20 YEARS OF YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. HOW TIME FLIES!
The late Dan Tredway was the founding Board President of the Foundation. He and several others had a vision for thriving nonprofits and a vibrant philanthropic community.

Your commitment to the Gunnison Valley has made that possible. Volunteers. Donors. Parents. Teachers. Restaurant employees. Ski patrol. Small businesses. The list goes on. You’re an important piece in the “patchwork” of our Gunnison Valley quilt. 20 years later, Dan’s son, Doug, is continuing the family tradition. As current Board President, Doug is helping CFGV lay the groundwork for the next twenty years. Even stronger nonprofits. A community where all residents can thrive. For the next generation...and many generations after that. A special place to live, work and play.

Story Spotlight!
“Participating in Theater at the Arts Center has been very rewarding for my eight-year-old son. He gets to be big, be loud, and be silly! He gets to be a part of telling a story with others. I love that he is encouraged to be a kid, to try things and let loose.

It’s been interesting to watch him think hard about his characters. Wondering, ‘Why would he have made that choice? How could he have done that differently?’ What I see developing through this practice is empathy, the foundation for strength and compassion. He puts his heart and soul into the experience, and I’m one proud momma!”

You make stories possible through Community Grants!

The Power of Forever
Teaching the value of giving today ... for tomorrow

In a fast-paced world full of technology and machines, 4-H strives to hone life skills and encourage students to become thoughtful contributors to society.

With the creation of the 4-H Forever Fund, an endowment at the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley (CFGV), 4-H program leaders recognized the opportunity to teach youngsters the value of giving back with the simple gesture of paying it forward.

Started by an anonymous donor in 2000, the 4-H Forever Fund has created a culture of giving. During the annual Livestock Sale, 4-H youngsters show and sell animals they have raised during the previous year – steers, pigs, lambs, goats, rabbits and chickens. Each child participating in the Livestock Sale has the opportunity to give a portion of their sale proceeds to the 4-H Forever Fund. It’s voluntary, and close to 90% of kids choose to give a gift to the Fund each year.

You set the example – thank you for inspiring philanthropy in our youngsters!

You’re Here for Good through CFGV
**The scholarship has really enabled me to focus on my schooling. Thank you so much for all of your support!” ~ JULIA**

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**KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP HELPING STUDENTS REACH FOR THE STARS**

The Gunnison Kiwanis Club left a lasting legacy through its scholarship fund. Applications rise to the top when students show community commitment, especially involvement in the broader community outside of school projects. This year’s winner, Ryan Myers, is a wonderful role model for his peers. We wish him the best of luck in his adventures at Notre Dame.

**173 Awards and Counting**

**Gunnison Memorial Scholarship celebrates 50 years**

Started in 1967, the Gunnison Memorial Scholarship has quietly helped local students continue their education after high school. The fund was established to honor the memories of Tom Williams and Sandy Zeigler, members of the Gunnison High School class of 1967. Julia, Michaela and Ryan are headed off to school this fall to pursue their dreams and make the world a better place.

**“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” ~ C.S. LEWIS**

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**Classroom Innovation Inspires the Next Generation**

**Kevin Mickelson - 2017 Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award**

Known for being creative in the classroom, Kevin is dedicated to students. He strives to create a classroom atmosphere that promotes excitement about learning. Kevin’s advice to new teachers . . .

“Genuinely care enough to be your very best all of the time. Remember the ‘why’ of your profession – give students avenues to be successful. Absolutely enjoy your time with students, and don’t be afraid to build relationships. They’re your students – not your clientele.”

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**Rubber Side Down**

**MasterDrive scholarships teach teens to be road ready**

Skid correction. Crisis braking. Crash avoidance. Visual processing. Started by Lee and Polly Spann, the MasterDrive Scholarship gives local teens confidence to drive safely.

**READING INTO THE FUTURE**

**Books = building blocks for life**

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library started in Tennessee and took off around the country. Reading to young children is so important to early cognitive development. Willa sits on mama’s lap every afternoon, learning new colors, shapes and words...long before she can talk. Willa receives a new book each month. 333 additional kiddos in Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties do too. Thanks to you!

