

*2017 Community Report
2016 Financial Report*

“We must all work to shine light on the problems that exist in our world, so that we truly can make a difference.”

—Nicholas Kristof
*2017 Making a Difference
Speaker Series*

Empower Your Passions

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A Letter from Leadership

You might have noticed that our logo is a pinwheel. Just like a pinwheel, the Community Foundation needs an independent energy source to make things happen. **We need you to Power our Philanthropy.**

The Community Foundation is the hub of philanthropy for SW Colorado, connecting people, ideas and resources to benefit all who live here. We work with philanthropists to create plans that will make an impact in our community and become part of their family's legacy.

In 2016, the Community Foundation serving SW Colorado infused **\$1.44 million** in SW Colorado's nonprofit community. We want to do more, and the Speakers Series is one way that we can continue to help fund our efforts while at the same time educating our community members to the needs and successes. We are asking for your help in **Powering Philanthropy.**

As the Community Foundation serving SW Colorado continues to evolve, we are always evaluating different ways we touch the community and striving for **new** opportunities to increase philanthropy. We define philanthropy as the love of humanity, in the sense of caring, nourishing, developing, and enhancing what it means to be human.

To that end, the Board crafted the Making A Difference Speaker Series to align with our core values. We commit to bring in nationally known speakers annually to talk about their philanthropic endeavors. Our intent is to inspire you to **"Empower Your Passions"** by taking an active role in the projects or organizations that matter to your heart and soul.

This year we hosted a sold out show with **Nicholas Kristof**, a New York Times Columnist and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner. What an exciting affirmation that a speaker series about philanthropy is something our community craves. On April 25, 2018, we will feature our next Making a Difference speaker – **Jenna Bush Hager**. Buy your tickets now; we expect another sold out show.

In gratitude,



Molly Martin
Board President



Brigen Wrinkle
Executive Director



Molly Martin and Brigen Wrinkle speak to the sell-out crowd at the 2017 Community Taste.



The Making a Difference committee and Nicholas Kristof enjoy a brunch meeting at the Strater Hotel.

Donor Advised Fund Spotlight

LIVE LIKE OLIVIA • BUCHANAN FAMILY FUND SPOTLIGHT

Durango, where she was raised. Silverton, where she wanted to be. Bozeman, where she found her life's mission. Olivia Buchanan was a child of the mountains. With father, Evan, a ski outfitter at Purgatory's rental shop for 30 years, and grandfather, Garth, a member of the 10th Mountain Division in World War II, how could she not be?

Olivia was in her junior year at Montana State University, pursuing a degree in snow science with ardent ambition, when she was caught in an avalanche while skiing on Kendall Mountain in Silverton in January 2015. Despite her experience in the backcountry and her informed efforts throughout the day to recognize hazards and minimize risk, she lost her life to the slide.



Olivia Buchanan

In the wake of the tragedy, the Buchanan Family created a fund in Olivia's name to provide snow science students at MSU the opportunity to pursue the work about which Olivia was so passionate: learning how people assess risk in the backcountry, teaching them how to make safer decisions and ultimately saving lives.

Olivia's mother, Amy Buchanan, explained that while Olivia's heart belonged to Silverton (her end goal was to return to Southwest Colorado and work at the Silverton Avalanche School), the Buchanan's decided to direct their fund to their daughter's alma mater in order to maximize its influence.

"We felt we could make the most impact at the educational level," said Amy. "Supporting the program will have a trickle down effect and benefit multiple communities."

The Buchanans are not restrictive on how the two \$5,000 grants they award each year are used. They leave it up to Jordy Hendrikx, director of the Snow and Avalanche Laboratory at MSU and one of Olivia's professors, to decide where the funds will make the greatest impact.

"The funding provided by the Buchanan Family is incredibly valuable for the continuation and expansion of our research," said Hendrikx. "It leads to more targeted education, which we hope will save more lives."

