Celebrate the Valley’s nonprofits! They serve us all in one way or another. Staff members, boards and volunteers. You’re the makers of happiness for a lot of people.

There are more than 100 nonprofits at work in the Valley - all here because there are needs to be met. Think of the issues in any urban city - chances are we have the same needs here ... just in microcosm. Nonprofits fill community needs that government and private business can’t. The gaps they fill keep us strong as a valley, and they do it with a passion that makes each one of our nonprofits exceptional.

Speaking of exceptional . . . celebrate donors! Philanthropy loosely translated from the Greek means “love of people.”

Valley nonprofits go about their incredible work because of a group of extraordinary donors. CFGV’s greater community is everyone who lives, works and plays in this glorious high mountain valley. It’s a community that embraces our donors. Donors internalize a sense of caring for one another and giving back that is the essence of community. We know them, care about them and love them. Your Community Foundation is “Here for Good,” thanks to you.

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Mission:
The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley strengthens and enriches the community through engaged philanthropy, thoughtful grantmaking, strategic education, and collaborative leadership.

2018 NUMBERS: YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SNAPSHOT

Numbers show a slice. Discover more of the pie with stories, photos and quotes inside these pages.

622 gifts to all funds
5 new funds established
82 total funds managed
$572,967 grants given from all sources
Patti was the first principal of the Crested Butte Community School when kindergarten through high school moved into the brand new building in 1997. She grew up in the Gunnison Valley and, though her career in education took her to Denver and Alaska, her heart was always here. While Patti has physically left this world, her legacy lives on for eternity, benefiting educational programs through Community Grants. Should there be a special education initiative in the Valley, Patti may very well lead that charge!

Planting a Seed for the Future

Innovative Scholarship Opens Doors

The Maxwell MacAllister Scholarship is awarded to Gunnison High School seniors who are the first in their family to pursue education after high school. Eligible students must show academic merit and involvement in the community outside of school-related activities.

Begun by Kathy and Jim MacAllister, this scholarship honors Jim’s grandfather who was the first in his family to graduate from college. Maxwell’s career as a teacher, coach and principal spanned forty years in public schools throughout rural Iowa from 1926 to 1966.

“In addition to my grandfather, my Dad was a teacher, and my father-in-law was a teacher, so the idea of improving educational opportunities for everyone is a tribute to the work they did in their lifetimes.”

– Jim MacAllister

Anyone can be a philanthropist! Creating a donor advised fund at your community foundation is like starting your own foundation without all the paperwork.

Donor Advised Funds

Anyone can start a fund with the Foundation. Whether or not it's in memory of a loved one, there are infinite possibilities with fund type, designation, and more. Contact the office at 970.641.8837 for more information.
The Math Fairy Superhero

18th Annual Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award

The Excellence in Teaching award calls for a teacher who is “dedicated to students, committed to the community and who creates a classroom atmosphere which promotes an excitement about learning.”

“It’s not just about math. If you’re having fun, so are the kids - and they’re learning. You’re helping your students grow into kind, compassionate adults.” - Maren

Reading: A spark for success

The gift of books reaches Valley youngsters

Early literacy can be make or break. Without it, kiddos fall behind their peers before they ever start kindergarten. Your support means CFGV sends one book per month to each child enrolled in Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. The requirements for enrollment? You must be under age 5 and live in Gunnison or Hinsdale Counties. With over 300 local youth receiving books each month, there’s plenty of room to grow enrollment. The more kids loving books, the better. Thanks for caring!

Skills Behind the Wheel

Defensive Driving Scholarship keeps the rubber side down

Four teens with learner’s permits were awarded scholarships to the one-day driving skills course at MasterDrive in Colorado Springs. Skid correction. Crisis braking. Crash avoidance. Kudos to these four and the donors who make it possible. Our roads are a safer place to drive!

“MasterDrive gave me a better understanding of how to think defensively while driving. I improved my braking skills and learned to recover from a skid. I can confidently say I’m prepared for any situation Colorado weather wants to throw at me!”

– Lily Pierson

“I became more comfortable with quick turning and fast braking. I also learned what to do in case of a skid.”

– Sophia Truex

Blazing New Trails

Scholarships launch students into the world

From the Spann family ranch to MIT, Catherine Washburn hopes to incorporate aerospace engineering into the world of agriculture. In 2018, Catherine was awarded both the Gunnison Kiwanis Club Scholarship and a Gunnison Memorial Scholarship.

Josie Bifano decided she would become a veterinarian when she was in 6th grade. A Gunnison Memorial Scholarship is helping Josie pursue this dream in northern Colorado.

Josie Bifano

“T’ve declared early sophomore standing, become active in student government, joined campus Greek life and began work as an undergraduate lab assistant. Your scholarships helped make it all possible! Instead of stressing about paying tuition, I’m exploring and learning as much as possible!”

– Catherine Washburn

“Nine years in 4-H and four years in Future Farmers of America have given me plenty of hands-on animal experience and leadership training through multiple projects.”

