

Forge a legacy!

ONWARD!



**2020
ANNUAL
REPORT**



ONWARD! A LEGACY FOUNDATION
 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SERVING THE
 FOUR CORNERS' COMMUNITIES

MISSION:

Provide opportunities to develop and maintain a sustainable resource base that will enhance the quality of life for residents in the Four Corners' communities.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- ⊕ Invest donor funds responsibly to preserve capital, provide growth, and earn income for grant making
- ⊕ Create and encourage methods for philanthropic giving to meet financial goals for a variety of donors
- ⊕ Identify, improve, and assist in addressing the needs of the Four Corners' communities
- ⊕ Foster understanding and cooperation among diverse cultural and ethnic groups

**PUTT-PUTT 2020 WAS A
 "STAR-STUDED" EVENT**

Last February, the Onward! staff, board, and local players dressed as their favorite movie characters and putted around downtown for our 5th Annual Putt-Putt Tournament. Thank you to all our hole sponsors, which include: Moose & More, Stonefish Sushi and More, Sun Glass (at the Sharehouse), The Wigglin' Pig, High Desert Life Outdoors (winner of the people's choice "Best Hole"), The Sharehouse, Wild Edge Brewery, Loungin' Lizard, FB Organics, Cortez Cultural Center, Main Street Brewery, and Southwest Seed (at the Sharehouse).

Because of the pandemic, we have cancelled the 2021 Putt-Putt event. We look forward to a "rocking" 2022 event as we all dress like our favorite musical performers.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Onward! A Legacy Foundation is in close contact with our community through the many funds we work with. We see the struggles of our community through the struggles of some of those funds. Some are in a holding pattern until the time comes when they can continue with the work and passion that created them. Onward! will be there to help support those funds when they are able to forge forward with their hard work.

Our annual grant cycle was a great success! It was a wonderful feeling to see so many causes in our community get the economic support they need. A huge thank you to those who came through to provide that economic support.

Onward! Foundation continues to work with those who want to leave a legacy. Let us help you or someone you know to forge a legacy that will help our community to grow and thrive.

*Our weary world is looking for hope,
Pete Montaña*

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We at Onward! sincerely hope you, your family and friends are safe, healthy and maintaining their sanity during this crazy year of 2020. Onward! was able to weather the initial pandemic storm and stock market meltdown while continuing to serve many people in need in our small communities. We have taken advantage of many funding programs, including the Payroll Protection Program, multiple grants from the COVID-19 Relief Funds of Colorado and CARES Act funding from our county and cities.

In looking back over the year, it feels as though we experienced an intensity of activity, as though we were forged through fire, burned off the dross, and the precious metal of our essential services survived, and in fact thrived. During the seemingly endless months of March and April, Onward! and our fiscal funds were able to secure over \$600,000 in grants and funds to support our operations! Most of these funds were paid out and used to assist those being disproportionately affected by COVID-19, mostly in the area of food security. In our area, these funds had a far reaching economic and social impact on hundreds of residents in our communities.

During 2020, we will have brought in a record total of grants and funds totaling over \$2 million! Although many of our funds have had to put their programming on a temporary hold, others have put in a tremendous amount of extra time and effort to provide essential, basic services (please read their stories in this annual report). We continue to make adjustments where necessary and bring on new funds that will enhance our quality of life in the Four Corners area.

Thank you for all your time, energy, and treasure as we “Forge A Legacy”!

*Sincerely,
Chuck Forth*

YEAR TWO OF FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT

In 2018, Onward! was awarded a \$475,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Human Services (DHS) to be distributed to food pantries across Colorado to then purchase Colorado Proud Products for their constituents. The demand was very high and we distributed funds to 94 food pantries.

In 2019, the funding from the state was cut to \$100,000, but Onward! was able to support over 25 food pantries in Colorado. With the reduction in funding, the competition was quite stiff and decisions were tough to make.

In 2020, Colorado DHS retained the food pantry assistance grant to distribute funding quickly in response to the COVID pandemic.

Onward! hopes to return as the fund administrator in 2021. Our state legislature will make those allocations in the FYE 2022 budget in the upcoming session.





DONOR ADVISED LEGACIES

WE CONNECT PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

Yellow Jacket Charitable Fund: supported the Montezuma-Cortez High School Soccer Team and For Pets' Sake

Heartwood Fund: supported the SouthWest Colorado Concerts, Four Corners Community Band, Good Samaritan Center, Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest Collaborative, the Dove's Nest, and Montezuma County Public Health youth immunization program

Searle Community Endowment Fund: supported Montezuma County Public Health, Pine River Valley Heritage Society, SCAPE: Southwest Colorado Accelerator Program for Entrepreneurs, Galloping Goose Historical Society, and the K-9 Search & Rescue Team, Inc.

Golden Dreams Foundation Fund: supported the Bridge Emergency Shelter, Community Radio Project (KSJD), Sunflower Theatre, Cortez Public Library, and the Four Corners Child Advocacy Center.

