has opportunity and hope. ACF won’t back down from this challenge and is eager to continue to support the success of the Aspen to Parachute region.
Supporting ACF’s Mission

Each year, Aspen Community Foundation raises funds to support its work in the Aspen to Parachute region. There are a variety of ways you can make a gift to Aspen Community Foundation and make a lasting difference in the community. ACF accepts many kinds of donations including cash, publicly traded securities, real estate, life insurance policies, artwork and various other appreciate assets. Donors are invited to support ACF’s mission through the following options:

ANNUAL GIVING
A gift to one of ACF’s funds builds a stronger community through our annual grantmaking and backbone work for the Aspen to Parachute Cradle to Career Initiative. Your gift supports nonprofits that provide critical services, emergency financial assistance, and youth and family programs from Aspen to Parachute. Funds include Cradle to Career, Nonprofit Support, Emergency Assistance, Gap and Mental Health. Or give to the Greatest Need and your gift will be directed to have the most impact in our community.

- **CRADLE TO CAREER**  
  Gifts to ACF’s Cradle to Career Fund support our collective impact work with the region’s nonprofits, schools and governments including our strategic efforts that advance the Cradle to Career goals, nonprofit support and partnerships.

- **ACF ENDOWMENT**  
  Gifts to ACF’s permanent endowment provide a reliable source of operational funding for the foundation and make it possible for more dollars to be used to help children and families thrive.

COLORADO CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDIT
When you give to the Early Childhood Fund at Aspen Community Foundation, your gift qualifies for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit. Individual and business taxpayers may claim a Colorado state income tax credit of up to $100,000 per year for 50% of your total qualifying contribution. Your support goes to qualified childcare providers to enhance programs, providing staff training and offer financial assistance for families.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER
Aspen Community Foundation can help turn your individual retirement account (IRA) into tax-saving charitable gifts. Individuals 70 1/2 and older are eligible to roll over up to $100,000 annually from an IRA to a qualified charity without being taxed. Please note: gifts to donor advised funds do not qualify.

PLANNED GIVING
Donors can leave a legacy that will support the causes they care about through their estate planning decisions. There are a variety of future gift planning options to align your personal legacy with your financial goals and needs. Bequests to charitable remainder trusts, and gifts of life insurance are just a few ways to support ACF.
ESTABLISH A FUND

ACF holds several types of funds that fulfill the interest and goals of donors, nonprofit organizations and the community. Donors may open a donor advised, field of interest, scholarship, designated or organization fund.

- DONOR ADVISED AND MEMORIAL FUNDS – These funds offer the advantage of a private foundation yet have lower management costs and greater tax benefits. With a minimum contribution of $10,000, you can establish a fund in the name of your family, business, or anyone you wish to honor. ACF assists fund advisors by maintaining fund records, researching potential grant recipients, ensuring that distributions are made to qualified tax-exempt organizations, and connecting donors with nonprofit organizations within their area of interest.

- FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS – These funds allow donors to invest in specific causes and can support a broad array of interests such as the arts, education or health. The donor specifies their interest at the time the fund is created and relies on ACF to identify organizations capable of making the greatest impact.

- SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS – ACF’s scholarship funds bring together students in need and individuals who care about education to enable more students to reach their educational goals. Scholarship funds may be established to benefit a specific student demographic, school or field of study.

- DESIGNATED FUNDS – Designated Funds ensure long-term support for a specific nonprofit organization, identified by the donor at the time the fund is established. The named organization receives an annual disbursement from the designated fund.

- ORGANIZATION FUNDS – Nonprofit organizations may place their funds at ACF, thus assuring donors that funds earmarked for the future will be invested wisely and used appropriately. ACF manages the fund as part of its investments and then distributes an annual payment to the organization.

AMAZON SMILE

Support Aspen Community Foundation while you shop. Visit smile.amazon.com and specify Aspen Community Foundation as the organization you would like to support and ACF will receive 0.5% of the purchase as a donation.

REFUND CO

Donors can decide to donate some or all of their Colorado state tax refund to one or more Colorado-registered nonprofit organizations, including ACF.
Supporting ACF's Mission

GIVING NETWORK
The Cradle to Career Giving Network offers the opportunity to directly participate in strategic philanthropy to benefit children and families from Aspen to Parachute. Our Giving Network members engage in facilitated learning opportunities throughout the year and annually grant their pooled funds to organizations and areas where they believe will have the greatest impact.

For information about joining the Giving Network, please contact Stephanie Gianneschi, philanthropy director, at 970.925.9300 or stephanie@aspencommunityfoundation.org.

ULTIMATE SKI PASS
Honoring a 42-year partnership, Aspen Skiing Company and Aspen Community Foundation are pleased to offer the Ultimate Ski Pass, an exciting way to blend your philanthropy with your passion for skiing.

The Ultimate Ski Pass provides you, your family and friends with a fully transferable ski pass and unlimited access to Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass ski areas. And, with your Ultimate Ski Pass, you are helping Aspen Community Foundation strengthen the community and improve the quality of life for people living in the greater Roaring Fork Valley, many of whom work hard every day to make your Aspen/Snowmass experience possible.

For each contribution of $25,000 ($23,000 tax deductible), you will receive a one-year transferable ski pass for unlimited skiing at the four Aspen Skiing Company ski areas in the winter. These contributions support the Aspen to Parachute Cradle to Career Initiative and make possible opportunities for children and families in the valley to flourish.

There are a limited number of Ultimate Ski Passes available, so please let us know if you'd like us to reserve one for you. Please call 970.925.9300 or email Stephanie Gianneschi, philanthropy director, stephanie@aspencommunityfoundation.org.
Cradle to Career is Aspen Community Foundation’s strategy for accelerating the wellbeing of children and families in the Aspen to Parachute region. Cradle to Career is, at its core, about addressing disparities and inequities that prevent youth from thriving, including:

- Profound achievement gaps between low-income children and their more affluent peers
- Acute differences in hope between our Latino and White students
- Many high school students unprepared for college and career

Barriers to youth success are complex, persistent and intertwined with systemic poverty. And we know that improving youth outcomes — from birth through career readiness — will help children succeed now and in the future and substantially benefit our region's quality of life and economy.

**GOALS**
All children in the Aspen to Parachute region are ready for kindergarten and graduate from high school ready for college and career.

**FOCUS AREAS**
Cradle to Career is comprised of four focus areas. Each focus area has key levers that represent the multipronged approach needed to “level the playing field” for many low-income and under-resourced children and families.

**Secure the Start**
Supporting the healthy development and kindergarten readiness of children
Prenatal to Age Five

**Envision the Future**
Supporting the academic success and college and career readiness of students
K-12 Students

**Thriving Youth**
Supporting the social emotional wellbeing and mental and physical health of youth
Birth to 18

**Safety Net**
Supporting basic human needs and a more just and resilient community
All Ages
COLLECTIVE IMPACT
About 100 community leaders from nonprofits, schools, governments, businesses, civic groups and philanthropy are part of the Cradle to Career Initiative. In the early stages, these partners created a regional Action Plan for Youth Success and implemented more than a dozen collaborative projects between Parachute and Aspen. Now, Cradle to Career partners are focusing on advancing the goals of the initiative by analyzing accumulated data to inform decisions and priorities, promoting policy change and strengthening systems that serve youth and families. These organizations and individuals continue to build a region of thriving children, supported and supportive families and healthy communities.

BACKBONE
As the Backbone for the Aspen to Parachute Cradle to Career Initiative, ACF guides the vision, shares data and research, strengthens networks, builds community investments in youth success and identifies opportunities for policy change.

