

In 2024, ACF launched its Community Leadership focus to act as a regional bridge builder and convener. Building on 45 years as a community foundation, ACF now convenes leaders, assesses needs, shares data, and fosters action on critical issues. We support community-led conversations and help nonprofits strengthen their capacity for sustainable impact in the Aspen to Parachute region.



OUR ACTIONS

We use our community knowledge, relationships with nonprofit leaders, and connection to philanthropists to:

- Build collaborative action among and alongside nonprofit leaders
- Educate philanthropists and connect them with nonprofit leaders driving positive change
- Strengthen nonprofit organizations to ensure a sustainable ecosystem
- Support community conversations about pressing needs and promising solutions

OUR IMPACT IN 2024

SPONSORSHIPS

ACF sponsored community-led conversations on key regional issues, supporting **eight nonprofits**.

Focused on:

LGBTQ matters, food security, cultural diversity and civic engagement.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

ACF funded **nine nonprofits** to enhance strategic planning, evaluation, and service expansion.

Support included:

Food security programs, health clinics, childcare providers, and behavioral health services, fostering equity and diversity in the Aspen to Parachute region.

NONPROFIT CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

ACF and three regional funders are developing a Nonprofit Community Impact Academy to launch in Q2 2025.

Program focuses: Leadership, organizational infrastructure, finance, program design, resource development, collaboration, and mission-based communication.

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♥ OUR IMPACT IN 2024 CONTINUED

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS (COAD)

ACF's support enables staff to lead COAD in strengthening its structure for **effective disaster response**.

Valerie Carlin, Chief Impact Officer and co-chair, facilitates meetings, oversees communications, and developed COAD's framework. COAD recruits and trains volunteers while building ties with emergency personnel and nonprofits in Pitkin, Eagle and, Garfield counties



MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP WITH KATZ AMSTERDAM

ACF's Community Leadership efforts deepened understanding of regional mental health challenges, leading to support from the Katz Amsterdam Foundation.

This funding supports a regional data dashboard and improves access for communities of color through Valley Settlement and A Way Out.

COMMUNITY INDICATORS REPORT

ACF began planning a community indicators report for the Aspen to Parachute region, combining regional data and lived experiences.

Releasing in 2025, the report aims to inspire new perspectives, highlight regional interdependence, and spark collaborative community conversations to tackle shared challenges.

✔ CONCLUSION

In 2024, ACF laid the groundwork for the Nonprofit Center for Excellence, set to launch in 2025.

This year, ACF will focus on execution, implementation and gathering data and community input for the Community Indicators report. ACF is committed to expanding sponsorships and technical assistance grants and empowering more organizations to thrive. ACF will continue leading COAD and strengthening its partnership with Katz Amsterdam to drive meaningful impact.