**“Practice creates confidence. Confidence empowers you.” ~ SIMONE BILES**
TO BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF

**Community Grants sow seeds for the future**

You make it happen! 26 local nonprofits received funding during the 2017 Community Grant Cycle. Tuition assistance for preschoolers. Leveling the “playing field” for Gunnison Valley residents with disabilities. Healthy and nutritious food in schools. Preserving ranchland and open spaces. These are just a few programs you made possible by supporting and encouraging wonderful organizations up and down the Valley. Thank you.

**Regional Strength**

**Rural Philanthropy Days elevates the Western Slope**

Many years ago, Colorado nonprofit leaders recognized that most Front Range private foundations were primarily funding programs and organizations in the Denver Metro area and along the I-25 corridor. Their missions aligned with rural organizations throughout the State, but a lack of familiarity with these communities meant many missed opportunities. Rural Philanthropy Days was born. Every four years, Gunnison Valley nonprofit representatives spend three days with the rest of the San Juan Region, learning and sharing. The final day is spent at roundtables speaking with funders like the A.V. Hunter Trust, the Boettcher Foundation, the Colorado Trust and others. In a speed-dating-type format, this is a chance for local nonprofits to share their wonderful work and find alignment for outside funding.

**2017 SNAPSHOT**

- 27 nonprofit organizations (and 41 people) serving the Gunnison Valley attended
- 66 “green” or “yellow” lights during round tables, indicating a probable fit for grant funding

**Jumpstart: Launching in ‘18**

**A CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD SUCCESS**

Six local nonprofits. Collaborating with CFGV and Network for Good. It’s one of those situations when 1+1 equals way more than 2. Leveraging fundraising expertise, Jumpstart participants will have professional guidance to set up a fundraising strategy. Not just an event here and a letter appeal there. A robust strategy that is sustainable year after year. The building blocks of a strong nonprofit organization. Stay tuned! Jumpstart rolls out in 2018.

**MULTIPLYING MINI-GRANTS FOR GREATER IMPACT**

Can you make a little money go a long way? Nine local nonprofits are showing creativity, ingenuity, and compassion in doing that very thing. CFGV was able to offer a special mini-grant cycle over the summer that ties into the grassroots work of the One Valley Prosperity Project.

The top-scoring applicants from the 2017 CFGV Annual Community Grant Cycle were invited to apply, and the application was simple. Explain on one page how you plan to address at least one of the priorities in the One Valley Prosperity Strategy.

The Strategy has four focus areas: affordable housing; community health and equity; sustainable tourism and recreation; and resilient economy. The variety of projects and ideas is inspiring. Expanding services to individuals with traumatic brain injury. Training healthy living advocates in community minority groups. Implementing the Client Choice Model at the Food Pantry. Developing employment skills in at-risk-youth. Building relationships between local law enforcement and the immigrant community. They’ve hit the ground running – thanks to you!

**Regional Strength**

**RURAL PHILANTHROPY DAYS ROUNDTABLE**

Photo courtesy of Community Resource Center

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”

MARGARET FULLER
STEPping Stones to Success

Through the STEP Program, any nonprofit in the Valley can access coaching and teaching on a variety of topics — at NO COST to them! Your gift lays the groundwork for best practices, learning, and excellence in the local nonprofit community. Thank you.

“We’re breaking new ground thanks to your help and support!”
DARCI PERKINS, Living Journeys

TUNING IN AND TUNING OUT
(Mis)communication in the modern world

You probably don’t see eye-to-eye with everyone you meet. That’s okay. Diversity of opinion, beliefs, and life experience makes the world a more interesting place. We would not have nearly as much creativity, innovation or progress without these differences. How do we make sure we listen to each other? Not to judge or to make our point. To really listen. To hear. To try to understand. To learn. In collaboration with the Gunnison Library, CFGV hosted a four-part civil discourse series during the month of October. Your gifts help us build on this momentum.

