

ONWARD!



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# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Onward! is currently wrapping up our 2022 grant cycle with all of our donor-advised funds reading through the 50 plus grant applications and choosing their grant awardees. We love engaging our funders with the non-profit projects in Southwest Colorado. This is such a nice benefit to anyone who creates a donor-advised fund with Onward!. We anticipate making grants around \$75,000 on this grant cycle!

What exactly is a donor-advised fund (DAF), you ask? DAF's allow donors to make a one-time large donation and then direct how the funds are granted to other non-profits over a period of time. They allow for an immediate charitable donation and DAFs are simple alternatives to creating a family foundation. We can help you navigate the process and easily establish a DAF under Onward!. Then your DAF can participate in the annual Onward! grant cycle and you, the donor, will not be solicited personally. These funds are designed for donors who want to be actively involved in directing their fund's grants.

We will see many of you at our Annual Celebration Luncheon on November 9th and congratulations, in advance, to our 2022 grant award winners!

*With sincere gratitude,  
Chuck Ferill*



## DARE TO BE YOU

Two Montelores Early Childhood Connection staff members, Lottie Keith and Adriene Ratican, recently presented at the Fort Lewis Southwest Early Childhood Conference: "It's all about Relationships." This conference was held in Durango on October 22 and was attended by over eighty caregivers from Silverton to the Ute Mountain tribe. They selected activities from the DARE to be You program for two workshops reaching 30 attendees. Lottie and Adriene recently participated in the DARE to be You facilitator training underwritten by a grant from the Onward! A Legacy Foundation in Cortez, Colorado.

DARE to be You increases resiliency in youth by working through families, schools, and community organizations to enhance self-efficacy, responsibility, social and communication skills, and problem-solving.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Onward! Celebration Luncheon**

Onward! will host its annual celebration luncheon on November 9th at 12 p.m. at the Montezuma County Annex. Join us to celebrate the grants awarded to local non-profits and the accomplishments of our funds.

### **No Fixed Abode Art Show**

Sale of art created by those who are homeless. 100% of sale price goes to the artist  
Thursday, November 10th through Saturday, November 12th  
Grand Reception November 11th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Turquoise Raven Art Gallery

### **A Taster of Board 101 and Teamwork**

Hosted by Montezuma Leadership Network & LOR Foundation  
November 9th 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Facilitated by Nancy Schaufele  
Register by email to [mlncontinuingeducation@gmail.com](mailto:mlncontinuingeducation@gmail.com)

### **Rural Philanthropy Days**

Mark your calendars now!  
June 7-9, 2023  
in Durango  
Planning is happening now and more information will be shared in future newsletters.

## INVESTMENT CORNER

THE BROAD MARKETS, INCLUDING FIXED INCOME AND EQUITIES HAVE HAD ONE OF THEIR WORST YEARS IN OVER 40 YEARS. WE HAVE NOT SEEN THIS LEVEL OF RISING INTEREST RATES AND INFLATION SINCE THE LATE 1970'S. OUR PORTFOLIO WILL RIDE OUT THIS STORM AND WE ARE POSITIONING OURSELVES FOR THE NEXT MARKET REBOUND.  
OUR PORTFOLIO: 3RD QTR: (6.85%), YTD: (22.45%)



# Homegrown Talent

## Cortez

### What is HTC?

Homegrown Talent is focused on building a strong school culture that guides ALL young people in developing their natural talents, growing as students and individuals, and preparing for a future college or career path. Through career and college connected learning practices and experiences, Homegrown Talent Cortez is strengthening the ability of Montezuma-Cortez High School students to succeed after high school in any pathway they choose to pursue.

### Why is it important?



While 37% of M-CHS students have indicated an interest in continuing their education after high school, 63% have indicated that they plan on pursuing either a career or an alternate path. Homegrown Talent Cortez works to build and deliver programs and experiences that help ALL students realize their pathway to future success.



With the hope of strengthening the local economy by investing in student talent, businesses and organizations partner with Homegrown Talent Cortez to provide work-based learning experiences for our students.



According to a World Gallup Poll, the number one desire of all people across cultures and locations is to have "a good job" above all else\*. Homegrown Talent's aspiration is to prepare students to envision and realize the pathway that leads to a "good job." This goal is achieved by providing students with opportunities through career and college exploration, career focused curriculum, and work based learning.

### What Does the Future of This Work Look Like?

With student, community, and educator input, we are working together to build a profile of an M-CHS Graduate who...

...has a solid **FOUNDATION** in academic knowledge, self awareness, and career orientation

...is **CONNECTED** to a college and/or career pathway that leads to success within our community and beyond

...possesses a solid repertoire of **PROFESSIONAL** skills that will serve them after high school

...is **FUTURE ORIENTED** in a way that honors their unique talents, skills, and goals



To Learn More...

[www.homegrowntalencortez.com](http://www.homegrowntalencortez.com)

\*Meeder, H. (2017). *The Power and Promise of Pathways: How to Prepare All American Students for Career and Life Success*. NCST Media.