At the age of 22, Olivia penned the following mission statement in her journal: *I personally want to use my learning to teach Avalanche Education. In the ever increasing world of backcountry skiing, with more and more people dying every year, I want to learn how people make decisions, teach them how to make better decisions, and save lives.*

Snow has already begun falling in the mountains; now is the perfect time to support Olivia's mission.

You can make a donation to the Buchanan Family Fund by visiting the Community Foundation's website (www.swcommunityfoundation.org).

Our most popular fund is a Donor Advised Fund, which allows you to make a charitable contribution now and receive an immediate tax benefit. You can contribute to the fund as frequently as you like and then recommend grants to charitable organizations over time.

2016 Donor Advised Funds

Boone Fund

Bootleggers' Society Fund

Brandsma Family Fund

Brandsma Medical Fund

Bryan and Jacquelyn Dear Fund

Buchanan Family Fund

Cathy Crum Fund

Cochennet Fund

Community Emergency Relief Fund

Dear Education Fund

Durango Area Realtors Fund

Durango Mountain Resort Fund

Fred & Ruth Jacques Family Fund

Gene & Sally Bradley Family Fund

Katz Family Fund

Loftis Family Fund

Martin Family Fund

New Dimensions A Fund

New Dimensions B Fund

Odd Fellows Cemetery Fund

Salomon Family Fund

Sandal Cross Memorial Fund

Sherri Rochford Figgs Fund

Stilwell Family Fund

Pathways to Philanthropy

DEVELOPING & STRENGTHENING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Successful grantmaking starts long before the grant is awarded. At the Community Foundation, we work hard to help establish pathways for donors to achieve effective philanthropy.



Barbara Casey and Lindsay Sherman with CASA of the Southwest meet with Eric Malone of the Payroll Department.

PAYROLL DEPARTMENT'S 10.4.2 GRANT

The Payroll Department Inc.'s 10.4.2 is a \$10,000 matching grant for two organizations that support efforts in youth education, environment and human services. The Community Foundation handles the grant management process, including presenting the executive summary to the leadership team.

In 2017, the selected recipients were Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Southwest and Bear Smart Durango. Each organization was able to meet the dollar-to-dollar match required of the grant.

"I hope to see other organizations take the time to be as thoughtful about how best to leverage their contributions to the community," said Lindsay Sherman, executive director of CASA of the Southwest.

COMMUNITY CONCERTS IN THE SECRET GARDEN

What do you get when you combine philanthropy and fun? Community Concerts in the Secret Garden. For the third year,



Six Dollar String Band, Community Concerts 2017

community members gathered at the Rochester Hotel's Secret Garden on Wednesday evenings to enjoy local music, delicious food and great company, all while supporting local nonprofits.

At the end of the summer, proceeds from the \$10 cover charge were pooled and divided between ten local nonprofits. This year's recipients received a \$1,500 grant, plus a \$200 bonus.

Each nonprofit was selected through a competitive grant process, managed by the Community Foundation.

19TH HOLE CONCERTS

The 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Course saw a 33% increase in proceeds raised by the event. A total of \$6,000 was awarded to six different nonprofits in Archuleta County.

Like the Community Concerts model, the cover charge for each concert was a \$10 donation with all proceeds pooled and distributed to the six selected organizations. Due to the generous support of corporate sponsors who covered event expenses, all proceeds collected at the door went directly to recipient organizations.

The Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation is already hard at work planning for next year's concerts and is excited to see what successes year three will bring.



San Juan Symphony received a Ballantine Family Fund grant in 2016 and was also a recipient of the 2017 Community Concerts.

BALLANTINE FAMILY FUND

The Community Foundation continues to act as the grants manager for the Ballantine Family Fund by handling the incoming requests, reaching out to applicants when additional information is needed and processing grant checks.

In 2016, the Ballantine trustees awarded more than \$260,000 in grants to 117 nonprofit organizations in Southwest Colorado, a 14% increase over the dollar amount awarded in 2015 and a 22% increase in the number of organizations awarded.

The Community Foundation is constantly evaluating the needs of the nonprofit community. We aim to provide a variety of funding opportunities to help nonprofits deliver on their missions over the long term.

