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IN 2019, ASPEN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CONTINUED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THOUSANDS OF

individuals and families in our Aspen to Parachute region by helping to build philanthropy, supporting effective nonprofits and providing leadership for the eight-year-old Cradle to Career Initiative.

Because of contributions from hundreds of donors, ACF was able to distribute more than \$10 million in grants from donor advised funds, community grantmaking and scholarship funds. Our work in 2019 focused on:

- serving as the backbone organization for the Cradle to Career Initiative;
- convening nonprofits, businesses and government for increased collaboration to effectively serve community members;
- identifying and raising resources for projects that help fill service and policy gaps;
- collecting, consolidating and sharing previously unavailable regional data to enable better decision-making for nonprofit and government leaders.

Together with the community we are making measurable progress in strengthening programs and services that support families and children, especially those who are low-income and at risk.

We are grateful for the leadership over the past six years of Barbara Gold whose term as Board Chair ended in December 2019. We thank her for unwavering dedication to the mission of ACF and her calm and steady presence regardless of the pressure.

Over the past five months, we have been confronting the unprecedented and unexpected challenges of COVID-19. Building on the competencies ACF has developed in Cradle to Career, and the increasing trust of community members, the Foundation has played a prominent role in addressing the needs of those most impacted by the virus.

None of the successes of 2019 or our work during this pandemic would have been possible without committed Board members, a capable professional team and dedicated community partners from every sector. We extend a special thank you and deep appreciation to the donors who do not waiver in their support for the community through ACF.

We are confident that together we will continue to build a more just and vibrant community, despite the hardships of COVID-19.

With deepest gratitude for your partnership,



Allen Grossman
Board Chair



Tamara Tormohlen
Executive Director



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3 COUNTIES
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4 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

ASPEN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (ACF) builds philanthropy and supports nonprofit organizations by connecting donors to community needs, building permanent charitable funds, and bringing people together to solve community problems.

Founded in 1980, ACF's efforts have an impact in communities throughout the greater Roaring Fork and Colorado River valleys. Through its broad perspective of the region, and depth and breadth of knowledge of community trends, issues, and needs, ACF is able to direct funding where it is needed most.

In the 39 years since its founding, ACF has convened local organizations and leading stakeholders to identify regional needs and implement effective solutions using its relationships, institutional knowledge, and grantmaking. With the COVID-19 crisis, ACF is leading community response efforts to help individuals and families impacted by the pandemic. This includes working with government, nonprofits, and schools to coordinate assistance and outreach, engaging donors to support needs, and disbursing funding to nonprofit organizations providing critical services.

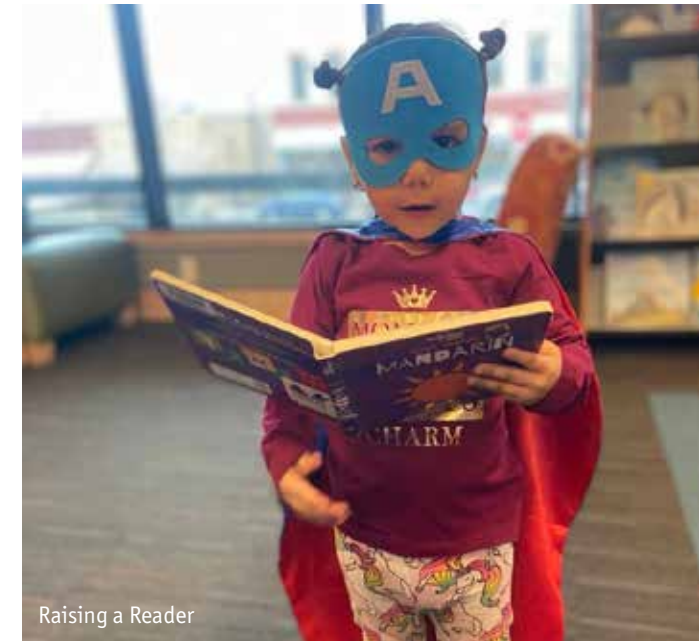
ASPEN TO PARACHUTE CRADLE TO CAREER INITIATIVE



ACF'S ASPEN TO PARACHUTE CRADLE TO CAREER INITIATIVE was launched in 2012 to address the quiet crisis facing our region's 20,000 youth and children: profound achievement gaps between low-income and their more affluent peers, acute differences in hope between our Latinx and White students, and many high school students unprepared for college and career.

As the Backbone for the Aspen to Parachute Cradle to Career Initiative (CCI), ACF uses the strategy of Collective Impact to explore effective approaches for improving outcomes for children. ACF guides the vision of CCI, shares data and research, strengthens networks, builds community investments in youth success and identifies opportunities for policy change.

CRADLE TO CAREER INITIATIVE



Raising a Reader

READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

The Ready for Kindergarten Network has seen success in the expansion of quality, licensed, early childhood education throughout the region. Since young children's brains develop in all caregiving environments and most children are only in licensed programs part of each week, supporting parents and caregivers in providing the most enriching and responsive experiences before kindergarten became the next priority of the work.