Heart of Axis Employee Giving Fund: supported Housing Solutions for the Southwest, Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center, the Grief Center of Southwest Colorado, Hospice of Montezuma, and the Four Corners Child Advocacy Center

ONWARD! IN OUR COMMUNITY

DURING THE LAST YEAR, ONWARD! AND ITS FUND PARTNERS AWARDED OVER \$358,530 IN GRANTS IN THE FOUR CORNERS' COMMUNITIES. GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- Cortez Animal Shelter to support operations
- Salvation Army, 12 monthly grants for their family assistance fund
- Village Center for the Arts for nurturing an environment for artistic creativity for all ages

THE DECEMBER 2019 GENERAL ENDOWMENT ENHANCEMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- Montezuma Food Coalition
- Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project
- School Community Youth Collaborative
- Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance
- Mancos FoodShare
- Four Corners Child Advocacy Center
- Battle Rock Charter School summer children's Chautauqua

THE MONTEZUMA COUNTY EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- The Pinon Project
- Good Samaritan Center
- Montezuma Food Coalition
- Mancos FoodShare
- Bridge Emergency Shelter
- Reaching Out to Community and Kids
- Montezuma County Public Health Smilemakers
- J. Fargo's Meals for Frontline Workers
- Children's Kiva
- Lindsay-Geer DAV #44
- Senior Housing Options
- Montelores Early Childhood Council





SCHOLARSHIPS IN OUR COMMUNITY



OVER \$70,556 IN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP MONEY WAS GIVEN TO 41 LOCAL STUDENTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE FOUR CORNERS AREA. THIS SCHOLARSHIP MONEY HELPS THESE STUDENTS IN THEIR POST-SECONDARY ACADEMIC PURSUITS AT MANY OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS LISTED ABOVE.

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ HIGH SCHOOL

Taegen Allen	Marguerite Copeland	Salem Knuckles	Dimery Plewe
Casen Allmon	Jasen Engel	Hayden Leggett	Blair Rice
Cordell Baer	Gabriel Frizzell	Dylan Long	Nanabah Sam
Kylie Breitenbach	Kira Galbraith	Rylee Majors	Amanda Sturman
Matthew Broughton	Abigayle Gray	Sidney Majors	Katelynn Sweat
William Broughton	Trystan Henderson	Delaney Maness	Aryelle Wright
Kailey Case	David Hoffman	Nicholas Martin	Carson Yoder
TaeLynn Comisky	Morgan Jones	Forest Pejsa	
Taylor Comisky	Dakota Kantner		

DOLORES HIGH SCHOOL

Phillip Hufman	Brenn Jeter
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DOLORES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Taylor Hickman

MANCOS HIGH SCHOOL

Andrew Ruatti	Adam Yoder
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PAGOSA SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Gabriela Gallegos	Sarah Ross
Ryan Lewis	





AGENCY FUNDS

THE HEART TO HEART FUND
ESTABLISHED: JUNE 2007

THE AXIS HEALTH SYSTEM FUND
ESTABLISHED: JUNE 2009

THE HOSPICE OF MONTEZUMA FUND
ESTABLISHED: JULY 2013

**THE SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION FUND**
ESTABLISHED: DECEMBER 2013

CORTEZ FRIENDS OF D.A.R.E.
ESTABLISHED: JULY 2016

**FOUR CORNERS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
FUND**
ESTABLISHED MAY 2018

WHAT IS AN AGENCY FUND?

Agency funds are created by other non-profit 501(c)(3)s with Onward! for managing long-term funds.

These funds give organizations the opportunity to save dollars in a professionally managed fund that can generate investment income, year after year, but also remains fully accessible with a vote of the nonprofit's board. A portion of the earned income can be drawn down in set annual payments or reinvested in the fund to grow over time, according to the organization's needs. It's a flexible, simple way for nonprofits to build funds for a project or future operational needs. Agencies can also choose to create an endowed fund to maintain a principal balance for the future.

**READY TO FORGE
YOUR LEGACY?**

WHAT IS A DONOR ADVISED FUND?

Donor-Advised funds allow donors the most flexibility to achieve their charitable purposes and are a simple alternative to a Family Foundation.

Create a donor advised fund with Onward! A Legacy Foundation's help to navigate the process. With six easy steps, your legacy can make a mark in our community.

1. Make a gift of cash, securities, real estate or other assets to Onward!
2. Onward! creates a special fund in your name, or the name you select
3. You receive a tax benefit in the year your gift is made
4. You recommend uses for the fund
5. Onward! ensures that recipients of the fund are IRS-recognized nonprofits in good standing
6. Onward! handles the administrative details and pays grants to charities in the name of your fund

These funds are designed for donors to be actively involved in directing how the funds are used.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

THE SALVATION ARMY FUND AT ONWARD!
ESTABLISHED: DECEMBER 2006

Purpose: Established anonymously by two families to provide monthly gifts to the local chapter of the Salvation Army for family services.

THE GOLDEN DREAMS FOUNDATION FUND
ESTABLISHED: JANUARY 2010

Purpose: Created through an inheritance gift from a local family. The fund provides grants to non-profit organizations, including a generous multi-year grant to local nonprofits.

EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND
ESTABLISHED: OCTOBER 2015

Purpose: Initially established by a local family for the benefit of Manauh Elementary School but now funds are being raised to support all schools in the RE-1 School District. Funds are directed to items and activities that will enhance the ability of educators to provide a high quality learning experience.

