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## Story Spotlight!

## FALL 2019 DONOR UPDATE



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### BACK ON HER FEET



Adaline mustered all of her strength and courage to escape.

**Extreme domestic violence and drug abuse ruled her world. She was pregnant and had nothing for herself or her baby: no home, no job, no care, and no hope.**

**With an advocate from Project Hope, Adaline developed an action plan that started with access to safe shelter, utility and rental assistance, food, and gifts for the holidays.**

**Adaline has turned her life around. She has a healthy baby, long-term affordable housing, childcare, a full-time job, and a car. Having a safe place and feeling like she wasn't judged for her situation helped her get back on her feet. Your support of Community Grants provides safety and understanding in moments of crisis.**



### A Simple Wish . . .

to work in the community he loves

George lives with developmental disabilities and was exploited financially as a youngster. As a result, he became fearful of making money, reporting wages, and paying taxes. George didn't want to "get in trouble" again, but he longed for a job. He likes to learn new skills and is very conscientious. A few years ago, George joined Six Points, gradually grew to trust his Six Points family and shared his dream of getting a job. With assistance completing employment applications, learning new job skills, and becoming confident interacting with store customers and staff, George is now a respected employee. He manages his own money, has improved his communication skills and is proud to be a valued member of the community. Your gift to Community Grants gives vulnerable community members the confidence to take a chance and learn something new.



### Giving the Gift of Time

Gunnison Valley Volunteers premieres

So many wonderful people. So many amazing causes. The brand new Gunnison Valley Volunteers website is up and running. It's a central place for those looking to volunteer as well as those looking for volunteers. Your involvement makes this community a wonderful place to live, work and play. Check it out at [www.GunnisonValleyVolunteers.com](http://www.GunnisonValleyVolunteers.com).

“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless but because they're priceless.”

SHERRY ANDERSON

# Wings to Fly

## Graduating seniors set off on the next adventure



CLARA SCHULTE

The Gunnison Kiwanis Club Scholarship is awarded to a local graduating senior who demonstrates scholastic commitment, academic promise, a commitment to serving his or her community, and financial need.

“Thank you! It’s so wonderful to come from such a warm and lovely community! Beyond the award itself, thank you for the opportunity to interview. What great practice and experience! Ready or not – CU Boulder, here I come!”

CLARA, 2019 KIWANIS AWARD

Honoring local students who were lost in a 1967 car accident, the Gunnison Memorial Scholarship has assisted 167 youngsters in their pursuit of higher education. This year’s awards were made to Katherine Ricks and Alexander Dumas.

“I can’t express how thankful I am! With this scholarship, the money I have and the money I make over the summer should allow me to go to school debt-free!”

KATHERINE



KATHERINE RICKS



ALEXANDER DUMAS



## Andy Dunda

### 2019 Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award

With a love of 80s hair bands (and the air guitar to prove it), Andy Dunda knows it’s important not to take yourself too seriously. He gives out a never-ending supply of high fives in the halls and the classroom.



ANDY DUNDA

“Don’t be afraid to make mistakes. Your students are the best barometer of what’s working. If they’re engaged and enjoying the class, then you have a winning lesson. Listen to your colleagues. Get into other classrooms; observe and hone your craft by watching others.”

ANDY

## Literacy for Life

### You put books in the hands of Valley youngsters

Did you know that two out of every three students who can’t read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare? One in four children in the United States grow up without learning how to read. (Stats provided by [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org))

Thanks to you, developing a love and a habit for reading starts at an early age in the Gunnison Valley.

Through generous support of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, every child under the age of five in Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties

is eligible to receive a book each month in the mail, at no cost to their family! Spread the word or give a gift today to Imagination Library at [cfgv.org](http://cfgv.org).



“ Give the ones you love wings to fly, roots to come back and reasons to stay. ”

DALAI LAMA

## Ready to Respond Defensive driving course prepares teens for the road

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, car crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens. Your support makes possible a partnership with MasterDrive to send local youngsters to a hands-on driving course each year. This was a banner year – generous donors made it possible for EIGHT students to attend!



IRIS HOUCK

MOLLY STRICKLAND

ASHLYND HARRIS

LILY HANNA

CHARLIE ZEITER

BRIELLE GRIGGS



SARAH BIVENS

RORY DAWSON

“ I was in a car accident that totaled both cars earlier this year, and when I began learning to drive, I was nervous and hesitant. After completing this course, my driving technique and ability to safely control the car and comfortably make sharp turns and avoid animals greatly improved. Thank you! ” RORY

## Creating the future through learning Striving for organizational excellence

Behind the scenes, your support elevates local nonprofit excellence. Regional trainings are open to any Western Slope staff and board members. Topics during 2019 included a two-part series on Strategic Planning with Illene Roggensack of Third Sector Innovations and a Collective Impact session with Ona Crow from the OMNI Institute. The local Nonprofit Network meets informally throughout the year for free workshops! So far in 2019, presentations have included:

- *Hot Human Resource Topics* with Kim Gailey, HR Director at WCU
- *All things CFGV Community Grants!* with staff
- *The Who, What, When and How of Effective Conversations* with Anthony Poponi of Humore.us
- *Evaluation Tools & Strategies* with Paul Holden and William Spicer
- *Gunnison Valley Volunteers: Brand New Resource* with staff



HOLLY CONN

“ Thanks for making these options available to the nonprofits in our community. I think it elevates everyone and makes our community a better place to live. ”

HOLLY, Mountain Roots Food Project



# One Valley, Many Voices

Changing the world one yard sign at a time

We printed simple stickers with a heartfelt greeting - "Welcome" written in all the languages known to be spoken in the Gunnison Valley. There are at least 30!