TACTICS
- Targeted engagement with lead partners – Engaging specific nonprofit partners to work collaboratively on one or more levers; tactics include building organizational and system capacity, increasing effectiveness of programs, and scaling programs to serve a target population.
- Convenings with stakeholders – Bringing together a broad group of stakeholders to network, share expertise, and identify and implement collaborative actions.
- Strategic grantmaking – Providing operational support for nonprofit partners that are providing critical programs and services across the three focus areas of Cradle to Career. Criteria include the dosage and duration of programming, depth and quality of relationships between the nonprofits and their clients, and a focus on the most vulnerable and/or underserved.
- Data collection and reporting – Maintaining the Cradle to Career Indicators Dashboard and tracking other important indicators of youth and family wellbeing and community demographics.
ANNUAL OPERATING AND PROGRAM GRANTS

ACF’s annual operating and program grants prioritize nonprofits working in the areas of early childhood education, education and youth development, family support and essential human services. The organizations have submitted grant applications and financial information and have been vetted by ACF staff within the context of our grantmaking guidelines and funding priorities.

A WAY OUT
Based in Aspen, serving to Parachute

Mission Statement: “Providing youth and adults in crisis with drugs and alcohol access to the treatment and recovery support regardless of an inability to pay.”

Overview: A Way Out offers need-based financial aid to motivated alcoholics, addicts, and their families for residential treatment and counseling. The agency also provides assessments, crisis support, aftercare follow-up, case management, counseling, and public education/prevention presentations about substance abuse, co-occurring mental health diagnoses, and recovery solutions.

Leadership: Elizabeth Means, Executive Director
Number of staff: 2 full-time, 5 part-time
Number Served: 375
Current Budget: $830,000 (20% earned, 80% contributed)

ACCESS AFTERSCHOOL
Based in Carbondale, serving Aspen to Rifle

Mission Statement: “To enrich the lives of youth, support working families and build healthy communities by providing high-quality afterschool and summer programs.”

Overview: Access AfterSchool provides low-cost afterschool enrichment programs in middle schools in Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, New Castle, and Rifle and in two K-8 schools in Carbondale and Glenwood Springs. In addition, Access operates Boost Camp in Rifle, a summer program providing academic and enrichment programming for first through fifth graders.

Leadership: Deb Rice, Executive Director
Number of staff: 3 full-time, 152 part-time
Number Served: 1,300
Current Budget: $733,000 (1% earned, 99% contributed)

ADVOCATE SAFEHOUSE PROJECT
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Carbondale to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To promote healthy relationships free from violence as we strive to overcome imbalances through advocacy, collaboration, education, and shelter, empowerment and safe housing.”

Overview: Formed in 1987, Advocate Safehouse Project provides services for domestic and/or sexual violence survivors and their children, including volunteer advocates, a 24-hour help line, safe housing and transitional housing, women’s support groups with childcare provided, Latina outreach, sexual assault crisis intervention, and community education.

Leadership: Julie Olson, Executive Director
Number of staff: 6 full time, 4 part time
Number Served: 625
Current Budget: $87,000 (100% contributed)
ALPINE LEGAL SERVICES  
*Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute*

**Mission Statement:** “To ensure access to justice by providing and coordinating quality legal services that protect and advance fundamental legal rights.”

**Overview:** Formed in 2004, Alpine Legal Services provides legal representation to crime victims, seniors, youth, and low-income people in critical situations often involving domestic violence, child safety, family law, senior issues, restraining orders, housing disputes, custody disputes, employer/employee conflicts, victim rights and consumer law. These services are provided either pro bono or on a sliding scale.

- **Leadership:** Jennifer Wherry, Executive Director
- **Number of staff:** 5 full-time, 1 part-time
- **Number Served:** 800
- **Current Budget:** $575,000 (100% contributed)

ARC OF THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS  
*Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute*

**Mission Statement:** “Arc of the Central Mountains promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.”

**Overview:** Arc of the Central Mountains supports individuals with disabilities to fully participate in inclusive practices within the key areas of life, including home, community, and school-based settings. Arc is a collaborative community partner with six school districts, county human services, public health, law enforcement agencies and numerous non-profit organizations.

- **Leadership:** Jill Pidcock, Executive Director
- **Number of staff:** 2 full-time, 2 part-time
- **Number Served:** 100
- **Current Budget:** $197,000 (100% contributed)

ASPEN CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (ACES)  
*Based in Aspen, serving to Parachute*

**Mission Statement:** “Aspen Center for Environmental Studies’ mission is educating for environmental responsibility. ACES believes a deep, informed connection with nature leads to a healthier earth, lives of meaning and purpose and communities of harmony and strength.”

**Overview:** Founded in 1968, ACES provides programs in environmental science and ecological literacy for everyone from school children to leaders and decision makers. Programs include youth education in schools and in the field, guided hikes, free public lectures, adult ecology classes, kids’ camps, and community events with an emphasis on ecological literacy, sustainable agriculture, forest health, climate change and ecosystem restoration.

- **Leadership:** Chris Lane, Executive Director
- **Number of staff:** 28 full-time, 30 part-time
- **Number Served:** 3,500
- **Current Budget:** $2,850,000 (52% earned, 48% contributed)
ASPEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS  
*Based in Aspen, serving Aspen School District*  
**Mission Statement:** “Aspen Family Connections is a response center and activity hub created to connect all families in Pitkin County with services and programs to support them and their children in any and all aspects of their family journey, building on strengths, self-reliance and community connections.”

**Overview:** Aspen Family Connections was established in 2016 and is a resource hub, designed to be a one-stop shop for families seeking services, connection to and help with navigating resources, and prevention education, information, and support.

- **Leadership:** Katherine Sand, Executive Director
- **Number of staff:** 3 full-time, 1 part-time
- **Number Served:** 500
- **Current Budget:** $508,000 (100% contributed)

ASPEN HOPE CENTER  
*Based in Basalt, serving Aspen to Parachute*  
**Mission Statement:** “To extend a beacon of hope to those in emotional crisis and offer a continuum of comprehensive care while steadfastly working to decrease the stigma of mental illness through expert clinical treatment, public education, community collaboration and outreach.”

**Overview:** Aspen Hope Center is a mental health nonprofit specializing in crisis: prevention, response, intervention, stabilization, and recovery. In addition to its 24/7 crisis line and mobile crisis team, AHC provides a stabilization program as an alternative to inpatient hospitalization, school-based mental health programs, and education programs.

- **Leadership:** Michelle Muething, Executive Director
- **Number of staff:** 27 full-time, 2 part-time
- **Number Served:** 250
- **Current Budget:** $2,477,000 (20% earned, 80% contributed)

ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET FOLKLÓRICO  
*Based in Aspen, serving Basalt to Rifle*  
**Mission Statement:** “To cultivate and enhance an understanding and appreciation of dance by maintaining the highest standards of artistic excellence in performance, education and outreach.”

**Overview:** Aspen Santa Fe Ballet’s Folklórico outreach program is an afterschool Mexican folk-dance program for elementary through high school students. Through disciplined rehearsal and frequent performances, Folklórico promotes artistic excellence, instills positive youth development, increases cultural awareness, and encourages the crossing of cultural boundaries.

- **Leadership:** Jean-Philippe Malaty, Executive Director
- **Number of staff:** 10 full-time, 6 part-time
- **Number Served:** 250 (Folklórico)
- **Current Budget:** $2,313,000 (23% earned, 77% contributed)
**ASPEN STRONG**

*Based in Aspen, serving Aspen to Parachute*

**Mission Statement:** “Aspen Strong is a mental health advocacy non-profit that is breaking stigmas through prevention resources, education, policy change, and community connection.”