THE YELLOW JACKET CHARITABLE FUND
ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 2017

Purpose: Created by a local Yellow Jacket family to help enhance the Onward! Grant Cycle and support nonprofits in Montezuma County.

THE HEARTWOOD FUND
ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 2017

Purpose: Established by a family in Montezuma County to support non-profits in the four corners area.

**CHRISTA CUSHMAN - CORTEZ ANIMAL
SHELTER FUND**
ESTABLISHED MAY 2018

Purpose: Created with a generous donation in the memory of Christa Cushman to support the Cortez Animal Shelter.

SEEDING KSJD'S FUTURE FUND
ESTABLISHED MAY 2019

Purpose: Established through a local donor to create a fund that looks towards helping KJSD as they grown in the future especially towards capital investments and expenditures.



SCCA FINDS SUCCESS IN AN UNCERTAIN YEAR

Though it is hard to get past the calamities of what has been 2020, there are a few shining moments for Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance (SCCA) to share with you.

First, the successful launch of TOURS By SCCA. This exciting new venture undertaken by SCCA began in the spring of 2020 and includes the offering of half-day and full-day guided hiking excursions to a variety of locations in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Each of the various hiking tours is led by an experienced and knowledgeable guide and aimed at providing the participants with a unique opportunity to soak in the splendor of the natural and cultural landscape found in Canyons of the Ancients. SCCA is currently offering a wide variety of hikes ranging from easy to moderate to challenging. Clients are sharing rave reviews of their experiences, such as this comment shared to us from a recent participant:



“Hiking through the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument is fun and beautiful. However, hiking under the guidance and with the experience of our guide from SCCA provided a very rich and interesting contextual experience that one should not miss.”

Most hikes offer panoramic views and up close encounters with ancient structures. Some of the more challenging hikes include trekking and scrambling to more remote and lesser known areas where the intrepid visitor is rewarded with elaborate rock art panels and the remarkably well preserved remains of ancient pueblo communities. More information about Tours By SCCA can be found at www.swcocanyons.org/tours/ or to arrange a tour of your own email tours.scca@gmail.com.

SCCA's second success of the year pertains to our continued partnership with Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in managing the Cultural Site Stewardship Program. This effort, led by Diane McBride, Cultural Site Stewardship Manager, resulted in many accomplishments including:

- Participation of 60 volunteer Cultural Site Stewards including 11 new stewards who joined the program this year
- Regular monitoring of 105 cultural sites including Ancestral Pueblo sites, Anglo or Navajo historic sites, and a Ute rock art site
- Several opportunities for ongoing education for site stewards through virtual trainings and in-person field trips
- 1,408 hours of volunteer site stewardship and 12,917 miles of volunteer driving to protect cultural sites which resulted in a WHOPPING value of \$38,297 in volunteer hours and \$1,808 in volunteer mileage

For information about how to become a SCCA volunteer for the Cultural Site Stewardship Program please email Diane McBride at diane.scca@gmail.com or visit www.swcocanyons.org/get-involved/.

Despite the debacle of the ongoing pandemic, SCCA remains optimistic about the future. Reason for hope can be found all around us in the generosity of our community and in the rugged and resilient landscape itself. As SCCA continues their work to engage the community in education, stewardship, and outreach activities that increase awareness about protecting and preserving the wonders of Canyons of the Ancients they offer their gratitude for your support of our programs and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year.



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ENDOWMENT FUNDS

THE CORTEZ PUBLIC LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

ESTABLISHED: NOVEMBER 2002

Purpose: Provides permanent support for specific library needs, and children's programs, and annual subscription costs through private donations.

THE SEARLE COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

ESTABLISHED: OCTOBER 2003

Purpose: Originally established by Citizens State Bank in honor of their past president, Charles Searle. The fund now awards an annual grant to programs or organizations benefiting the region as a whole.

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND OF ONWARD!

ESTABLISHED: SEPTEMBER 2009

Purpose: Provides permanent funds for grants and the general operation of the foundation. The yearly grant cycle runs from September 1st to October 15th with numerous grants awarded throughout the community in November.

KSJD ENDOWMENT FUND

ESTABLISHED: OCTOBER 2016

Purpose: Supports bringing news, arts, and entertainment programs to KSJD and the Sunflower Theatre.

SPECIFIC INTEREST FUNDS

ONWARD! GENERAL FUND

ESTABLISHED: APRIL 2002

Purpose: Used for the operations of the foundation. It is unrestricted and the income is generated from the annual 1% management fee assessed on the invested funds and management fees of fiscal fund sponsorship.

THE DOLORES LIBRARY DISTRICT FUND IN MEMORY OF CLIFFORD C. FOSSUM

ESTABLISHED: JULY 2004

Purpose: Supports specific library needs and programs at the Dolores Public Library. The fund was established in memory of Clifford C. Fossum, a local citizen who was an avid supporter of the Dolores Public Library.

