BETTER TOGETHER. BETTER TOGETHER. BETTER TOGETHER.

We’re here for good and we’re here for YOU

Our Valley is like no other place – across the country or even compared with other Colorado resort communities. It’s more than the glorious scenery and the fantastic recreational opportunities. It’s the people. And the relationships that folks have with one another.

How long does it take you to walk a block downtown in any of our communities? To pick up your mail? To grab a cup of coffee? Visit the library? So many people to stop and talk with. So many interconnections.

The truth most everywhere is that we are “better together”. Relationships make the difference. It’s true when donors join together to have greater impact, and it’s true when nonprofits collaborate to tackle an issue. We’re small enough to really “see it” when those relationships click.

We call it success when donors with similar passions give together, and there’s cause for celebration when nonprofits, government and private business work together to make a difference in the community. While there are many, many examples, let’s call out two.

The Hemminghaus and William B. Endner Donor Advised Funds came together twice recently to have a greater impact – with the Six Points Capital Campaign and with the rehab of the birthing center at Gunnison Valley Health. Major impact. They helped take both those projects over the top of their campaigns.

Addressing the critical issue of child hunger – yes, there is hunger in this valley so many of us call para-dis-e. The Gunnison Country Food Pantry, Mountain Roots, REI J School District, Setoritita Rita’s Book Bus, Gunnison Valley Mentors, Gunnipacks, Gunnison Farmers Market, Western, local churches and City Market are all working to try to reach every hungry child in the Valley with healthy food options. It takes courage to step outside silos and our comfort zones to work together.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

-Helen Keller

It takes courage to step out of silos and our comfort zones to work together. It’s one thing to identify a challenge; it’s another to band together to make a real difference. We’re proud of our nonprofits, their staff members and boards. We’re doubly proud of our donors who respond to so many needs.

People make up the social capital of this Valley – the relationships and the networks that enable us to function effectively – as a community and as a Foundation. And people coming together are a powerful force in protecting what we value.

The Foundation is “here for good” as the keeper of the community’s philanthropic capital, fire-tender of social capital and cheerleader and supporter for all our wonderful nonprofits.

Thank you all.

A Message from YOUR Community Foundation

Relevant Forever – the Power of Endowment

Bill Endner. The Endner name lives today – even though Bill passed from this lifetime in 1992. Three generations of the Endner family lived generous lives – with frequent gifts of time, effort and monetary support to individuals and community efforts. Bill’s Gunnison Country Times obituary said that “everyone who has lived in or will live in the Gunnison area will in some way be touched by Mr. Endner’s generosity and loving spirit.” That sentiment was as true in 2015 as it was in 1992.

Bill lovingly left his estate for the care of his wife, Patsy, as long as she lived - with the remainder to benefit the community. He said, “Gunnison has been grand to me and my family, and what I’ve acquired should go back to the Gunnison community.”

Patsy and the advisors to the Endner Trust came to the Foundation to discuss how the Trust could become an endowed donor advised fund. In 2008, the remainder of the Trust created the William B. Endner Fund. The Fund has been growing while giving back to the community ever since - continuing the Endner family tradition of caring, compassion and good deeds.

Endner Fund... then and now

| Fund Value 2008 | $2,061,996 |
| Fund Value 2015 | $2,985,949 |
| Grants Made 2008-2015 | $396,712 |

By the numbers: in 2008, the Endner Fund came to the Foundation with a value of $2,061,996. It grew through 2015 to a value of $2,985,949...and during that same time, the Fund made grants to the community totaling $396,712. It’s worth noting – the Advisors have granted conservatively over the years to ensure the Fund’s continued growth. They’re setting it up to be able to grant more and more as time goes on. Bill Endner’s vision for continuing to give back long after his death is a testament to what it means to make a legacy gift and live in the community forever!
The Bellamy Brothers Kept the Love Flowing in 2015

Music really is a universal language. And love makes this valley great. Singing and dancing the night away with the Bellamy Brothers in July kept the love flowing. The Valley’s local sweethearts, Free the Honey, began the music that evening with their wonderful harmonies. And the night rocked along when the Bellamy Brothers took the stage. It was a night for all – coming together as a community to raise funds for the Foundation to benefit the community. One fun . . . from musicians to volunteers to bartenders and pie-bakers! Thanks to all!!

What does a room full of ladies in little black dresses do?

They eat and talk and dance the night away! Around 75 women, decked out in little black dresses – heels, boots or barefooted - gathered at the Red Room in June of 2015 to have a GREAT night and learn a bit about the Foundation! It was a hoot of an event!