DYNAMIC DUO – DALE AND RAY
Asleep at the Wheel brings down the house

What a night it was! Asleep at the Wheel plus Dale Watson and His Lonestars. With over 600 people at the I Bar Ranch, the energy was contagious. The camaraderie and friendship were infectious. The support from sponsors, volunteers, the audience and all who worked behind the scenes to make for a seamless evening…incredible! Stay tuned for details on next year’s benefit concert.

Here for Good Heroes living forever in the Valley

It might be the easiest gift you’ll ever give! Your legacy can live on forever by making a bequest through your will, naming CFGV as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, and through many other creative strategies. Thank you to the following donors who inspire so many others through their commitment to CFGV...forever.

Anonymous (3)
Rob Gentry
Roger and Dot Hemminghaus
Patricia Ruehle
Patricia LaCena
Bill and Cora LaGrange
Pat and Pam Montgomery
Anonymous

Welcome New Board Members & Advisors

Alisa Corey
Aaron Huckstep

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Thank you.

”Civility costs nothing, and buys everything.”
Mary Wortley Montagu
CB Nordic

Hayden and Rowan are busy learning teamwork and cooperation while practicing agility and balance. All in the name of fun! Today’s agenda for these CB Snowsports Foundation athletes? Games and skills with the Nordic Team!

WSCU

Empowering peers to help each other. Sources of Strength emphasizes the importance of Peer Leaders for suicide prevention. Connections between youth and adults are strengthened, and students have a toolbox of resources as a result of hands-on activities.

CB Land Trust

River monitoring. Is that like watching paint dry? Not at all! Ecological cross-section surveys collect data to show how the Slate River channel has changed over time, how it reacts to natural events, and will inform the effect the new Gunsight Bridge design has on the river.

Tenderfoot Child and Family Development Center

Exploring the world and learning new things is a full-time gig for our community’s kiddos. You make it possible for our youngest citizens to thrive.
Community Grant Awards

HISTORIC TRADITION & PRESERVATION
- CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE MUSEUM  General Operating

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
- COCHETOPA HORSEMANSHIP  Equine Therapy Tuition Assistance
- DOLPHIN HOUSE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER  Multidisciplinary Team Meetings
- GUNNISON COUNTRY FOOD PANTRY  General Operating
- GUNNISON COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROJECT (GCSAPP)  Choice Pass Program
- GUNNISON COUNTY NURTURING PARENTING PROGRAM  General Operating
- GUNNISON HINSDALE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL  General Operating
- GUNNISON VALLEY MENTORS  General Operating
- MOUNTAIN ROOTS  Farm to School Program
- SIX POINTS EVALUATION AND TRAINING  General Operating

ENVIRONMENT
- CRESTED BUTTE LAND TRUST  Design and Engineering for Gunsight Bridge Restoration
- GUNNISON RANCHLAND CONSERVATION LEGACY  General Operating

EDUCATION
- CENTER FOR ADULT AND FAMILY EDUCATION (CAFE)  General Operating
- PARADISE PLACE  Tuition Assistance
- STEPPING STONES CHILDREN’S CENTER  Tuition Assistance
- TRAILHEAD CHILDREN’S MUSEUM  General Operating

DOMESTIC ANIMAL WELFARE
- GUNNISON VALLEY ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE (GVAWL)  General Operating

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- CRESTED BUTTE AVALANCHE CENTER  General Operating
- GUNNISON TRAILS  Summer Youth Crew Trail Maintenance
- HISPANIC AFFAIRS PROJECT  Immigration Legal Assistance

ATHLETICS & RECREATION
- ADAPTIVE SPORTS CENTER OF CRESTED BUTTE  Community Kids Program
- CRESTED BUTTE SNOWSPORTS FOUNDATION  Winter Program Tuition Assistance

ARTS & CULTURE
- CRESTED BUTTE MUSIC FESTIVAL  General Operating
- GUNNISON ARTS CENTER  General Operating
- CRESTED BUTTE ARTS FESTIVAL  Marketing to Artists and Attendees
- CRESTED BUTTE FILM FESTIVAL  Venue Rental

“Philanthropy, charity, giving voluntarily and freely… call it what you like, but it is truly the jewel of an American tradition.”
~ JOHN F. KENNEDY

For a list of grantees from other years, please visit cfgv.org/grantees