THE MONTEZUMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEE FUND

ESTABLISHED: NOVEMBER 2007

Purpose: Assists the sheriff's office employees in the event of a tragedy or major medical situation. The fund maintains a minimum fund balance of \$10,000 and is funded by private donations.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CORTEZ LIBRARY FUND

ESTABLISHED: JANUARY 2008

Purpose: Provides additional earnings to the Friends group which in turn provides support to the Cortez Public Library.

THE UTE MOUNTAIN ROUNDUP RESERVE FUND

ESTABLISHED: AUGUST 2009

Purpose: Creates a reserve fund for future capital improvements at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds. Recent improvement include the addition of a roof to the grandstands and new chutes for the outdoor arena.

THE MANCOS LIBRARY FOUNDATION FUND

ESTABLISHED: JUNE 2012

Purpose: Support specific needs and programs at the Mancos Public Library and was created by library patrons.

CORTEZ ROTARY INVESTMENT FUND

ESTABLISHED: OCTOBER 2016

Purpose: Creates added income to support various Cortez Rotary projects including the Imagination Library Program.

COX FAMILY CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

ESTABLISHED MAY 2018

Purpose: Onward! manages this trust for the beneficiaries.

AXIS EMPLOYEE GIVING FUND

ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 2019

Purpose: Establishes charitable giving within the employees of Axis Health System. Steering committee reviews applications submitted during the Onward! Enhancement Grant cycle for funding in the five county area.

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT FUND?

Endowment funds manage assets in perpetuity and distribute the earnings annually to the beneficiary non-profit or scholarship.

The principal amount of gifts and bequests that are accepted are subject to a requirement that the principal be maintained intact and invested to create a source of income for a specific purpose. Endowment funds managed by Onward! earn market rates of return.

WHAT IS A SPECIFIC INTEREST FUND?

Specific interest funds can resemble other funds with Onward!. A specific interested fund can be set up by a donor to support his/her favorite non-profit organization over time. While a donor advised fund gives flexibility as to the recipient year to year, specific interest funds are designated to carry out the donor's specific wish annually.

Specific interest funds can also bring together a group of people to support a charitable interest in our community without creating a new 501(c)(3). Examples of this include the Ute Mountain Roundup Reserve Fund, and the various friends of the library funds.



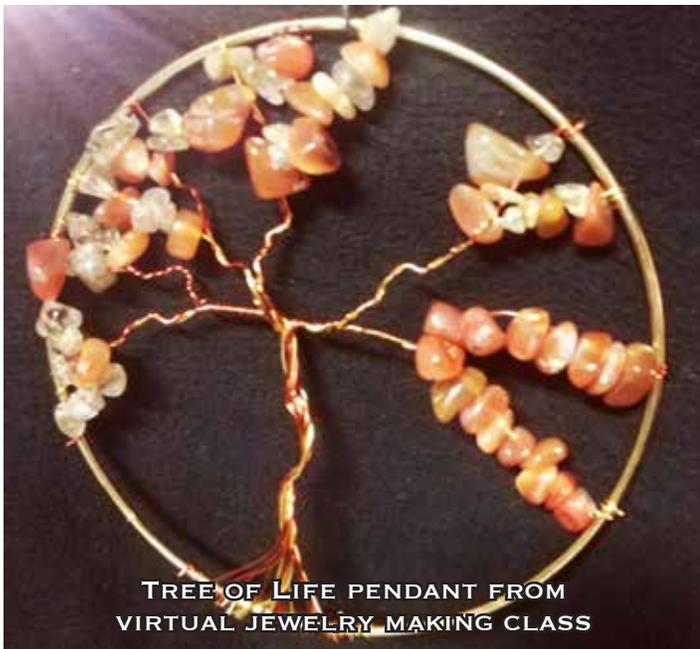
SCYC TRANSITIONS TO ONLINE PROGRAMMING

All programs moved to a virtual platform in March and then again in November.

In order to facilitate dynamic virtual programming, Sandhya Tillotson, Sagebrush Consulting, provided a Zoom training to all direct SCYC staff. The tools learned help staff deliver engaging content to youth in meaningful ways.

SCYC started a Discord platform as an alternative way to reach and interact with youth. This provides them with a space to reach youth directly, host programming, and provide general updates and opportunities.

21st Century: Montezuma-Cortez High School is continuing to offer most programming virtually. SCYC has taken over the parent engagement planning for M-CHS. The goal is to partner with the school counselors and create relevant information sessions for parents, based on parent surveys.



NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PRESS

Cultivating Sacred through Three Chicks Bakery (Dolores, CO) had a great piece in the Albuquerque news this summer. Take a look! Visit bit.ly/3ChicksBakeryPress to watch the moving story.



Also in national press, “On a crisp December afternoon, as the sun slowly fell behind the nearby Sawatch Range, Addie and Jude Schuenemeyer stared at a nearly dead tree, a few apples dangling off its last living branch.” Visit: bit.ly/MORPCNNPress to see the great piece about Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project on CNN.



MORP PURCHASES HERITAGE ORCHARD

Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project is a proud new owner of historic orchard property and now has a home base to grow its mission into the future while serving farmers, businesses, and supporters. They are excited to do the on-the-ground work to preserve our orchard heritage and demonstrate water conservation in orchards as they revitalize our local fruit economy. MORP is grateful to the Olson Family who farmed this ground for five generations and has entrusted them with their family legacy. They are humbled by Montezuma County’s “fruit growing wizard” Jasper Hall who broke ground on this historic orchard property over one hundred years ago.