JOIN US IN 2016 FOR ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL - AUGUST 10

When the Foundation uses “here for good” as a tagline – we mean to “do good” today and for many tomorrows. We expect to be around for a long, long time.

Using today’s dollars for today’s needs makes us like a United Way found in a larger city – it’s what our Community Grant Cycle is all about. Dollars come in from the community - you and they go back out to Valley nonprofits in the way of grants – to help them with programming or operational needs right now.

When we talk about tomorrow, we help nonprofits with policy, governance and the industry’s best practices – to keep them relevant and in compliance with the IRS and other governmental agencies.

The stage is set for tomorrow’s success through educational opportunities offered to nonprofit staff and board members. One-on-one help through the STEP (Sustainable, Thrifty, Efficient Program Operations) program; small gatherings for networking and learning, and larger group trainings through our quarterly seminars are the vehicles currently in use.

 Forever – it’s ambitious, but really, it’s why community foundations exist. We can’t predict the future, but we can prepare for it. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations work with us to create named permanent charitable funds that help meet the challenges of changing times. It’s the planting a seed idea – you plant the seed today, nurture it, and the tree grows and provides shade for someone else years from now. Legacy giving falls in this category of “forever.” It keeps your name alive long after your time in the Valley is past.

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LIVE IN THE VALLEY FOREVER

We know of legacy gifts from the following people: Anonymous (5) Maryo Ewell Nancy and Richard Hagan Gary Hausler Stephanie Juneau Bill and Cara LaGrange Nancy Ruehle Rose Tocke

If you would like to join this wonderful group of folks, just give us a jingle -- you can add to the Anonymous count or have your name public!
Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

Enrollment applications are available in our libraries, doctors’ offices, Gunnison Valley Hospital, at Public Health – or, by calling the Foundation! 641-8837

DAN TREDWAY MEMORIAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Thinking, coaching and Duck Dynasty

What do out of the box thinking, cross country coaching and Duck Dynasty have in common? Gunnison High School teacher, Gregg Smith. It appears that students love Gregg Smith for his innovative thinking, coaching skills and sense of humor as evidenced by his abrupt changes in hairstyle.

The Excellence in Teaching Award is named after WSCU Professor, Dan Tredway, who was a pioneer in rural education, long time Gunnison resident and an inspiration to educators and the community.

When asked how he feels about being chosen for the award, Gregg remembered that Dan Tredway was one of the first people he met when he arrived on the Western campus for college and he said, “It’s a tremendous honor to be associated with his name. I looked up to him – just like I did my grandfa ther and father.”

Gregg’s advice to new teachers is threefold: “1) Be open about teaching – your excitement is passed along to your students, 2) Employ time management both in and out of school – it will keep you sane, and 3) Communication is the key to success in teaching – talk to your fellow faculty members, administrators and parents, as well as your students.”

Making Dreams Come True

Gunnison Memorial Scholarship

Calvin Sabrowski

She said in an email, “Because of this scholar ship and others like it, I was able to take a full course load (17 hours!), explore cultural opportunities at museums and performances in Denver and spend time volunteering with low-income children. It’s a great start on my journey to becoming a physicist!”

In a recent letter, Calvin told us that he had a great first year at OSU and Looks forward to going back in August.

He’s still on track to own and manage his own cattle and grain operation one day – right here in the Valley.

Donors are the heroes who bring dreams to reality for our young graduates. YOU create possibilities that brighten the future for all of us.

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2015 Grantees

**EDUCATION**
- Center for Adult and Family Education (CAFÉ) - General Operating
- Crested Butte Community School - Enrichment Program
- Crested Butte Wildflower Festival - Completion of Mobile App Flower-Finder
- Mountain Roots - Farm to School Environmental Education Program
- Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory - Children's Science Programs for Local Youth
- Seasons Schoolhouse - Professional Development
- Tenderfoot Child and Family Development Center - Tuition Assistance
- Trailhead Children's Museum - General Operating

**ARTS & CULTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION**
- Crested Butte Center for the Arts - General Operating
- Crested Butte Film Festival - General Operating
- Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum - General Operating
- Crested Butte Music Festival - Music Appreciation and Education Programs for Local Youth
- Crested Butte Society (Arts Festival) - General Operating
- Gunnison Arts Center - General Operating

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ATHLETICS & RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT**
- Crested Butte Educational Radio (KBUT) - Remote Broadcast Equipment
- Crested Butte Nordic - Junior Team Van Purchase
- Habitat for Humanity - General Operating
- Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy - Conservation Easement Program