2016 Community Foundation Grants

Total 2016 Community Foundation Grants: \$1,439,802

\$1,167,860 in grants to nonprofits from our Fund Holders and Friends of the Foundation

A Mile in My Shoes	Durango Adult Education Center	Kemple Dental Clinic	Rosicrucian Order Alchemy Museum
Adaptive Sports Association	Durango Arts Center	KSUT	San Juan Medical Foundation
Alternative Horizons	Durango BMX	La Plata County Thrive! Living Wage Coalition	San Juan Symphony
Alzheimer's Association	Durango Derailers	La Plata County Search & Rescue	Science of the Mind
Bear Smart Durango	Durango DEVO	La Plata Historical Society	Sheldon Arts Foundation
Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW Colorado	Durango Education Foundation	La Plata Open Space Conservancy	Spark Dance Program
Blueprints of Hope	Durango Independent Film Festival	La Plata Youth Services	Stillwater Music
Boys and Girls Club of La Plata County	Durango Friends of the San Juans	Liberty School	Strider Safety Institute
Cancer Coalition of SW Colorado	Durango Nature Studies	Manna Soup Kitchen	Strider Safety Operations Inc.
Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association	Durango Nordic Ski Club	Mercy Health Foundation	Trails 2000
Colorado Public Radio	Durango Winter Sports Foundation	Montana State University Foundation	20Moons Dance Theatre
Community Connections, Inc.	Ed Morlan SCAPE Fund	Mountain Studies Institute	Unitarian Universalist Association
Community Emergency Relief Fund	Engineers Without Borders	Music in the Mountains	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado	Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center	NASPGHAN	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Durango
Daybreak Rotary Solar Project	Fort Lewis College Foundation	Powerhouse Science Center	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Dollywood Foundation	Garden Project of Southwest Colorado	Prairie Hill Waldorf School	Vallecito Nordic Ski Club
Dumpster Beautification Project	Har Shalom	Rocky Mountain PBS	Volunteers of America
Durango School District 9R	Heart for the Needy	Rocky Mtn. District Kiwanis Foundation	
	iAM Music		
	KDUR FM		

\$214,192 in grants facilitated through the Community Foundation

A Mile in My Shoes	Durango Adult Education Center
Bear Smart	Durango Arts Center
Buchanan Family Fund	La Plata Historical Society
Cancer Coalition of SW Colorado	La Plata Rotary Scholarship
Community Health Action Coalition	Rural Philanthropy Days
Community Emergency Relief Fund	San Juan Symphony
Daybreak Solar Project	United Way of SW Colorado
Dumpster Beautification Project	

\$7,000 in scholarships to educational opportunities

BYU Off-Campus Scholarships
Fort Lewis College Single Parent Scholarship Program
Grand Canyon University
Northern Arizona University
University of Denver

\$50,750 in grants funded by the Community Foundation

Ability Consultants	Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership	SASO (Sexual Assault Services Organization)
Aid for Pets	Growing Partners of SW Colorado	Second Wind Fund
Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW Colorado	Hospice of Montezuma	Seeds of Learning
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association	La Plata County Thrive! Living Wage Coalition	Silverton Family Learning Center
Durango Arts Center	La Plata Youth Services	SOS Outreach
Durango Chorale Society	Loaves & Fishes of Archuleta County	Southwestern Colorado AHEC (Area Health Education Center)
Durango Education Foundation	Mercy Housing Mountain Plains	Spring Creek Horse Rescue
First Baptist Church of Durango	Merely Players	SWCCOG
Foundation for Archuleta County Education	Mountain Studies Institute	The Arc of SW Colorado
Four Corners Alliance for Diversity	Project Merry Christmas	THRIVE
Friends of the Durango Public Library	Region 9 Economic Development District of SW Colorado	United Way of SW Colorado
Friends of the San Juans	Riverhouse Children's Center	Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County
	San Juan BOCES	Women's Resource Center

An Organization Fund is a long-term fund held and managed by the Community Foundation on behalf of a nonprofit organization.