The next step in the campaign is purchasing a mobile juice press. A press based in this region will significantly extend the harvest and juicing window and increase the amount of fruit being turned into a value-added product to meet demand. Small family farms that have not seen reliable markets for their apples in decades will receive revenue from their fruit.



FISCAL FUNDS

SCHOOL COMMUNITY YOUTH COLLABORATIVE (SCYC)

ESTABLISHED: DECEMBER 2010

Purpose: SCYC creates opportunities for youth to build healthy relationships and to engage in their communities through service learning.

CORTEZ PANTHERS FOOTBALL FUND

ESTABLISHED: JUNE 2012

Purpose: This fund provides support and supplemental funds for the Cortez Panthers Football teams (2nd-6th grade football teams for Cortez-area youth).

SOUTHWEST COLORADO CANYONS ALLIANCE (SCCA)

ESTABLISHED: JANUARY 2013

Purpose: SCCA supports the missions of Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Visitor Center, and Museum through financial and volunteer resources. SCCA's mission focuses on the preservation, education, and research of these irreplaceable cultural and natural landscapes.

LEADERSHIP MONTEZUMA

ESTABLISHED: JUNE 2015

Purpose: The mission is to identify, enlighten, and encourage emerging leaders of diverse backgrounds, occupations, and cultures for the purpose of enhancing the quality of leadership in the community.

DOLORES PLAYGROUND GROUP

ESTABLISHED: DECEMBER 2017

Purpose: This group will raise funds to supplement the Town of Dolores with needs to enhance the playgrounds and further encourage children's cognitive development while giving them a safe place to play.

MONTEZUMA ORCHARD RESTORATION PROJECT (MORP)

ESTABLISHED: JUNE 2018

Purpose: MORP is working to preserve Colorado's fruit-growing heritage and restore an orchard culture and economy to the southwestern region.

COLORADO PROUD FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT FISCAL FUND

ESTABLISHED: NOVEMBER 2018

Purpose: Created to administer the Food Pantry Assistance Grant for the State of Colorado.

SOUTHWEST SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

ESTABLISHED: FEBRUARY 2019

Purpose: Southwest Softball Association provides softball opportunities for youth in Montezuma County.

MONTEZUMA FOOD COALITION

ESTABLISHED: APRIL 2019

Purpose: Montezuma Food Coalition is about connecting food, farming and community to build a strong local food system and increase food security.

GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE

ESTABLISHED: APRIL 2019

Purpose: The Good Food Collective exists to strengthen the regional food system in La Plata & Montezuma counties by capturing excess fresh, local food from backyard gardens, area fruit trees and farms and using it to create jobs, feed people, spark our economy, and build community!

MOUNTAIN LOGIC

ESTABLISHED: AUGUST 2019

Purpose: It is part of Mountain Logic's mission to create a diverse community of people sharing a common interest in the positive development of children that is accessible to those of all socio-economic backgrounds.

FOUR CORNERS DANCE SOCIETY

ESTABLISHED: AUGUST 2019

Purpose: The Society is a group of dance enthusiasts who work to insure the longevity of access to ballroom, Latin, swing, and other dance opportunities.

THE HERB HUT FREE CLINIC

ESTABLISHED: SEPTEMBER 2019

Purpose: The Herb Hut's mission is to increase access to and education in alternative medicine for underserved communities. They offer free consultations with an herbalist, free herbal medicines, free massages, and resources for getting additional help.

CULTIVATING SACRED

ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 2019

Purpose: The mission is to help heal the women of today to support the women of our future through ensuring women who are leaving violent situations are able to support themselves and families through education, economic opportunity, and holistic healing.

SAN JUAN MOUNTAIN SOLES

ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 2019

San Juan Mountain SOLES inspires young women to lead healthy, fulfilling lives rooted in big mountains, confident leadership and authentic community engagement.

D'VOCE COMMUNITY CHOIR

ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 2019

Purpose: D'Voce Community Choir began in 2019 with the vision of bringing Christ-centered music to Montezuma County.

DARE TO BE YOU

ESTABLISHED JANUARY 2020

Purpose: The DARE to be You programs is an evidence-based model program to build strengths in youth by working with them through family, school, and community organizations to reduce problem behaviors such as substance abuse, school dropout and other risky behaviors.



MoCo Doc Fest

ESTABLISHED JANUARY 2020

Purpose: The MoCo Doc Fest is a celebration of people, place and our shared common ground through a collection of documentary films, music, art, and meaningful dialogue.

Dolores Youth Baseball

ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 2020

Purpose: The goal for Dolores Youth Baseball is to bring baseball back to the Dolores community for the children who attend the Dolores School District in order to learn and grown while playing baseball together.

Caregiver Connections

ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 2020

Purpose: Caregiver Connections serves caregivers of elders with events to education, provide support, networking, and resources.

360 Arts Mosaic

ESTABLISHED MARCH 2020

Purpose: The mission for 360 Arts Mosaic is to bring together community in celebration of the creative arts through performance, education and mentoring.