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
- Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center - Multidisciplinary Team for Children Experiencing Sexual Abuse
- Gunnison County - Family Advocacy Support Team (F.A.S.T.)
- Gunnison County - Nurturing Parenting Program
- Gunnison County - Substance Abuse Prevention Project, Choice Pass Program
- Gunnison Valley Mentors - General Operating
- Living Journeys - Programming for Youth Who Have a Relationship with Cancer
- Project Hope - Latina Support Group
- Six Points Evaluation and Training - General Operating

**PROJECT HOPE**

“One of the nights we met, we led an activity where participants received a canvas with a silhouette outline and a line dividing it in half. They expressed life living in violence mirrored with a future of healing without violence.” – Shayla Fenti, Executive Director

**MOUNTAIN ROOTS**

“2015 COMMUNITY GRANTS”

- Health & Human Service 24%
- Arts & Culture 25%
- Education 24%
- Community Development 13%
- Historic Tradition & Preservation 5%
- Environment 4%
- Athletics & Recreation 5%

**2015 GRANT CELEBRATION**

photo by Lydia Stern
Many people know the Foundation for its grant-making – and it’s true that last year grants from all our sources equaled half a million dollars. That’s more per capita than most front-range community foundations.

We’re about a whole lot more than money, though. With our nonprofits, education is a priority, too. The more our nonprofit leaders know, the stronger the organizations are and the more impact grant dollars have. We surveyed the local nonprofits about their needs and interests, and were able to choose presentation topics that reflect expressed needs and desires.

One-on-One Feedback
After the Annual Community Grant Cycle, each applicant is invited to spend time reviewing their proposal with Maryo Ewell, CFGV’s Program Coordinator. Since Maryo also teaches the grantwriting class at Western, she’s the perfect fit for this service. Grants are about more than the writing. Clear objectives, evaluation techniques and measuring impact all give the agency more credibility in seeking other funding. The feedback works! We’re seeing better and better proposals each year.

Networking and Collaboration
CFGV regularly hosts open meetings in Almont for the more than 100 nonprofits in the Valley. These gatherings provide small-scale continuing education in governance and best practices and a forum for networking, creating collaborations and brainstorming ideas and challenges. Programs in 2015 included Cathie Elliott (“Marketing on a Shoestring”), Katie Dix (“Managing Difficult People in Meetings”), and Mark Ewing (“The New Leadership”).

S.T.E.P.
“Sustainable, Tough, Efficient, Purposeful” Nonprofits – is a program by which knowledgeable Valley people donate hours to assist nonprofits needing their expertise. Skillsets range from QuickBooks to marketing, planning to fundraising and we have nearly 40 advisors on the roster. 16 new STEP applications were received in 2015; 10 of these were completed and ranged from 1 to 20 hours, the rest continued into 2016. Fifteen different individuals donated a total of 142.5 hours of time to working with the nonprofits. One nonprofit told us, “Terrific isn’t the word. Life saving enlightenment is more like it.”

Western Slope Seminars
Guided by a team including the other three community foundations in our six-county area, plus some nonprofits, CFGV presents four 3-hour workshops each year on a variety of topics, ranging from governance to financial management to the best use of volunteers. In collaboration with the Community Resource Center in Denver, the highlight of 2015 was a full day seminar with Andy Robinson, national fundraising authority, author and blogger. 120 lucky nonprofit staff and board members attended Andy’s presentation of “Mobilize Your Board to Raise More Money.”
traveling a fair bit beyond the County line does a body good. Encountering unfamiliar geog- raphy, architecture, greenbelts and deserts, towns and cities, life beyond the County line adds to our own understand- ing of the sense of place we grow into. It also reaffirms and solidifies the sense that this place – the Gunnison Valley – is home.

The Gunnison Valley is cer- tainly unique among places, and we can point to those things that make it so for each of us. Our place is vast and varied in every conceivable way. We can point to the magnificently beautiful hay meadows and grazing cattle, the trails that beckon hikers – Community – and its lakes and rivers that thrill or calm the spirits, the almost heavenly feel of Summer in the Mountains, the University and its uncounted contribu- tions to life and culture, and so much more. We sing in a chorus like- ly to sound a universal theme: “Community.”

Neighbors, friends, familiar faces – Community – form the essence of what creates that no place like home” feeling here in the Gunnison Valley. The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley celebrates Community, (it’s our first name) in every way, through strength, uplift, support, illumination. Our source of life and pos- sibility comes from that won- derful, diverse and helpful group of people who invest in the Community through the Foundation. Our DONORS model that difference, and we’re HERE FOR GOOD because YOU'RE HERE WITH US! Thank you one and all – we look forward to the journey ahead!