**Overview:** Founded in 2014, Aspen Strong connects individuals to mental health resources in the Roaring Fork Valley and Colorado River Corridor. Through their provider directory, mental health screenings, emotional toolkits and various workshops and presentations, the Aspen Strong team offers programs online and in person. Aspen Strong manages the Mental Health Fund at ACF and vets and supports applications for grants for underinsured and uninsured community members who need access to therapy and mental health consultations.

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**ASPEN VALLEY SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB (AVSC)**

*Based in Aspen, serving to Glenwood Springs*

**Mission Statement:** “To provide all youth in the greater Roaring Fork Valley the opportunity to excel as athletes and as people through winter sports. AVSC strives to instill the core values of Commitment, Teamwork, and Integrity in all participants.”

**Overview:** AVSC was created in 1937 and, as the oldest youth-serving nonprofit in the area, has taught winter sports to generations of local children and has a legacy of training Olympians and hosting national and international competitions. AVSC’s programs are divided into introductory or recreational weekend “Base Camp” programs and competitive travel “Team AVSC” programs.

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**ASPEN YOUTH CENTER**

*Based in Aspen, serving Aspen to Parachute*

**Mission Statement:** “To provide a safe and supportive place for youth to connect, learn and grow.”

**Overview:** Founded in 1991, Aspen Youth Center provides a safe, supportive, and supervised space for youth afterschool and all day during the summer, offering fun extra-curricular activities such as cooking, science, art, sports, outdoor activities and volunteer clubs, free of charge. Participants can also get help with their homework and are fed healthy afternoon snacks.

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BLUE LAKE PRESCHOOL
Based in El Jebel and Carbondale, serving to Parachute

Mission Statement: “Nurturing and empowering young children to learn and grow in a safe and challenging environment and creating a setting for children that will foster positive self-esteem and prepare them for a successful, long-term, educational experience.”

Overview: Blue Lake Preschool in El Jebel, along with its satellite program in Carbondale, Little Blue, is the largest childcare provider in the region, providing infant, toddler and preschool care as well as afterschool care for children in kindergarten through third grade. The school strives for all students to attend at least two days per week despite the family’s ability to pay.

Leadership: Michelle Oger, Executive Director
Number of staff: 27 full-time, 2 part-time
Number Served: 200
Current Budget: $2,314,000 (81% earned, 19% contributed)

THE BUDDY PROGRAM
Based in Aspen, serving to Rifle

Mission Statement: “Empowering youth through mentoring experiences in order to reach their full potential.”

Overview: Founded in 1973, the Buddy Program provides mentoring for young people ages 6-18 through several programs: the “big buddy” model where an adult is paired with a young person, “peer-to-peer” where a high school student is matched with a younger student, and through experiential group programs such as wilderness adventures and ropes courses. The Buddy Program also offers scholarships for extra-curricular activities, therapeutic counseling, and college scholarships.

Leadership: Lindsay Lofaro, Executive Director
Number of staff: 16 full-time, 1 part-time
Number Served: 450
Current Budget: $1,900,000 (100% contributed)

CARBONDALE ARTS
Based in Carbondale, serving to Rifle

Mission Statement: “To build an inclusive and vibrant community through the arts, supporting Carbondale’s identity as a place that fosters creativity, collaboration, innovation, and artistic exploration.”

Overview: Carbondale Arts has been providing arts programming and education for over 45 years and is leading the Carbondale Creative District. It provides arts programming and education from preschool-aged children through older adults. Its Rosybelle Mobile Maker Bus provides afterschool art classes in the Roaring Fork School District, fifth-day art classes in the Garfield School District Re-2, and arts programming through collaborations with other nonprofits.

Leadership: Jamie Abbott, Executive Director
Number of staff: 3 full-time, 3 part-time
Number Served: 1,500
Current Budget: $1,000,000 (75% earned, 25% contributed)
CASA OF THE NINTH
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Pitkin, Garfield, and Rio Blanco counties

Mission Statement: “To provide well-trained, court-appointed volunteer advocates to abused and neglected children in Colorado’s Ninth Judicial District. The program’s vision is to support a safe, permanent, nurturing home for every child it serves.”

Overview: CASA of the Ninth provides support for children ages 0 to 17 during court proceedings who have been abused, neglected, or witnessed domestic violence. CASAs are specially trained community members who investigate family situations, facilitate communication, monitor treatment plans, and advocate for children.

Leadership: Traci Gurley-Tomashosky, Executive Director
Number of staff: 3 full-time
Number Served: 60
Current Budget: $310,000 (100% contributed)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, WESTERN SLOPE
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “As the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Denver, and inspired by God’s love and compassion, Catholic Charities extends the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to the poor and those in need. Catholic Charities serves individuals and families of all faiths, backgrounds, and cultures to alleviate poverty and promote self-reliance.”

Overview: Catholic Charities Western Slope office serves Pitkin, Garfield, and Eagle County residents with financial assistance for rent and utilities, case management to those at risk of homelessness, and services for the immigrant community including helping them access resources and workplace equity, mediation and conflict resolution.

Leadership: Marian McDonough, Regional Manager
Number of staff: 8 full time
Number Served: 300
Current Budget: $916,000 (100% contributed)

CHILDREN’S ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL
Based in and serving Carbondale

Mission Statement: “To inspire creativity, a joy in learning, and self-confidence through exploration, love and laughter.”

Overview: Children’s Rocky Mountain School provides quality, five-days a week, year-round preschool for children ages 2 to 5 in Carbondale. Founded in 1989, the school’s new location in downtown Carbondale enables their students to have an immersive experience within all of the nature and places of the town. All teachers are director qualified and the school is open every weekday to serve working families and their children.

Leadership: Brigitte Buckingham, Executive Director
Number of staff: 2 full-time, 1 part-time
Number Served: 25
Current Budget: $195,000 (85% earned, 15% contributed)
Nonprofit Support

EARLY CHILDHOOD NETWORK
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Basalt to Parachute
Mission Statement: “Early Childhood Network's mission is to enhance capacity, quality and accessibility of childcare in Garfield County and the western portion of Eagle County.”

Overview: Early Childhood Network is Garfield County’s primary resource for all things related to early childhood. It provides childcare resources to families, quality improvement coaching to licensed childcare programs and informal childcare providers, houses the Early Head Start Family Coordinator, provides professional development, and connects families to financial aid resources in Garfield and western Eagle counties.

Leadership: Kelly Esch, Executive Director
Number of staff: 3 full-time, 3 part-time
Number Served: 55
Current Budget: $525,000 (78% earned, 22% contributed)

ENGLISH IN ACTION
Based in El Jebel, serving Aspen to Carbondale
Mission Statement: “To build a stronger community and intercultural relationships through language development, personal empowerment and community engagement.”

Overview: Founded in 1994, English In Action helps adult immigrants develop the language and leadership skills they need to participate fully in our community as workers, parents, and community members. The program also aims to build bridges of trust between immigrant and non-immigrant residents. Students in EIA's individual tutoring program work with a community volunteer who tutors the student in English with a personalized course of study based on the student's English language level, personal goals, and learning styles. EIA also offers open office hours, small group programs, community engagement opportunities and “How to Learn English!” seminars.