Montezuma County Emergency Relief Fund

ESTABLISHED APRIL 2020

Purpose: In response to COVID-19, the Montezuma County Emergency Relief Fund (MCERF) will support nonprofits with grant awards based on funding available.

Estate Plans for Health Care Workers Fund

ESTABLISHED APRIL 2020

Purpose: Established in response to COVID-19 giving estate planning options for local health care workers.

Ohana Kuleana Community Garden

ESTABLISHED MAY 2020

Purpose: Located in Durango, the Ohana Kuleana Community Garden envisions healthy, abundant living through promoting organic growing to enhance sustainability for everyone.

Friends of the Band Shell

ESTABLISHED MAY 2020

Purpose: The mission of the Friends of the Band Shell is to build a full sized band shell in Cortez's Centennial Park as a venue for summer concerts featuring local talent open to the public.

Four Corners Slow Money

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 2020

Purpose: Through micro and small loans, Four Corners Slow Money's goal is to build a robust local food economy by giving community farmers, growers and local food enterprises a leg up in the Four Corners region.

Ash Street Montessori

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 2020

Provide a small (5 to 7) pre-kindergarten and kindergarten home school for multiple families using the Montessori teaching method.

Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest Collaborative (DWRf)

ESTABLISHED SEPTEMBER 2020

Purpose: Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest Collaborative (DWRf) promotes forest, community, and watershed resilience through collaboration with local partners.

WHAT IS A FISCAL FUND?

To further assist the non-profit community, Onward! supports numerous groups and initiatives by being their Fiscal Sponsor. This fiscal sponsorship is an agreement between Onward! and the group/initiative/project which is providing or meeting a community need and requires non-profit recognition. Once the group is sponsored by Onward!, they are provided the benefits of a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and all their financial activity is recorded on the Onward! books.

COLLABORATION IS THE KEY FOR DWRf

Despite moving almost entirely online in 2020, DWRf was able to maintain strong and diverse stakeholder engagement that advanced local forest, watershed, and community resilience and risk reduction efforts. Among their 2020 accomplishments, DWRf developed a comprehensive vision for local ecological conditions and brought stakeholders to the forest to help inform and guide forest management projects moving forward. They completed outreach to all property owners in Dolores about their unique wildfire risk, and DWRf, along with other local forest health collaboratives, helped secure the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program for Southwest Colorado. Finally, DWRf is excited to be a part of developing the new Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative and look forward to advancing those and other efforts in 2021 and beyond.





SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS:

BILL AND PEG REES SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED: APRIL 2002

Purpose: Awards renewable scholarships for goal-oriented students from Montezuma and Dolores counties in post-secondary education programs.

SHAUN M. MCANDREW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED: MAY 2005

Purpose: This fund was established in memory of Shaun McAndrew to support a Montezuma-Cortez High School athlete-scholar for post-secondary education.

KNIGHTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED: DECEMBER 2006

Purpose: The Knights of Columbus established a memorial scholarship fund to provide a scholarship for post-secondary education.

MANCOS CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED: JANUARY 2010

Purpose: This scholarship commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Mancos School District by awarding annual scholarships to students from Mancos High School for post-secondary education.

LEONARD CAIN MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED: DECEMBER 2010

Purpose: Provide annual post-secondary scholarships in a medical field of study to students of Montezuma or Dolores County.

CONE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED: MARCH 2012

Purpose: This fund provides two scholarships for Montezuma County Seniors: the *Henry Scholarship* & the *Bill Scholarship*.

M-CHS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED: MARCH 2012

Purpose: Alumni created this fund for scholarships for post-secondary education for M-CHS graduates.

VIC AND ETHEL POMA PAGOSA SPRINGS SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED: DECEMBER 2013

Purpose: The Poma family created this scholarship fund for graduates of Pagosa Springs High School for both trade school and four-year institutions.

WOODS CANYON SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED: JUNE 2014

Purpose: Awards post-secondary scholarships to employees' dependents of Woods Canyon Archaeological Consultants.

HOOVER ENDOWED MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED: DECEMBER 2017

Purpose: Awards post-secondary scholarships to high school graduates from Dolores and Montezuma counties for post-secondary study in the medical field.

MONTEZUMA COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY SCHOLARSHIP

ESTABLISHED: MAY 2018

Purpose: This scholarship fund was created to benefit those selected to the Montezuma County 4H Fair Royalty.

ROLAND R. SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ESTABLISHED: JULY 2018

Purpose: This scholarship (originally managed by First National Bank, Cortez) was created to benefit M-CHS graduates as they further their education with either a two-year associates degree or a four-year bachelor's degree.

TRI-CITY SOCCER ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

ESTABLISHED: AUGUST 2018

Purpose: This scholarship was established by the local youth soccer organization to support M-CHS Varsity Soccer athletes as they pursue their post-secondary education.

LARRY LARSEN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

ESTABLISHED SEPTEMBER 2018

Purpose: Awards renewable scholarships for goal-oriented students from Montezuma and Dolores counties in post-secondary education programs. This scholarship in memory of long time Cortez resident, Larry Larsen.