– Josie Bifano

Rockin’ the I Bar Ranch

Asleep at the Wheel

You just can’t get enough! Once again, The Wheel rocked the I Bar with over 600 guests in attendance. Sponsors, ticket holders and volunteers made it a night to remember. With Les Choy and Gypsy Jazz Social Club opening, the dance floor was rockin’ all night long.

The Math Fairy uses creativity, innovation and fun (like superhero capes) to capture students’ attention.

Ray Benson

Photo by Carlie Kenton

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2018 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Western Colorado University Athletics  
Six Points Evaluation and Training  
Seasons Schoolhouse  
Project Hope of Gunnison Valley  
Hispanic Affairs Project  
High Country Conservation Advocates (HCCA)  
Habitat for Humanity of the Gunnison Valley  
Gunnison Valley Mentors  
Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League (GVAWL)  
Gunnison Trails  
Gunnison School District  
Gunnison County Nurturing Parenting Program  
Gunnison County Library District  
Gunnison County Juvenile Services  
Gunnison Country Food Pantry  
Crested Butte Wildflower Festival  
Crested Butte Nordic  
Crested Butte Mountain Theatre  
Crested Butte Land Trust  
Crested Butte Dance Collective  
Crested Butte Community School  
Crested Butte Center for the Arts  
Crested Butte Avalanche Center  
CASA of the 7th Judicial District  
Boomers and Beyond  
Arts & Culture 10.6%  
Health & Human Services 25.9%  
Community Development 13.3%  
Historic Preservation 0.8%  
Education 14.1%  
Animal Welfare 4.6%  
Environment 12.4%  
Athletics & Recreation 18.3%  
It doesn't really matter where you were born or where you came from. We all fall down (and get back up) together when we're learning how to ski!
2018 ONE VALLEY PROSPERITY PROJECT MINI-GRANTS

A little community boost

Create Use-Etiquette Signage at Access Points on the Upper Slate River
Crested Butte Land Trust

Create an Ongoing Internship for a Western Student to Design Curriculum and Engage Elementary School Children
Crested Butte Wildflower Festival

Expand Work Crews to Include Western Incoming Freshmen, the Youth Mustang Bike Club and Gunnison Mentors
Gunnison Trails

Offer Workshops on Inexpensive Solar Energy Design and Installation
Habitat for Humanity

Train Staff to Expand Services for Individuals with a Traumatic Brain Injury
Six Points Evaluation and Training

Create Little Free Libraries (Book Nooks) with Books in Spanish and English in Three Neighborhoods
Señorita Rita’s Rockin’ Book Bus

Help Build a Corps of Interpreters to Assist Multicultural Resource Services
Hispanic Affairs Project

Create a “Trusted Adult” Guide: Send Two Mentor-Mentee Teams to Help Design Denver Bronco Chris Harris’ Footgear
Gunnison Valley Mentors

Expand the “Silver Whiskers” Program to Provide Older, Well-Behaved Pets and Necessary Supplies to Seniors in Poverty, Including Veterans
Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League

Engage a Spanish-Language Outreach Coordinator
Gunnison Country Food Pantry

Link the Creede Repertory Theatre’s Production of “Seed” to the Activities of the Kids’ Garden and Science Clubs
Crested Butte Elementary School Enrichment Program

Build Relationships Between Local Law Enforcement and the Immigrant Community
Center for Adult and Family Education (CAFE)

As a dual-language learner, Genesis is making great strides with her English, thanks to a little help from her friends.
Ways to give…today, tomorrow, and forever

Our donors make all the difference. CFGV is “Here for Good” because you’re here with us!

Today’s dollars meet today’s needs. This happens through Community Grants, Imagination Library and Scholarships. Donor advised funds, designated funds, and endowed funds are examples of dollars stewarded by CFGV for “many tomorrows.” Grant, replenish, grow…a motto that allows donor advisors, in particular, to grow a fund while making grants each year. Forever opens a world of possibility. You can create a charitable bequest in your will. Or name the Foundation as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy. Use your IRA rollover to give to a fund that grows and grants. With CFGV, you can be Here for Good long after you’re gone.

2018 Gifts to the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley and Component Funds

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Thank you! Your support is “Here for Good.”

Board and Advisory Council Changes

In 2018, Mike Beatty bid adieu to the Advisory Council. Jennifer Kermode, Bob McNamara, Janet Reiman and Carol Johnson joined the Advisory Council. Rose Tocckie, Cynthia Wolff, Rob Holting and Aaron Hucklestep stepped onto the Board.

You’re Here for Good

Above all, the Foundation honors donor intent. In carrying out that intent, four essential values guide our actions and services to our community. Integrity. Inclusivity. Transparency. Stewardship.

CFGV envisions a dynamic culture of giving in which the full range of human needs is met by the community it serves. You can volunteer in the community, donate to the Foundation and other favorite causes, offer a helping hand to a friend or neighbor . . . there are so many ways to take part in a thriving future. You’re Here for Good with CFGV.