Preschool on Wheels

PRESCHOOL ON WHEELS MOVING ON AFTER SEVEN SUCCESSFUL YEARS

Developed in partnership with the Garfield School District Re-2, Aspen Community Foundation's Preschool on Wheels program has served the children and families of Rifle, Silt and New Castle since 2012. In that time, Preschool on Wheels has accomplished what it set out to do: fill a gap in early childhood education spaces and ensure kindergarten readiness for low-income children who were not able to access traditional programs. With the increased availability of early education spaces, the Preschool on Wheels program concluded operations in May 2019.



Youthentity ProStart

READY FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER

Helping students explore career pathways and develop a plan for postsecondary education are key to ensuring students are on a course that leads to economic independence. Prior to the launch of the Cradle to Career Initiative, access to programs to support students in postsecondary preparation and planning was limited. Thus, many students didn't have the guidance and support to explore college and career options so that when they left high school, they weren't equipped. Counselors in each of the schools work with students through one-on-one advising, connecting students with internship and job shadowing opportunities, and informing them of available scholarships to help them pursue a certificate or degree.



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POST HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS

As support for college-going students expanded through the Post High School Success programs, counselors identified gaps in opportunities for students pursuing technical education and training. Partnerships among school districts, higher education, nonprofits and ACF have developed multiple programs in the region to address these gaps. Students are engaged in hands-on technical education and earning certificates while in high school, increasing their employability and wage potential upon graduation.



ULTIMATE SKI PASS

HONORING A 39-YEAR TRADITION OF STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY, Aspen Community Foundation is proud once again to have the support of Aspen Skiing Company through the Ultimate Ski Pass program. Blending passion for the mountains with high-impact philanthropy, this program and the generous donors who contribute to it support the Cradle to Career Initiative. The \$500,000 contributed from this season's Ultimate Ski Pass holders helps to support the Preschool on Wheels program, provides funding for youth-serving nonprofit organizations, and supports ACF's Backbone work.

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WITH THE SUPPORT OF LAURA AND GARY LAUDER, Aspen Community Foundation created the Cradle to Career Giving Network to make a difference in the lives of children and families in the Aspen to Parachute region. The Network is comprised of a group of philanthropists who, by investing in the strategy of Collective Impact, are helping to positively impact youth development and the future of our region.

Members convene several times a year to learn from experts and practitioners working to improve youth outcomes, review the regional data on issues and challenges facing the region, participate in a series of meetings with peers to discuss promising solutions and engage with nonprofit organizations.

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THE CRADLE TO CAREER INITIATIVE FUND PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE INITIATIVE including ACF's role as the Backbone, the Preschool on Wheels program, the Post High School Success program and collaborative projects with nonprofits that are working toward kindergarten readiness, social-emotional wellbeing, and college and career attainment for all youth in our region.

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Throughout its history, ACF has supported organizations addressing the spectrum of needs throughout the Aspen to Parachute region. By prioritizing areas of greatest need, holistic approaches, measurable results and collaboration, ACF's investments create a stronger civic and community vitality. This fund provides grants to nonprofit organizations on an annual basis.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

The first five years of a child's life are a time of extraordinary brain development that shapes cognitive and social-emotional growth. Quality, enriching early childhood experiences during this crucial time are vital to ensuring that children have a positive start in life. This fund supports parent education, preschool, and early literacy programs.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

Despite the perception of abundance, many in the Aspen to Parachute region struggle to provide for themselves and their families. Many in our community do not earn enough to meet basic needs such as housing, childcare, food, healthcare, and transportation. This fund supports organizations and agencies that help individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardship.

SENIORS FUND

This fund addresses quality of life issues affecting seniors from Aspen to Parachute. The fund supports access to health and wellness, basic needs, living environments and other things that impact one's quality of life and ability to age in place.

ENVIRONMENT FUND

ACF addresses the interconnectedness of place, people, and quality of life by partnering with Aspen Skiing Company's Environment Foundation to match Aspen Skiing Company employee contributions. From environmental and conservation groups to organizations advocating green energy, smart growth, and alternative solutions, this partnership supports the preservation of our natural heritage.

GAP FUND

Established in 2019, 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

Individuals and families in our region can experience mental health challenges brought about by geographic isolation, seasonal and low-wage jobs, instances of substance abuse, and some of the highest health insurance premiums in the country. This fund provides assistance to individuals and families who are in need of mental health services but can't afford to pay the full cost.

QUALITY OF LIFE CANCER FUND

A cancer diagnosis can cause financial hardship for patients and families due to decreased income and treatment-related costs. Expenses such as household bills, travel for treatment, and childcare, for example, take a further economic toll on families. This fund provides financial assistance to patients, survivors, families and caregivers to help mitigate this burden.