Studies have shown that feeling welcome makes people healthier and happier. The sticker idea caught fire, and a Kickstarter campaign launched the effort to "Blanket the Gunnison Valley in Welcome" with yard signs. As of the end of October, \$3,626 had been raised by 117 people. Want your own sign for the "Day of Welcome" next spring? Call us! 970-641-8837.



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“ When I think of the characteristics of a community where I want to live and raise my family, inclusivity is toward the top of the list! Join me in supporting the Welcome Campaign. ”

RACHEL ALTER, backer, CFGV Welcome Kickstarter Campaign

## Legacy Heroes Giving back to the future

Anyone can be a hero through their will or estate plan. CFGV Legacy Heroes are Here for Good – today, tomorrow, and forever. You can be a hero today – call the Foundation for more information.

Anonymous (3)

Sue and Fred Berry

Tina Brudzinski

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Gary Hausler

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Rose Tocke



## Rockin' the I Bar Ranch

Ray Benson and The Wheel pack the house

The Foundation's only annual ticketed fundraiser was a raucous success! Sponsors, ticket holders and volunteers made it a night to remember. With Les Choy and Gypsy Jazz Social Club opening for Asleep at the Wheel, the dance floor was rockin' all night long.



Photo: Arden Anderson



Photo: Anne Hausler



Photo: Alicia Corliss



### GENERAL OPERATING GRANTS

ADAPTIVE SPORTS CENTER  
CRESTED BUTTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE MUSEUM  
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KBUT COMMUNITY RADIO  
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SIX POINTS EVALUATION AND TRAINING

### PROJECT GRANTS

BRIGHT FUTURES – Gunnison-Hinsdale Pyramid Model Project  
CASA OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT – Parent Coaching/ Abuse and Neglect Cases  
CATTLEMEN'S DAYS TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK – Mamma Mondays  
CELEBRATE THE BEAT – Residency at the Crested Butte Community School  
COCHETOPA THERAPY HORSEMANSHIP – Equine Therapy  
CRESTED BUTTE ARTS FESTIVAL – Local Talent Stage  
CRESTED BUTTE NORDIC – Youth Programs  
GUNNISON COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – Nurturing Parenting Program  
GUNNISON COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES – Family Advocacy Support Team  
GUNNISON COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT – Center for Adult and Family Education  
GUNNISON HINSDALE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL – Nurturing the Young Child Conference  
GUNNISON WATERSHED SCHOOL DISTRICT – Crested Butte School Enrichment Programs  
HIGH COUNTRY CONSERVATION ADVOCATES (HCCA) – Taylor/Gunnison River Management Planning  
HISPANIC AFFAIRS PROJECT – Advancing Immigrant Integration in Gunnison County  
MOUNTAIN ROOTS FOOD PROJECT – Farm to School  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY – Field Experiences and Support for RE1J Curriculum Changes  
SEASONS SCHOOLHOUSE – Tuition Assistance  
THE DOLPHIN HOUSE – Gunnison County Multidisciplinary Team  
WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY – Masters in Environmental Management– Marble Sustainable Tourism Planning  
WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS – Sports Clinics for Local Youth

## Your Gifts in Action

Equine therapy can be a game-changer for children and adults having trouble expressing their emotions or facing a physical or mental disability. Frustration becomes strength when a

rider identifies with the grace and power of a horse. The connection that can only be found with an understanding animal is a lifeline for clients at Cochetopa Therapy Horsemanship.



For a list of grantees from other years, please visit [cfgv.org/grantees](http://cfgv.org/grantees)

# One Valley Prosperity Project Mini-Grants



## **WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**

Expand access to children's sports clinics and WCU sporting events

## **SIX POINTS EVALUATION & TRAINING**

Implement pilot program for Traumatic Brain Injury clients

## **MOUNTAIN ROOTS FOOD PROJECT**

Immigrant Health Outreach

## **KBUT COMMUNITY RADIO**

Mini-series focusing on local health/wellness, food insecurity, housing and poverty

## **GUNNISON VALLEY MENTORS**

Youth Townie Work Crew

## **GUNNISON ARTS CENTER**

Increase senior citizen attendance at Black Box Theatre matinee events



“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

CORETTA SCOTT KING

## *Your Gifts in Action*

By coordinating transportation and providing dramatically reduced ticket prices, the Gunnison Arts Center (GAC) envisions a boost in the number of seats filled with silver hair. Over the next year, the GAC will provide a minimum of three coordinated opportunities for seniors to attend Community Theatre productions.



Donors make it happen!