Leadership: Lara Beaulieu, Executive Director
Number of staff: 8 full-time, 2 part-time
Number Served: 350
Current Budget: $890,000 (1% earned, 99% contributed)

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER OF THE ROARING FORK SCHOOLS
Based in and serving Basalt, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs schools
Mission Statement: “To strengthen student health, well-being and academic achievement by partnering with families, schools, and communities.”

Overview: The Family Resource Center connects students and their families with needed health and human services and removes the barriers to those services by providing case management, transportation, translation, information, referrals, and financial assistance. Family liaisons also assist families in applying for public benefits, arrange tutoring and other academic assistance, and connect at-risk students with enriching afterschool activities. Students with low-income, poor academic performance, second language and/or identified behavioral risk factors are given priority.

Leadership: Kelly Medina, Executive Director
Number of staff: 20 full-time
Number Served: 1,000
Current Budget: $1,300,000 (100% contributed)
GREAT EXPECTATIONS (FORMERLY FAMILY VISITOR PROGRAMS)
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To promote healthy families by providing education, advocacy, and support services that strengthen and empower families, foster the optimum development of children, and prevent child abuse and neglect.”

Summary: Great Expectations provides home-based parent support from pregnancy until the baby is two years old. The programs focus on strengthening parenting skills and protecting young children from toxic stress caused by abuse, neglect, domestic violence, and family dysfunction which has been linked to lifelong health and social problems. The agency offers four core programs: Nurse Family Partnership, Healthy Families America, Partners for Healthy Baby and Colorado Bright by Three. All services are offered free of charge.

Leadership: Andrew Romanoff, Executive Director
Number of staff: 17 full-time, 1 part-time
Number Served: 850
Current Budget: $1,530,000 (100% contributed)

THE FARM COLLABORATIVE
Based in Aspen, serving to New Castle

Mission Statement: “To connect children and community to nature through farming and food.”

Summary: The Farm Collaborative focuses on integrating local food systems to include community engagement, ecosystem service, farmer support and food equity and access. Founded in 2008 as Aspen TREE, they have since moved to Cozy Point Ranch and secured a 25-year lease from the City of Aspen to operate their farm and learning center. They operate afterschool programs, youth summer camps, and teen apprenticeship programs, as well as managing 2 Forks Club, a regenerative philanthropy investment club that makes 0% interest loans to farmers and local food entrepreneurs.

Leadership: Eden Vardy, Executive Director
Number of staff: 7 full-time, 10 part-time
Number Served: 450
Current Budget: $800,000 (8% earned, 92% contributed)

FOCUSED KIDS
Based in Basalt, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To deliver a program that prepares children for academic and life success, providing engaging ways to learn about the brain and self-regulation.”

Summary: Founded in 2013, FocusedKids provides social and emotional training for children ages 0-8, their teachers and parents. They have led in this field while focusing on healthy relationships and self-management at the earliest stage of development. Their teacher professional development curriculum is sanctioned by regional school-districts. They work with family resource centers, FFN childcare providers, school districts and many nonprofits.

Leadership: Kathy Hegberg, Executive Director
Number of staff: 3 full-time, 3 part-time
Number Served: 400
Current Budget: $267,500 (2% earned, 98% contributed)
FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES, WESTERN SLOPE
Based in Grand Junction, serving the western slope of Colorado

Mission Statement: “To ignite the power of community to nourish people facing hunger.”

Summary: Food Bank of the Rockies works with hunger relief organizations throughout Colorado and Wyoming to distribute food to those who are food insecure. They provide food to community organizations such as nonprofits and schools, distribute food directly through mobile pantries and food box delivery, and coordinate surplus food rescue from grocery stores, restaurants, and caterers. The Totes of Hope program provides children with food for the weekends when they are not in school.

Leadership: Sue Ellen Rodwick, Western Slope Director
Number of staff: 24 full-time, 1 part-time (Western Slope only)
Number Served: 593,000
Current Budget: $4,875,000 (26% earned, 74% contributed)

GARFIELD 16 SCHOOL-BASED FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
Based in and serving Parachute and Battlement Mesa

Mission Statement: “The mission of the Garfield 16 School-Based Family Resource Center is to affirm, strengthen, and support families in Garfield 16. It promotes increased student achievement by supporting their progress towards the overall agency of personal wellness, productive citizenship, and intellectual development.

Overview: Garfield County School District 16’s School-Based Family Resource Center provides before/afterschool and summer programming, behavioral health services, family navigation, a clothing and food pantry, and laundry facilities for the districts’ students and families. In addition, the Center houses several county agencies that otherwise would not be physically accessible to families in Parachute.

Leadership: Claudia Flores-Cruz, Coordinator
Number of staff: 3 full-time, 2 part-time
Number Served: 150
Current Budget: $310,000 (100% contributed)

GARFIELD RE-2 SCHOOL-BASED FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
Based in and serving Rifle, Silt, and New Castle.

Mission Statement: “To provide engaging educational experiences in a safe environment for students and staff which result in exemplary learning and teaching.”

Overview: Garfield School District RE-2 contains approximately 4,700 students, 350 certified staff and 800 employees. The school-based Family Resource Center opened in August 2021 and provides bilingual support for students and their families, with a prioritization on mental health services and connecting families to other community organizations and agencies that can support their needs.

Leadership: Amanda Vaughn, Coordinator
Number of staff: 3 full-time, 15 part-time
Number Served: 1,000
Current Budget: Not reported
GROWING YEARS  
*Based in and serving Basalt and El Jebel*

**Mission Statement:** “Envisioning a world of children who are self-confident, self-disciplined, and enthusiastic about learning. By working in cooperation with the parents of our children, Growing Years develops individual talents and strengths that allow children to become self-confident and self-directed.”

**Overview:** Growing Years School provides year-round childcare for children ages birth to 5 living in Basalt and the surrounding area. Growing Years operates a small modular unit located on a corner of Roaring Fork School District land adjacent to the Basalt Middle and Elementary schools and three classrooms in Basalt’s old “red brick” elementary school — allowing them to more than double their enrollment and to care for infants. Growing Years School is located within Pitkin County and therefore receives support from Aspen’s Kids First funding for their toddler and infant classrooms.

Leadership: Adele Melnick, Executive Director  
Number of staff: 13 full-time, 2 part-time  
Number Served: 150  
Current Budget: $1,012,000 (85% earned, 15% contributed)

HIGHWATER FARM  
*Based in Silt, serving Garfield County*

**Mission Statement:** “Highwater Farm uses sustainable agriculture to transform the lives of young people and increase access to healthy food in Garfield County.”

**Overview:** Founded in 2019 on the Silt River Preserve, Highwater Farm connects the community back to the land through sustainable agriculture practices, stewardship, and youth development. The farm dedicates at least 25% of its produce to regional food banks and pantries. In 2021, they hosted the inaugural Summer Youth Program for teens to graduate with an understanding of local agriculture, respect for the land and labor and key skills to be leaders in the community.

Leadership: Sara Tymczyszyn, Executive Director  
Number of staff: 4 full-time, 1 part-time  
Number Served: 16  
Current Budget: $250,000 (31% earned, 69% contributed)

LA CLINICA DEL PUEBLO / THE PEOPLE’S CLINIC  
*Based in Carbondale, serving Aspen to Parachute*

**Mission Statement:** “The clinic provides medical care primarily to individuals who are uninsured and interested in improving their health. We give people the tools they need to take charge of their own health, decreasing the need for them to interface with a broken and costly healthcare system.”

**Overview:** Founded in 2016, the People’s Clinic operates two days a week and one Saturday a month, with appointments scheduled at odd hours to accommodate working family’s schedules. On average they see 15 patients per week from low-income, Latino communities who are uninsured and lack access to government-provided services.