MICHELLE YVONNE TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATION

ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 2018

Purpose: Awards scholarship for M-CHS seniors pursuing post-secondary study in the field of education in memory of former teacher Michelle Taylor.

WILL LINDSAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ESTABLISHED MAY 2019

Purpose: Established in honor of Sergeant 1st Class Will Lindsay who passed away in the line of duty. The funds from this scholarship will be used to assist others in the added expenses of joining the armed forces out of M-CHS.

HEARTWOOD SCHOLARSHIP

ESTABLISHED: MARCH 2020

Purpose: Awards post-secondary scholarships to employees' children and grandchildren of Muscanell Millworks.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

THE FRIENDS OF RECREATION FUND

ESTABLISHED: JUNE 2003

Purpose: Raises money for scholarships to the Cortez Recreation Center for those who would otherwise not be able to afford the fees.

THE ESCALANTE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION FUND

ESTABLISHED: FEBRUARY 2011

Purpose: Established by the Escalante Shrine Club to provide travel assistance for families traveling to Shriners Medical Facilities.



MONTEZUMA FOOD COALITION IS LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

Laurie Hall, executive director, won't deny it, 2020 has been a wild ride! But the occasions of serendipity and cosmic good timing have been too many to count, and the synergy in the pink building at North Street & Beech is inspiring! She'll have a full 2020 report for you in January, but she wants to give you a heads up about their goals for next year, and invite you to help them get there.

MFC's strategy for 2021 is responsive to the needs of our community and builds on the accomplishments of 2019-20. With the pandemic and its economic fallout far from over, their priorities are to continue food relief efforts and to support food production in the Four Corners region. The belief that "knowledge is power" guides their underlying mission to support food education - growing, cooking, preserving, and sharing information and resources.

The Sharehouse opened in 2019 with 100% local donations and a vision to build community through food. This year they were awarded over \$80,000 in local and state grants to work with partners to get food to communities in the Four Corners region hit hard by COVID. MFC is getting ready for a busy next year, and the Sharehouse is seeking funding to accomplish our 2021 goals.



Following are the Sharehouse goals for 2021:

- Expand locally grown food sourcing, purchasing, and distribution
- Continue to support regional COVID-19 emergency food relief efforts
- Development of a value-added/teaching kitchen
- Support local food education efforts - growing, cooking, preserving, sharing information
- Participate in building an equitable local food system



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GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE ADAPTS TO AN URGENT NEED

The impacts of COVID-19 on rates of food insecurity and access have only made the Good Food Collective's mission to reinstate an intact regional food system that much more imperative and urgent. At a local level, we experienced disruptions in supply chains that left our supermarket shelves empty and food banks void of food. It closed down our restaurant sector, ironically and tragically placing our food workers on the bread lines as thousands of local residents lost their jobs and 65% of our local producers lost one of their most essential markets. The number of residents who experienced uncertainty in where to get their next meal skyrocketed from 1 in 8 to a heartbreaking 1 in 3. And all of it, hit our most vulnerable residents hardest. Some of their 2020 projects included:

Eliminating Barriers: The Community Produce Share, a partnership between the GFC and Manna connects 51 income-limited households with a weekly bag of fresh, local produce by reducing typical barriers - cost, transportation, and cultural fit. This program has not only increased food access for food insecure individuals, but it has also supported small-scale farmers in this region.

Fruit for Good: The GFC has launched its own social enterprise in an effort to ensure that people without access to consistent cold storage can still enjoy the local apple bounty that is unique to this region. For every bag sold online or at local stores several bags are donated to food banks across the region.

COVID Food System Relief: GFC's quick response to the effects of COVID included Emergency Feeding Coordination, creation of the FOOD FOR ALL fund and garden boxes, farms to food banks local food purchasing, SAVE THE FOOD, SERVE THE PEOPLE project, and the formation of the Colorado Farm & Food Response Team.



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DURANGO COMMUNITY GARDEN JOINS ONWARD!

Ohana Kuleana Community Garden finished their our eighth growing season this year. The Community Garden has 45 plots and six of these are dedicated to Riverview School where school science teacher, Charlie Love, teaches the pupils about growing various vegetables and plant life in general. The garden developed a partnership with La Plata Family Center so that the gardeners can contribute their surplus bounty to the parents and children served by the center on a weekly basis.

Ohana Kuleana Community Garden also has a handicapped-accessible plot that two non-profit groups -- Pathways to Independence and the Southwest Center for Independent Living -- can plant vegetables for their clientele who are also involved in the cultivation process. This year they added 14 new raised bed planters to the OK Garden that will enable physically-challenged people of all ages to enjoy gardening while standing and thus eliminate the need to kneel and stoop over while weeding and tending to their plants.