2016 Organization Funds

Adaptive Sports Association
Axis Health System
Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW Colorado
Durango Food Bank
Durango Nature Studies
EMS Scholarship
Flick & Knopick Endowment
Give Sonlight to the Next Generation
Kiwanis Club Service
La Plata Rotary Scholarship
La Plata Historical Society
SW Land Alliance
SW Rural Philanthropy Days
United Way Fund
Volunteers of America
Women's Resource Center

2016 Fiscal Sponsorship

A Mile in My Shoes
Bear Smart
Cancer Coalition of SW Colorado
Community Health Action Coalition
Daybreak Solar Project
Dumpster Beautification Project

Organization Fund Spotlight

SONLIGHT CAMP • BY MARY MARUGG, CO-DIRECTOR

Sonlight Camp provides the opportunity for kids to be who God created them to be and discover a greater sense of self through community living. Whole child development, free play in the natural world and exploring our faith together are Sonlight's core values.

Founded in 1979, Sonlight is entering its 39th year of operation. Our programming has always been intentional. Sonlight offers backpacking trips and resident camps in the summer months, and is available during our off season for nonprofit organizations for program retreats.

We are purposefully small. Our enrollment is limited to 58 campers or guests per session. The bonds of friendships found at Sonlight are unique and we retain the reputation of being a place where campers, staff and guest groups return year after year.

Sonlight's Give Sonlight to the Next Generation endowment is held by The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. Investing in the Community Foundation has diversified our income, built a savings for the future of Sonlight Camp and ensured that we can continue to provide the Sonlight experience for years to come.



Campers enjoy their summer at Sonlight

Fiscal Sponsorship Spotlight

COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION COALITION

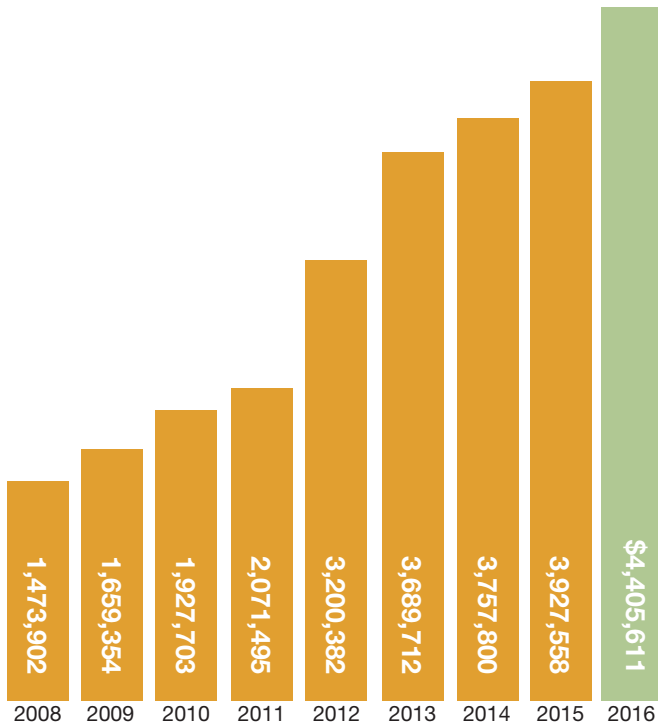
Some of the most effective and innovative projects are often initiated at a grassroots community level. Many of these projects, however, are too small or too new to have their charitable status recognized by the IRS. Enter a fiscal sponsor.

Fiscal sponsors are nonprofits that enable resources from funders and donors to a charitable project or organization that is not a designated 501(c)(3). The Community Foundation acts as fiscal sponsor for a variety of organizations, including the Community Health Action Coalition (CHAC).