Leadership: Dr. Greg Feinsinger, Founder and Board Chair.  
Clinic Director: Dr. Maria Judith Alvarez  
Number of staff: 4 part-time  
Number Served: 500  
Current Budget: $130,000 (100% contributed)
LIFT-UP
Based in Rifle, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To provide essential humanitarian assistance while creating a bridge to personal empowerment and self-reliance focusing on food insecurity and scarcity.”

Overview: Founded in 1982, LIFT-UP is the Aspen to Parachute region’s anchor organization for hunger relief. It operates brick-and-mortar food pantries in Parachute, Rifle, New Castle, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, and Aspen. LIFT-UP also organizes the Extended Table program that offers hot meals each weeknight in Glenwood Springs, provides fresh produce and meat through its Farm to Pantry program, and operates a thrift store to provide low-cost goods to families.

Leadership: Ivan Jackson, Executive Director
Number of staff: 11 full-time, 5 part-time
Number Served: 32,700
Current Budget: $1,630,000 (18% earned, 82% contributed)

LITERACY OUTREACH
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Garfield County

Mission Statement: “To teach essential literacy skills.”

Overview: Founded in 1986, Literacy Outreach teaches basic literacy and language skills to residents of Garfield County. Literacy Outreach recruits and trains volunteers to provide individualized or small group tutoring including one-on-one student tutor pairs, small group conversation circles, citizenship exam study groups, and “Hands on English” cooking and sewing classes.

Leadership: Martha Fredendall, Executive Director
Number of staff: 3 full-time, 1 part-time
Number Served: 160
Current Budget: $325,000 (1% earned, 99% contributed)

MARBLE CHARTER SCHOOL
Based in Marble, serving Marble to Glenwood Springs

Mission Statement: “To teach a growth mindset in a unique and nurturing environment while exceeding state standards.”

Overview: Founded in 1995, Marble Charter School serves students in grades K-8 who live in the Marble to Glenwood Springs corridor. While it is classified as a Gunnison County district school and receives state mandated per-student funding, due to its rural geographic location and disconnect from their district’s contracted services, it struggles to attain access to essential mental health and social services for its students. All students who graduate MCS in 8th grade will go on to attend high school in our region, with most attending Roaring Fork High School in Carbondale.

Leadership: Gina Mile, Executive Director
Number of staff: 2 full-time, 3 part-time
Number Served: 50
Current Budget: $780,000 (100% contributed)
MOUNT SOPRIS MONTESSORI SCHOOL  
*Based in and serving Carbondale*

**Mission Statement:** “Dedicated to cultivating children's respect for themselves, their community and their natural environment through the insightful application of Montessori principles.”

**Overview:** Founded in 1981, Mount Sopris Montessori School offers half- and full-day childcare for children ages 18 months to five years of age throughout the school year and for eight weeks in summer. Fifty-five children are enrolled from mostly middle class, dual working families. Scholarships are available for lower income families and MSMS accepts Colorado Child Care Assistance Program tuition assistance.

- **Leadership:** Carrie Tippet, Executive Director
- **Number of staff:** 11 full-time, 1 part-time
- **Number Served:** 50
- **Current Budget:** $685,000 (76% earned, 24% contributed)

MOUNTAIN VALLEY DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES  
*Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute*

**Mission Statement:** “Our mission is to encourage and support individuals with developmental disabilities, enhance their ability to live, learn, and work in an independent and inclusive manner, and to educate the community about their contributions and capabilities.”

**Overview:** Mountain Valley Developmental Services provides services and care to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Its services include residential care, occupational, physical, and behavioral therapy, community integration, supported employment, and early screening and intervention.

- **Leadership:** Sara Sims, Executive Director
- **Number of staff:** 107 full-time, 55 part-time
- **Number Served:** 400
- **Current Budget:** $11,200,000 (7% earned, 93% contributed)

OUR SCHOOL  
*Based in and serving Glenwood Springs*

**Mission Statement:** “To provide experiential learning opportunities for children ages six weeks to six years in an environment that promotes discovery, self-regulation and a life-long enthusiasm for learning.”

**Overview:** Since 1997, Our School provides year-round childcare for children ages six weeks to six years. The 50 children who are enrolled in the program come from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds including children who receive Colorado Child Care Assistance Program and Colorado Preschool Program tuition assistance. It is the only center in Glenwood Springs that cares for infants.

- **Leadership:** Kelsey Clapper, Executive Director
- **Number of staff:** 6 full-time, 1 part-time
- **Number Served:** 50
- **Current Budget:** $380,000 (94% earned, 6% contributed)
PATHFINDERS
Based in Aspen, serving Aspen to Parachute
Mission Statement: “To provide free or low-cost counseling for those dealing with serious illnesses, grief and loss for all ages from Aspen to Parachute.”

Overview: Pathfinders was created in 2004 to support cancer patients with psychosocial support around their diagnosis and planning. In 2013, grief and loss counseling was added to its services. Through referrals from school counselors, Pathfinders works directly with children of all ages to provide bilingual counseling around death, loss of family to divorce or immigration, and other trauma-based experiences.

Leadership: Allison Daily, Executive Director
Number of staff: 1 full-time, 18 part-time
Number Served: 150
Current Budget: $380,000 (100% contributed)

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, GLENWOOD SPRINGS
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute
Mission Statement: “Empowering people to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health by providing high quality health services, comprehensive sex education and strategic advocacy.”

Overview: Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains offers reproductive health care and provides comprehensive sex education programs and advocacy through 18 health Centers in Colorado, including Glenwood Springs (which opened in 1979). In addition to reproductive health services, the clinic provides testing and early identification of breast and cervical cancer. Through its Patient Assistance Fund, PPRM is committed to serving patients regardless of income, identity, or background.

Leadership: Rebecca Binion, Glenwood Clinic Manager
Number of staff: 291 full-time, 150 part-time*
Number Served: 2,500
Current Budget: $51,000,000* (50% earned, 50% contributed)
*This amount denotes the entire Rocky Mountain regional staff and budget

RAISING A READER ASPEN TO PARACHUTE
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute
Mission Statement: “To foster early literacy bonds between children and their parents to ensure that all young children from Aspen to Parachute develop a love of books and the skills to become successful readers.”

Overview: Raising a Reader Aspen to Parachute seeks to improve kindergarten readiness and early literary success by fostering early brain development and parent-child bonding through its “take home” book bag program. Working with preschools, churches, libraries, and community centers from Basalt to Rifle, about 900 children under the age of six are exposed to 60 to 80 books yearly.

Leadership: Suzanne Wheeler Del-Piccolo, Executive Director
Number of staff: 2 full-time, 3 part-time
Number Served: 1,500
Current Budget: $220,000 (16% earned, 84% contributed)
RESPONSE

Based in Aspen, serving Aspen to El Jebel

Mission Statement: “To work with our community to end domestic and sexual abuse and to support survivors in achieving their own safety and empowerment.”

Overview: Founded in 1983, Response serves victims and survivors of domestic violence and their families by training volunteer advocates and providing 24/7 crisis intervention, support-group counseling, and court advocacy, as well as offering the Housing for Survivors program. Response’s staff and volunteer advocates work closely with local law enforcement, schools, and other nonprofit organizations to provide confidential, non-judgmental support for people from Aspen to Basalt/El Jebel.

Leadership: Shannon Meyer, Executive Director
Number of staff: 5 full-time, 3 part-time
Number Served: 200
Current Budget: $825,000 (100% contributed)

RIVER BRIDGE REGIONAL CENTER

Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To provide collaborative services to child abuse victims, their families, and the community in a supportive environment through a child-centered approach.”