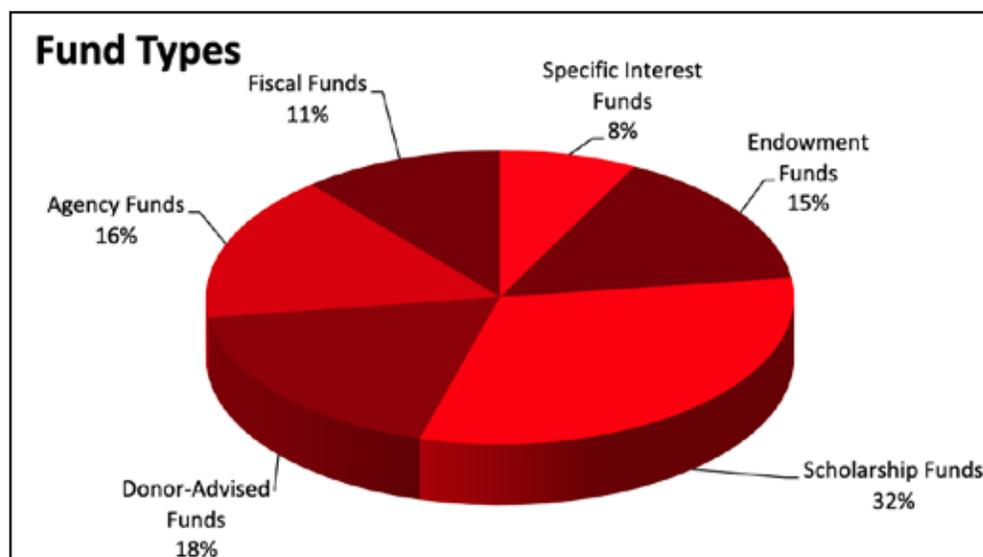
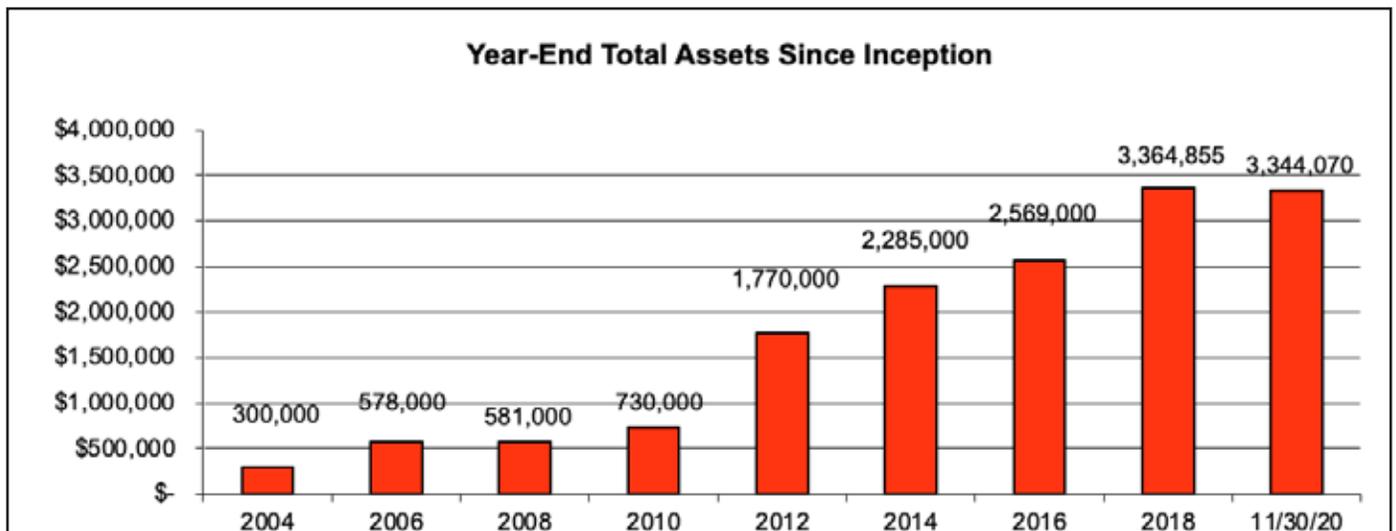
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	12/31/19	11/30/20
Assets		
Cash	\$ 207,560	\$ 477,614
Current assets	138,785	62,105
Investments	2,913,667	2,804,351
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,260,012</u>	<u>\$ 3,344,070</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$ 69,817	\$ 11,563
Agency funds	535,613	544,611
Total liabilities	<u>605,430</u>	<u>556,174</u>
Net assets	<u>2,654,582</u>	<u>2,787,896</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 3,260,012</u>	<u>\$ 3,344,070</u>

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	Year End 12/31/19	Eleven Months Ended 11/30/20
Support and revenue		
Contributions	\$ 324,103	\$ 206,402
Fundraising	65,408	75,040
Grants	1,097,363	1,242,321
Investment earnings (loss)	392,300	18,397
Management fees	62,647	87,699
Program fees	66,200	93,981
Total support and revenue	<u>2,008,021</u>	<u>1,723,840</u>
Expenditures		
Fundraising	14,308	3,770
Grants	715,717	267,074
Payroll	482,002	524,033
Programs/Scholarships	213,395	456,381
Support services	192,566	339,044
Total expenditures	<u>1,617,988</u>	<u>1,590,302</u>
Increase in net assets	<u>\$ 390,033</u>	<u>\$ 133,538</u>



** Audited financial report available upon request from the Onward! A Legacy Foundation office or found online.**

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