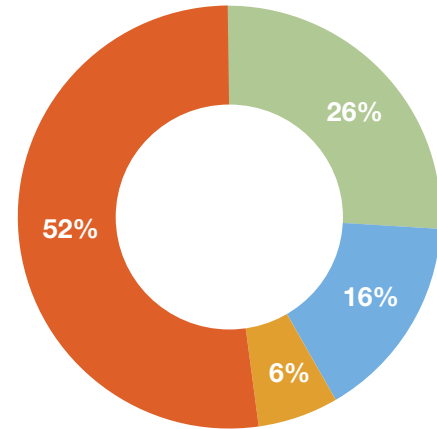
CHAC is the coordinating body for communication, collaboration, education and other health-related activities in La Plata County. Established in 2011, CHAC's fiscal sponsorship relationship with the Community Foundation allows the organization to focus on its mission while the Community Foundation handles administrative tasks such as managing the budget, accepting donations, writing checks and developing positive relations with donors.

Growth in Total Assets

This bar chart is a snapshot of the growth of the Community Foundation's total assets.



Income Sources for Operational Expenses

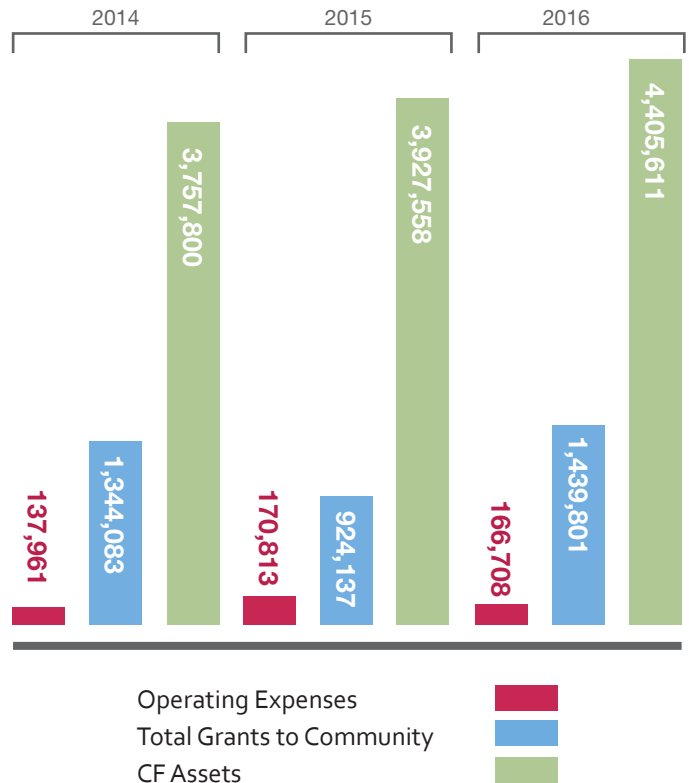


Administration Income
Corporate / Event Income
Individual Contribution
Board Contribution

2016 Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
Cash and equivalents	\$607,448
Investments	\$3,798,163
Total Assets	\$4,405,611
Liabilities	
Organization Funds	\$1,238,919
Net Assets	
Temporarily Restricted	\$373,292
Unrestricted	\$2,793,400
Total Net Assets	\$3,166,692
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$4,405,611

Community Impact vs. Operational Expenses



Operating Expenses
Total Grants to Community
CF Assets



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If you would like to review a copy of the full audit, it is posted on our website www.SWCommunityFoundation.org.

Community Foundation Mission

The Community Foundation is committed to increasing philanthropy in SW Colorado. In meeting this commitment, we provide opportunities for individuals and nonprofit organizations to create, grow and disperse funds to our community.

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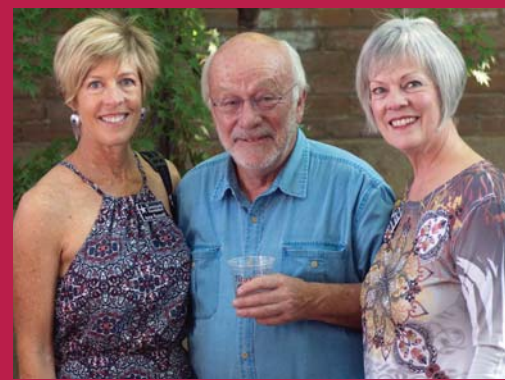
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