Overview: Founded in 2007, River Bridge is an accredited, evidence-based children’s advocacy center. RBRC brings together the services and support needed, including law enforcement, prosecutors, child protective services, and medical and mental health professionals to confront child sexual abuse. This approach reduces trauma to the child, aids in the prosecution of abusers, and maintains and supports the accuracy of information capable of withstanding the scrutiny of court proceedings. Since 2018, the Mountain West SANE Alliance (Sex Assault Nurse Examiners) has been under their management.

Leadership: Blythe Chapman, Executive Director
Number of staff: 7 full-time
Number Served: 600
Current Budget: $875,000 (5% earned, 95% contributed)

RIVER CENTER OF NEW CASTLE

Based in New Castle, serving families in New Castle, Silt and beyond.

Mission Statement: “To address and identify unmet community needs with compassionate volunteerism.”

Overview: River Center of New Castle is the community resource center for New Castle and Silt. It provides an array of services including financial assistance for individuals and families, senior luncheons, food for students on weekends and during the summer, school supplies, and winter coats for those in need. It also organizes the community garden and Angel Tree programs.

Leadership: Heather Paulson, Executive Director
Number of staff: 3 part-time
Number Served: 500
Current Budget: $325,000 (100% contributed)
ROARING FORK OUTDOOR VOLUNTEERS
Based in Carbondale, serving Aspen to Parachute
Mission Statement: “To promote stewardship of our public lands by engaging our community in education, restoration, and conservation projects.”

Overview: Founded in 1995, Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers connects volunteers to work in partnership with public agencies and municipalities that manage our public lands. The Young Stewards Program broadens their community-wide ethos of outdoor stewardship while also addressing the need for outdoor education programs for underserved populations. They partner with schools, libraries and youth-focused nonprofits to provide experiential learning in the outdoors.

Leadership: Rebecca Schild, Executive Director
Number of staff: 5 full-time, 6 part-time
Number Served: 1,000
Current Budget: $705,000 (4% earned, 96% contributed)

ROARING FORK PRECOLLEGIATE
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Basalt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs schools
Mission Statement: “To identify promising first-generation students and motivate them to pursue higher education. Through personal mentoring we provide access to information and resources and equip students with relevant life skills to enable them to successfully complete high school and graduate into a postsecondary program of their choice.”

Overview: The Roaring Fork PreCollegiate program provides academic and extracurricular support to first-generation students in order increase high school graduation rates and help establish a college-going culture within the school district. The program consists of four main components: group mentoring with community volunteers, summer residential college camps, parent classes and outreach, and comprehensive college advising and transition planning.

Leadership: David Smith, Executive Director
Number of staff: 3 full-time and 1 part-time
Number Served: 500
Current Budget: $350,000 (100% contributed)

SENIOR HOUSING OPTIONS MESA VISTA FACILITY
Based in Battlement Mesa, serving western Garfield County
Mission Statement: “To provide residential communities and caring services to enrich the lives of older adults in Colorado.”

Overview: Their Mesa Vista location in Battlement Mesa is the only senior subsidized housing facility and Assisted Living Residence in western Garfield County that provides low-income housing. Founded in 1979, Senior Housing Options is headquartered in Denver and operates facilities throughout the state. The Mesa Vista facility was built in 1999 and provides housing and caring services for 50 residents on a year-round basis.

Leadership: Vennita Jenkins, CEO
Number of staff: 14 full-time, 4 part-time
Number Served: 50
Current Budget: $1,400,000 (87% earned, 13% contributed)
STEPPING STONES OF THE ROARING FORK VALLEY
Based in and serving Carbondale

Mission Statement: “Empowering Roaring Fork Valley teens to reach self-sufficiency by providing youth with a safe and structured environment to learn life skills, participate in experiential learning, and have access to professional counseling and support services”

Overview: Founded in 2013, Stepping Stones of the Roaring Fork Valley is a safe, drug- and alcohol-free place for teenagers to come after school and during summer. Stepping Stones offers mentoring, skill development, educational support, drug and alcohol education, and access to programming in the arts, community engagement and outdoor recreation. Its drop-in center provides home-cooked meals each night as well as access to basic needs services such as showers and laundry.

Leadership: Kyle Crawley, Executive Director
Number of staff: 6 full-time, 5 part-time
Number Served: 300
Current Budget: $550,000 (100% contributed)

SUMMIT 54, SUMMER ADVANTAGE ROARING FORK VALLEY
Based in Aspen, serving Basalt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs schools

Mission Statement: “Summit 54 is committed to improving K-12 education effectiveness through coordinated, strategic, and accountable investments in evidence-based programs.”

Overview: Since 2012, Summit 54 has operated the Summer Advantage Roaring Fork Valley program, which provides five weeks of rigorous daily academic instruction and enrichment for kindergarten through fourth grade students who are most at risk for falling behind. The program is free of charge and includes breakfast, snack, and lunch for all participants.

Leadership: Terri Caine, Executive Director (uncompensated)
Number of staff: 1 part-time
Number Served: 650
Current Budget: $1,300,000 (100% contributed)

VALLEY SETTLEMENT
Based in Carbondale, serving Basalt to Glenwood Springs

Mission Statement: “Valley Settlement engages immigrant families in the Roaring Fork Valley to improve their lives.”

Overview: Established in 2012, Valley Settlement addresses the barriers low-income Latino immigrants face when settling in and connecting to the community. Valley Settlement focuses on two primary goals: improved school readiness and elementary school achievement for children, and family economic stability. Programs include mobile preschool, parent education and home visitation, family health and wellness, parent mentors, and adult literacy and career education.

Leadership: Maria Tarajano Rodman, Executive Director
Number of staff: 24 full-time, 6 part-time
Number Served: 600
Current Budget: $3,500,000 (100% contributed)
VOCES UNIDAS DE LAS MONTAÑAS
Based in Carbondale, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “We envision a mountain region where Latinas and Latinos are thriving, engaged and leading in all of our communities. We do this by creating opportunities to advocate for themselves, to actively participate in all civic institutions, and to take leadership roles in all decision-making tables.”

Summary: Founded in 2020, Voces Unidas de las Montañas provides culturally and linguistically relevant leadership programs, advocacy focused on social justice issues such as transportation, housing, healthcare and education, and civic engagement activities including voter registration drives, issue education and get out the vote campaigns.

Leadership: Alex Sanchez, Executive Director
Number of staff: 3 full-time
Number Served: 32,700
Current Budget: $1,000,000 (100% contributed)

YAMPAH MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL TEEN PARENT PROGRAM
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Basalt to Parachute

Mission Statement: “Yampah Mountain High School is a learning community designed to develop meaningful relationships, a pursuit of lifelong learning, and the academic skills in support of multiple pathways to high school graduation and post-secondary success.”

Overview: Founded in 1989, Yampah Mountain High School provides individualized learning for students, ages 14-20, who are at risk of not completing high school. These risk factors include teenage pregnancy or parenting, traumatic life experiences, emotional disabilities, and general disengagement and disinterest in the traditional school setting. Yampah also provides childcare for children ages birth to 3 ½ whose teenaged parents are enrolled in the Teen Parent Program.

Leadership: Leigh McGown, Principal
Number of staff: 24 full-time, 10 part-time
Number Served: 185
Current Budget: $2,022,000 (87% earned, 13% contributed)

YOUTHENTITY
Based in Carbondale, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “To empower youth to build successful futures through financial education and career readiness.”