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 Aspen Santa Fe Ballet
 Aspen School District
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 Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club
 Aspen Youth Center

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 College Outreach
 Colorado Mountain College
 Community Health Services
 Early Childhood Network
 Emergency Assistance Fund
 English in Action
 The Environment Foundation
 Family Resource Center of the Roaring Fork
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 GlenX Career Expo
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 Growing Years School
 LIFT-UP
 Literacy Outreach
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 Mental Health Fund (68 clients)
 Mount Sopris Montessori School
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 Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains,
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 Quality of Life Project - Aspen Valley Hospital
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SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarship Students

ACF DIRECTS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WHICH PROVIDE TUITION ASSISTANCE to graduating high school seniors and continuing college students. These funds support students from diverse backgrounds with varying college and career paths, including first-generation college attendees, low-income students, and those pursuing technical certification and apprenticeship training.

ACF's scholarship funds connect students in need with individuals who want to help our region's youth reach their postsecondary educational goals. Scholarship funds may be established to benefit a specific student demographic, school, or field of study. In 2019, ACF disbursed a total of \$318,962 in scholarships to 126 students.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Tony DiLucia, James & Hensley Peterson



PreCollegiate Students

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Colorado Mountain College (11 students)
Colorado Northwestern Community College
(2 students)
Colorado School of Mines (3 students)
Colorado State University (33 students)
Community College of Aurora
Community College of Denver
Fort Lewis College (2 students)

Front Range Community College
Luther College
Marymount Manhattan College
Metropolitan State University, Denver
Monmouth College
Oakland University
Quest University
Regis University (2 students)
Rhodes College
Salon Professional Academy (2 students)
San Francisco State University
Santa Clara University (2 students)

Southwestern College
Trinity University
University of Colorado, Boulder (15 students)
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Colorado, Denver
University of Northern Colorado (6 students)
University of Puget Sound (5 students)
University of Southern California
Villanova University

GIVING

INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES CAN MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE in the community by supporting ACF in multiple ways. ACF accepts gifts in a variety of forms, including cash, publicly traded securities, real estate, life insurance policies, artwork, and various other appreciated assets.

GIVE TO GRANTMAKING AND CRADLE TO CAREER

Gifts to ACF's funds help build a stronger community through our annual grantmaking to nonprofits and our Backbone work for the Aspen to Parachute Cradle to Career Initiative.

GIVE TO ACF'S ENDOWMENT

ACF's permanent endowment fund provides operational support, allowing your contributions to grantmaking funds to be used to support ACF programs and nonprofit organizations.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2019 WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	2019 WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL (Audited)
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Contributions	10,713,609	-	10,713,609	7,359,139
Investment Income, Net of Fees	5,771,296	13,374	5,784,670	(2,250,257)
Other Income	30,186	-	30,186	53,320
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	16,515,091	13,374	16,528,465	5,162,202
EXPENSES				
PROGRAM SERVICES				
Grants	10,086,538	-	10,086,538	8,789,425
Other Program Expenses	1,270,437	-	1,270,437	1,263,291
SUBTOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	11,356,975	-	11,356,975	10,052,716
SUPPORTING SERVICES				
Management and General	237,199	-	237,199	186,517
Development	248,641	-	248,641	187,995
SUBTOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	485,840	-	485,840	374,512
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,842,815	-	11,842,815	10,427,228
Change in Net Assets	4,672,276	13,374	4,685,650	
Net Assets, January 1, 2019*	36,778,206	24,906	36,803,112	
Net Assets, December 31, 2019*	41,450,482	38,280	41,488,762	

* Including Organization Funds

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	2019	2018 (Audited)
Cash and Equivalents	448,041	23,057
Accounts Receivable	48,685	53,467
Prepaid and Other Assets	14,311	10,615
Investments at Fair Value	39,684,170	35,375,894
Office Space	1,200,000	1,233,333
Office Furniture and Equivalents	93,555	106,746
TOTAL ASSETS	\$41,488,762	\$36,803,112
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	129,223	82,220
Grants Payable	1,425,478	1,467,791
Mortgage Payable	753,675	802,196
Assets Held as Organization Funds	3,288,233	2,974,826
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$5,596,609	\$5,327,033
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Donor Advised Funds	16,073,319	13,979,935
Field of Interest Funds	1,563,620	1,639,679
Designated Funds	51,203	70,943
Scholarship Funds	1,117,636	908,824
Discretionary Grantmaking Funds	2,864,371	2,297,145
ACF Endowment Fund	14,133,724	12,503,846
SUBTOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$35,803,873	\$31,400,372
RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Temporarily Restricted	38,280	25,707
Permanently Restricted	50,000	50,000
SUBTOTAL RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$88,280	\$75,707
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$41,488,762	\$36,803,112

\$41.5 MILLION
IN TOTAL
ASSETS

858 GIFTS
TOTALING
\$10.7 MILLION

1,382 GRANTS
TOTALING
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