

ONWARD!



2nd QUARTER  
2021

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Onward! continues to assist our fiscal funds in securing a record amount of revenue. Congratulations to those fiscal funds for their incredible work in our communities. Let me give you one example: School Community Youth Collaborative (SCYC), which has been managing the 21st Century Community Learning Centers' grants for Southwest Open High School and Montezuma-Cortez High School, has been able to expand this program to include the Cortez Middle School and the Mancos Schools, starting this school year. Nice work, SCYC!

Onward!'s annual grant cycle will open on September 1, 2021 and close on October 15th. Please mark your calendar. Our grant applications will be available from our website ([www.onwardfoundation.org](http://www.onwardfoundation.org)). Most of our donor-advised and endowment funds and one business employee giving program fund participate in the grant cycle, choosing grant projects to support. Last year, Onward! funded close to 45% of all grant applications submitted. We encourage all non-profit organizations in the area to apply for grants, up to the \$3,000 limitation.

We will announce the grant winners at our annual celebration luncheon, to be held during the 3rd week of November. More details on the luncheon to follow next quarter.

*With sincere gratitude,  
Chuck Forth*

## Welcome to Onward!

Onward! welcomes Carolyn Witt as the new Outreach Director. In this role, Carolyn works with the over 62 currently managed funds. These funds provide scholarships and grants to non-profit organizations within the local communities. Onward! also collaborates with regional non-profit organizations, by investing their endowment assets.

Carolyn (Decker) Witt grew up in Montezuma county, spending the majority of her adolescence in Mancos. After graduating from MCHS she pursued her education, graduating from Brigham Young University (Provo, UT) and completing an MBA at Keller Graduate School of Management (Colorado Springs, CO). A desire to be closer to family brought Carolyn back to the area in 2007 where she met and later married Jason Witt in 2012.



She and Jason both passionately serve in the community. As CO Real Estate Brokers they highlight all the great things our local communities have to offer. Carolyn brings to Onward! a decade in financial investment services and another 12 years in business and project management.

## 2021 Southwest Colorado Women in Business

In June a select group of nine exceptional women from La Plata and Montezuma counties were recognized. At this third annual event, Rachel Landis was honored with the Agricultural Award.

Rachel Landis, Director of Good Food Collective, "hopes to find ways for the GFC to address root causes of inequity and poverty, as well as, mitigate climate change and build local resilience."

One current focus of GFC is their Fruit Gleaning Program. As stated on their website, "Gleaning is the art of harvesting otherwise unused fruits and veggies from local backyards and farms in order to connect them with bellies that need and want them!"



## Investment Corner

The stock market ended Q2 at another all-time high, with the S&P 500 closing at 4,298. Declining interest rates created positive, modest returns among most bond related funds. Hopefully, inflation will not increase too much (increased 3.4% in May).

Our Portfolio: 2nd Qtr: 5.8%, YTD: 11.3%



### Tournament Information

Double elimination tournament with Winners' bracket best 2 out of 3, games to 11; Consolation bracket one game to 15.  
Levels: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 & 4.0+  
Tournament Ball: Yellow Dura Fast 40  
Courts: Mildred & Montezuma

### Hosted by:

Friends of Recreation for a Healthy Community  
City of Cortez  
Onward! A Legacy Foundation  
Southwest Health System

SATURDAY Women's Doubles  
September 11 Men's Doubles

SUNDAY Mixed Doubles  
September 12 Judges

### Registration Costs

\$25 per person

1st event

\$10 per person

2nd event

Register at:

[onwardfoundation.org](http://onwardfoundation.org)  
registration closes Sept. 8 @ noon

Money raised supports the Friends of Recreation for a Healthy Community.