Overview: Founded in 2001, Youthentity offers authentic real-world learning experiences for students including financial literacy and career exploration and development. Youthentity delivers state-mandated personal financial literacy standards for middle and high school students in six counties, helps middle school students match their personality traits, interests and strengths with potential career paths and to connect them with career-oriented internships in the community, and provides high school students with life-skills coaching, work experience and career-specific training.

Leadership: Kirsten McDaniel, Executive Director
Number of staff: 3 full-time, 19 part-time
Number Served: 4,650
Current Budget: $880,000 (1% earned, 99% contributed)
YOUTHZONE
Based in Glenwood Springs, serving Aspen to Parachute

Mission Statement: “Providing opportunities for youth to be responsible, contributing members of their communities and work with their families and the community toward this end.”

Overview: Established in 1976, YouthZone provides prevention and intervention services for at-risk youth and their families. These services include juvenile justice system intervention (court advocacy, deferred sentencing, diversion, case management and useful public service); restorative justice and victim/offender mediation; individual, family, and adolescent peer group counseling; and preventive programs. The majority of YouthZone clients are Garfield County boys aged 10 to 18 years, about half are Anglo and half are Latino.

Leadership: Jami Hayes, Executive Director
Number of staff: 10 full-time, 2 part-time
Number Served: 550
Current Budget: $1,400,000 (6% earned, 94% contributed)

ASPEN TIMES COLUMNS FEATURING LOCAL NONPROFITS

ACF authors a bi-monthly column in The Aspen Times highlighting issues that impact children and families and the nonprofit organizations providing services and support.

Building brain awareness to support belonging – FocusedKids
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Shifting habits to create generational wealth – The Savings Collaborative
Engaged philanthropy leads to increased support for youth – Stepping Stones, Yampah Mountain High School, YouthZone
Bringing awareness to break the silence – Response
Connect hearts and minds across communities – Manaus, The Arts Campus at Willits, Voices
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Upcoming GlenX expo event plants postsecondary seeds – GlenX
Nonprofit workers are a nonrenewable resource – Early Learning Center, YouthZone
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The Art Base
Ascendigo
Aspen Alpine Club
Aspen Art Museum
Aspen Camp for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Aspen Center for Environmental Studies
Aspen Chapel
Aspen Choral Society
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Aspen Community Theatre
Aspen Country Day School
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Aspen Film
Aspen Fire Protection District
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Aspen Journalism
Aspen Junior Golf Foundation
Aspen Music Festival and School
Aspen Public Radio
Aspen Santa Fe Ballet
Aspen School District
Aspen Science Center
Aspen Snowmass Nordic Council
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Aspen Valley Hospital Foundation
Aspen Valley Land Trust
Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club
Aspen Words
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AspenOUT

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Basalt Regional Library District
Blue Lake Preschool
Bridging Bionics Foundation
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Carbondale Arts
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Chris Klug Foundation
CLEER (Clean Energy Economy for the Region)
College Outreach
Colorado Animal Rescue
Colorado Cattlemen’s Agricultural Land Trust
Colorado Fourteeners Initiative
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Colorado Mountain Club
Colorado Mountain College Foundation
Colorado Open Lands
Community Health Services
Conservation Colorado Education Fund
Conservation Fund
Dance Initiative
DanceAspen
Early Childhood Network
Early Learning Center
EcoFlight
English In Action
Family Resource Center, Roaring Fork Schools
The Farm Collaborative
Feed My Sheep Ministry
FocusedKids
Food Bank of the Rockies
Forest Conservancy
Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter
Friends of Colorado Avalanche Information Center
Garfield County Animal Welfare Foundation
Garfield County Public Library District
Garfield County School District 16
Garfield School District Re-2
GrassRoots Television
Great Expectations (formerly Family Visitor Program)  
Growing Years School  
Harvest For Hunger  
High Country News  
Homecare and Hospice of the Valley  
Independence Pass Foundation  
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KDNK Carbondale Community Access Radio  
LIFT-UP  
Literacy Outreach  
Lucky Day Animal Rescue of Colorado  
MANAUS  
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Middle Colorado Watershed Council  
Mind Springs Health  
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Mountain Family Health Centers  
Mountain Rescue Aspen  
Mountain Valley Developmental Services  
Mountain Valley Horse Rescue  
Neshama Center  
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Pathfinders  
Pitkin County Library  
Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains  
Protect Our Winters  
Raising A Reader Aspen to Parachute  
Reach Out and Read Colorado  
Recovery Resources  
Red Brick Center for the Arts  
Response  
Riding Institute for Disabled Equestrians  
River Bridge Regional Center  
River Center of New Castle  
Roaring Fork Conservancy  
Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association  
Roaring Fork Music Society  
Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers  
Roaring Fork Pickleball Association  
Roaring Fork PreCollegiate  
Roaring Fork Valley Storytellers  
Rocky Mountain Institute  
Rocky Mountain PBS  
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ORGANIZATION FUNDS
ACF holds funds on behalf of nonprofit organizations, providing assurance to their donors that funds earmarked for the future are invested wisely and used appropriately. ACF manages these funds as part of its investment portfolio and distributes payments to the organizations.

ASPEN JUNIOR HOCKEY ENDOWMENT FUND
“Developing strong character and a love of the game through the sport of hockey.”

BOB BEATTIE ENDOWMENT FUND OF ASPEN VALLEY SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB
“To provide all youth in the greater Roaring Fork Valley the opportunity to excel as athletes and as people through winter sports.”

THE BUDDY PROGRAM ENDOWMENT FUND
“Empowering youth through mentoring experiences in order to reach their full potential.”

ANGUS L GRAHAM MEMORIAL FUND
“The Carbondale Clay Center exists to enrich lives through ceramic arts.”

GRASSROOTS ASIA ORGANIZATION FUND
“Grassroots Asia identifies and empowers grassroots projects in Asia which offer a high social return on investment. Emphasis is placed on emergency relief, basic care (food, water, shelter, health care) and education for children and the under-privileged.”

ROARING FORK LEADERSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND
“RFL develops individuals to become more effective leaders who engage and enhance their communities.”

TREES, WATER & PEOPLE, INC. FUND
“Our mission is to improve people’s lives by helping communities protect, conserve and manager the natural resources upon which their long-term well-being depends.”

THUNDER RIVER THEATRE COMPANY ENDOWMENT & GENERAL FUNDS
“By engaging artists and audiences, Thunder River Theatre Company explores the human experience through inspired theatre and innovative artistry.”

VALLEY VIEW HOSPITAL ENDOWMENT FUND
“To accelerate excellence in healthcare at Valley View through philanthropy.”

YOUTHZONE FOUNDATION FUND
“Providing opportunities for youth to be responsible, contributing members of their communities and work with their families and the community toward this end.”
Despite the perception of abundance, numerous people in the Aspen to Parachute region struggle to provide for themselves and their families. Many in our community are on the edge of financial hardship, often making decisions about which basic need they can afford and are often one unforeseen expense away from crisis. Aspen Community Foundation holds an array of funds that help individuals and families afford essential services, creating stability in their lives and the community.

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND**
For 30 years, the Emergency Assistance Fund has helped individuals and families with limited resources who find themselves in financial crisis meet their basic needs. Local organizations and agencies may apply on behalf of someone seeking financial assistance for food, clothing, housing, utility bills, medical or dental care, or transportation.

**GAP FUND**
Established in 2019 by Frances Ginsburg and Robert Olson, the Gap Fund’s mission is to improve the lives of individuals and families in the Aspen to Parachute region by providing financial assistance to fill in the gap between available resources and expenses.