2015 Gifts to the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley and its Component Funds

2015 4-H FOREVER FUND

CREST BUTTE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND Vestub & Associates, Inc.

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THE FOUNDATION

Thank you, Board, Advisors and Staff-You Care!

A foundation under the Founda-
tion—that’s what Board, Advisors and Staff provide. Supporting “operations” for a nonprofit doesn’t normally pull at heart strings. Like any business,
thought, there are basic bills to pay. Computers and lights need power and copiers devour paper. The costs of doing business may lack the romance of giving to a direct service program, but without the basics, you can’t focus on the mission.

CFGV’s Board, Advisors and Staff understand the value of not having to worry about paper towels and salaries—and all of these folks make gifts to support general operations each year. Thank you to each and every person in the Valley who makes a gift to opera-
tions— that’s what Board, Advisors and Staff make it easy to de-

liver on the mission.

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VALUES

Above all, the Foundation honors DONOR INTENT.

In carrying out that intent, four essential values guide our actions and service to our community:

- INTEGRITY - We preserve the public trust through independent governance, objectivity, and honest leadership.

- TRANSPARENCY - We open and forthright with one another, donors, grantees, and the community. We practice the highest standards of conduct and ethics in all we do.

- ICULSIVITY - We embrace access, equity, and diversity as affirming the essential humanity of all people and as being basic to a healthy community.

- STEWARDSHIP - We are responsible stewards who manage and grow our varied resources with wisdom and compassion.

National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations

The National Standards seal recog-
nizes commitment to operational excellence. The process of qualify-
ing to use the seal is a roadmap for establishing and implementing legal, ethical and effective practices that demonstrate excellence to donors, government and media. The Standards themselves pro-
provide a framework for documenting, com-
municating and advancing the use of best practices in governance, grantmaking, financial stewardship and more.

CFGV is honored to continue to bear the insignia of having met National Standards.

BYE-BYE, NANCY WELCOME! Margie Black

After more than ten years with the Foundation, Nancy Ruehle retired at the end of 2015. We miss her presence and love to hear about her ever-more-busy life with friends, kids, grandkids and world travels.

We held our collective breath when we advertised Nancy’s position—and our timing was perfection! It brought us Margie Black. She doesn’t know this... but she was one of our first inter-
views. And when she left the room, Lauren and I looked at each other and said, “Is it possible she’s the one?” And, it turned out, after a number of other inter-
views, she is the one! She’s energetic, tireless and she’s on that steep curve to learning it all. And we mean all! The ins and outs of our compli-
cated funding system and the administrative end of our grant and scholarship soft-
ware don’t faze her in the least. She’s upbeat on the phone, caring about all who walk through the door, and we’re really glad to have her on the C

CFGV team! Welcome, Margie!

BOARD AND ADVISORY COUNCIL CHANGES

CFGV’s governing Board is committed, thoughtful, stable and effective! In 2015, Lynndsey Ruehle and Bill Powell completed their terms and the membership was increased with the addition of Kathy Bamhart, Mike Beatty, Jo Ann Macy and Greg Salsbury.

WAYS TO GIVE

TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER

The Foundation acts like the United Way in big cities – using today’s dollars to meet today’s needs. Giving “today” has an impact right now. The Foundation’s Annual Community Grant Cycle, Imagination Library and the STEP program are just some of the ways CFGV addresses today’s needs.

The Foundation also stew-
ards funds created by donors... for giving today, tomorrow or forever.

Giving forever...now that’s what the Foundation calls the “long view.” Name the Foundation as beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Use the IRA rollover to create a fund that grows yearly and pays out in grants forever. Use your will to create an irrev-
versible bequest. Convert your small existing private founda-
tion to a donor advised fund. Any of these vehicles can be restricted – or not – and cre-
ate endowments that ensure you impact the Valley far beyond your time here.

Special thanks to the Gunnison Country Times for designing CFGV’s annual reports.

Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets
Cash
410,716.52
Investments
7,401,002.86
Total Current Assets
7,811,719.38
Other Assets
Real Estate
488,400.00
Office Equipment
4,881.83
Accum Depreciation Fixed Assets
-34,425.98
Furniture and Fixtures
188.37
Software
31,269.15
Total Fixed Assets
490,125.00
TOTAL ASSETS
8,301,848.38
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities
Fed/FICA Payroll Tax Payable
240.27
State Payroll Tax Payable
273.00
Security Deposit Liability
500.00
Total Liabilities
1,013.27
Total Fund Balances
8,300,831.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS
8,301,848.38

The financial position represented above is from unaudited figures. The final audit will be available in September, 2016.