**MENTAL HEALTH FUND**
The Aspen to Parachute region has significant instances of substance abuse, suicide, and other mental health issues. Access to treatment can be out of reach for many in the community due to seasonal and low-wage jobs without health benefits and the highest insurance premiums in the country. The Mental Health Fund provides assistance to individuals needing mental health services.

**QUALITY OF LIFE CANCER FUND**
A cancer diagnosis can cause financial hardship for patients and families in the form of treatment-related costs and decreased income. Expenses such as household bills, travel for treatment, and childcare take an economic toll on families. In partnership with Aspen Valley Hospital Foundation, the Quality of Life Fund provides financial assistance to patients, survivors, families, and caregivers to help mitigate this burden.

**SENIORS FUND**
The Seniors Fund addresses quality of life issues affecting seniors living from Aspen to Parachute. Individuals can receive support to improve their health and wellness, living environment, and to meet basic needs.

**VALLEY AUTISM ASSISTANCE FUND**
Families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder often need additional support when dealing with the specialized and complex issues surrounding autism. To ease the compounded levels of stress involved with daily life maintenance and unexpected crisis, this fund was created to provide monetary assistance to families of emergency or crisis.
Scholarships & Experiential Learning

Scholarships help students in need reach their postsecondary educational goals and provide opportunities for experiential learning. Aspen Community Foundation holds 14 funds that provide tuition assistance to graduating high school seniors and returning college students as well as offer educational travel for current high school students. These funds support students from diverse backgrounds with varying college and career paths, including first generation college attendees, low-income students, those pursuing technical certification and apprenticeship training, and those interested in history and conservation.

GUNILLA ISRAEL ASHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2015 by The Aspen Times
Criteria: Demonstrating financial need
Awards: 1 per year, $2,000
Schools: Aspen

HARLEY BALDWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2005 by ACF in memory of Harley Baldwin, a former ACF board member
Criteria: First-generation and demonstrating financial need
Awards: Five to 10 per year, $1,000-5,000 each
Schools: Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs

BETTYFLIES FOUNDATION FLIGHT SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2022 with a gift from the BettyFlies Foundation
Criteria: Students interested in learning to fly and a career in aviation
Awards: 3 per year, $12,000 each
Schools: Aspen

BRADEN Q. BRUINGTON BASALT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2016 by the family of Braden Bruington
Criteria: Strong academic record and demonstrating financial need
Awards: 1 per year, $1,500
Schools: Basalt

COUNT ON ME SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2019 by the Dopkin Family
Criteria: Demonstrating inclusivity, reliability and leadership
Awards: 1 per year, $2,000
Schools: Aspen

FAST FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2014 by Paul D. Bushong, Jr.
Criteria: Pursuing technical or vocational certification
Awards: Two-year scholarships to 10-20 students per year, up to $10,000 each
Schools: Carbondale and Glenwood Springs
JOHN GOLD PRECOLLEGIATE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2006 by Barbara and John Gold
Criteria: Roaring Fork PreCollegiate graduates entering and continuing college
Awards: 30-75 per year, $500-3,000
Schools: Basalt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs

JOHN GOLD PRECOLLEGIATE PROGRAM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2014 by Anne and Bill Tobey and Kathy and David Chase to provide sustainable funding for the John Gold PreCollegiate Program Scholarship

JEROME HATEM SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2019 by friends and family of Jerome Hatem
Criteria: Participant in a junior-level rugby program in the Roaring Fork Valley
Awards: 1 per year, $1000-2,000
Schools: Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs

TOM PEIRCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2003 by the family of Tom Peirce
Criteria: Demonstrating financial need
Awards: 2 per year, $5,000 each
Schools: Aspen and Basalt

AARON ROBERTS-GRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2019 by the family of Aaron Roberts-Gray
Criteria: Male student
Awards: 1 per year, $1,200, renewable
Schools: Glenwood Springs

MCBRIDE AFRICAN INTERNSHIP
Established in 2014 by Laurie and John McBride to promote wildlife and conservation education for youth through annual two-week internships at Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya
Criteria: Strong interest in conservation
Awards: 8 students participate per year
Schools: Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs

NORMANDY & WWII EDUCATION
Established in 2016 by Paul D. Bushong, Jr., to promote understanding of the significance of Normandy and its place in World War II through an annual 12-day educational trip to New Orleans and France
Criteria: Sophomores or juniors, participating in advanced history classes
Awards: 9-12 students participate per year
Schools: Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs
Special Interest Areas

Special Interest Area funds are held by Aspen Community Foundation for specific purposes. These funds are established to support a broad array of interests such as the arts, disaster relief or health. Donors can give to these causes, relying on Aspen Community Foundation to identify organizations and projects capable of making the greatest impact.

COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FUND
The Community to Community Fund provides a way for donors to support the immediate and long-term needs of disaster victims and their families as well as impacted agencies and communities. Since Hurricane Katrina, contributions to this fund have been used to help other communities impacted by natural disasters. Most recently, contributions collected in response to the Lake Christine Fire were disbursed for immediate relief and recovery efforts focused on impacted individuals and families and to support long-term mitigation and preparedness efforts.

LAREY J. DRESNER MEMORIAL FUND
The Larey J. Dresner Memorial Fund was established in 2009 by his family. The Fund supports nonprofit organizations that provide quality afterschool programming for elementary and middle school students from Aspen to Parachute.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND
The first five years of a child’s life is a time of extraordinary brain development that shapes cognitive and social emotional growth. Quality, enriching early childhood experiences during this crucial time is vital to ensuring that children have a positive start in life. Established in 2008, the Early Childhood Fund supports parent education, preschool, and literacy programs that promote social-emotional development and school readiness. Gifts to this fund may qualify for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit (see page 3).

EBF CULTURAL DIVERSITY FUND
In honor of Ellen Freedman, former Aspen Community Foundation executive director, the EBF Cultural Diversity Fund was established to target an important area of community life. The Fund awards grants to organizations that are making a difference in embracing the ethnic and cultural diversity of our communities from Aspen to Parachute. These organizations provide individuals from a variety of backgrounds the opportunity for full participation in community life.

ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION MATCH
Since 2005, Aspen Community Foundation has partnered with the Environment Foundation of the Aspen Skiing Company to match employee contributions for their semiannual grant allocations. Organizations supported focus on climate change awareness, advocacy, and policy; gardens and local agriculture; responsible oil and gas development; trail work and restoration projects; water policy, and youth environmental education.
GLENX CAREER EXPO FUND
The GlenX Career Expo was founded on the belief that every Aspen to Parachute high school student needs more opportunities to learn about career choices and the postsecondary education needed to pursue various pathways. The Expos, which take place twice each school year, connect students to local businesses, exposing them to career possibilities and opportunities for internships, apprenticeships, career shadowing and summer jobs. These events reach more than 2,800 students and 250 businesses.

SAVE A LIFE FUND
The Save A Life Fund was established in 2011 to increase the community’s ability to administer CPR and early defibrillation to people suffering from sudden cardiac arrest. Generally, this program will assist with the purchase of new and upkeep of existing automatic external defibrillators and support community-wide educational outreach (website, materials, etc.), and training for CPR and early defibrillation.

SLM SPECIAL NEEDS FUND
The SLM Special Needs Fund at Aspen Community Foundation was created in April 2006 to provide funds for special and urgent needs to nonprofits from Aspen to Parachute. The Fund enables ACF to provide a quick response to opportunities unforeseen by a nonprofit, or to address urgent needs that challenge an organization’s services or operations.
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