We celebrate the Valley’s nonprofits and all of the good work they do! It’s safe to say that all of us have been touched by the positive impact they make each and every day. This place we love is made special by the compassion and dedication of their staff members, boards and volunteers.

There are more than 100 nonprofits at work in the Valley, each with its own unique mission and character serving the entire range of needs of our community. Nonprofits fill the gaps between what government and private business offer and what is necessary. The exceptional services nonprofits provide enable our entire community to become more resilient and equitable.

Speaking of exceptional . . . we also celebrate donors! Philanthropists by definition seek to promote the welfare of others, and there is no shortage of those who seek to make this place extra special through their generous support of our nonprofits.

Here at the Community Foundation, we believe everyone can be a philanthropist. Whether it is through financial support or the giving of time and talent, nonprofits rely on the generosity of the philanthropists who truly care and choose to actively give back to the communities they love. The kindness and altruism donors demonstrate throughout our Valley inspires us all to care for one another and to give back when and how we can. Our donors drive us to do better, be better, and make our world better.

Thanks to you, the Community Foundation is “Here for Good” . . . today.
HERE FOR GOOD – INTEGRITY

Providing help and healing

CB State of Mind Fund addresses mental health

A fire a rash of suicides shocked our small mountain paradise several years ago, a group of community members recognized the critical need of increased support for mental health services and banded together to serve and heal our community. CB State of Mind, a fiscal sponsorship of CFGV, works to connect people to resources, education and free counseling scholarships to improve mental wellness, eliminate stigma and lower the rate of suicide in the Gunnison Valley.

“I cannot express the level of gratitude I have towards the CB State of Mind organization for the opportunity granted to me to receive the mental health support I so badly needed, and until now, I could not receive.”

– Crested Butte Community Member

Shady Island River Park project underway

Gunnison County purchased a parcel of land just north of the City of Gunnison with the intent of developing a new recreational area and boat launch near the North Bridge. The new Shady Island River Park will include parking, tent camping sites, picnic tables and shelters, restrooms, a trail loop system, recreation paths, fishing access, boat staging area, access for non-boaters, outdoor classrooms and gathering areas – it’ll have something for everyone!

The Gunnison County Shady Island River Park Project Fund, established in 2019, provides a vehicle for the public to provide charitable support for the project, and CFGV is pleased to partner with Gunnison County on this very exciting endeavor.

Anyone can contribute to a fund at cfgv by going to the website www.cfgv.org/donors

LEGACY OF GOOD

2019 FUNDS

Anyone can be a philanthropist! Creating any kind of fund is easy. A Donor Advised Fund at your community foundation is like beginning your own private foundation without all the paperwork. There’s no gift too small to get started. Call the office at 970-641-8837 for more information.

Anyone can be a hero! The heroes listed have told us they’ve chosen to put CFGV in their will or estate plans. Our heroes are “Here for Good.”

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Sue and Fred Berry
Tina Bruzdonski
Sandy and Roger Dorf
Maryo Ewell
Christine and Tim Freethold
Noelle and Richard Hagan
Dot and Roger Hemminghaus
Stephanie Juneau
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Pam and Pat Montgomery
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Funds Created in 2019

Bé Haver Be Light Fund
A donor advised fund

Crested Butte State of Mind Fund
A fiscal sponsorship fund created to assist CB State of Mind to obtain nonprofit status and begin fundraising to support mental health in the Valley

Gunnison County Shady Island River Park Project Fund
A designated fund created to enable Gunnison County to collect public donations for the new Shady Island River Park project

LEAVING A LEGACY

2019 FUNDS

CFGV Funds

CFGV Annual Fund
CFGV Fundraisers
CFGV Grant Fund
CFGV Health Initiatives Fund
Charter Endowment
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Cornerstone Fund
Creed Butte Arts Fund
Early Childhood Literacy Fund
Emergency Fund
Everest Fund
Future Designations Fund
Operating Fund
Western + CFGV Disaster Relief Fund

Donor Advised Funds

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Benevolence Alliance of the Gunnison Valley
Bill & Lanni Burke Family Fund
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Charles & Sharon Daubenberger Fund
Corniskey Fund
Creed Butte Rotary Foundation
Don Haver Donor Advised Fund
Durbar Family Fund
Fred & Sue Berry Donor Advised Fund
Fretthold Family Fund
G&G Goves
Gunnison Rotary Youth Charitable Fund
Gunnison Valley Education Foundation
Gunnison Valley Restorative Justice Fund
Hans and Lea Helmerich Charitable Fund
Hamed Foundation Fund
Hemminghaus Family Fund
Hickman Family Fund
James E. Bartelsmeyer Endowment Fund
Joanne and Tom Allenison Family Fund
Kathleen Gentry Donor Advised Fund
MacAlister Family Fund
MBV Fund
Nancy Tocke Donor Advised Fund
Nick and Patricia Williams Fund
Paul D. Witt Charitable Fund
Petersen-Tocke Family Fund
P-Squared Donors Advised Fund
Resource Engineering Group Fund
Richard and Noelle Hagan Charitable Fund
Roy and Toni Bliss Fund
Sandra and Roger Dorf Fund
Tom and Stephany Seymour Family Fund
Walker Fund
William B. Endner Fund
William Gunnison 7th Judicial District Drug Court Foundation Fund
WTR Fund
Zen for Business Fund

Designated Funds

ChoicePass Community Support Fund
Gunnison County Shady Island River Park Project Fund
Gunnison High School Fund
Gunnison Valley School Fund
Meler Haueler Memorial Fund
Patti Bouchard Bippus Education Fund
Post Rural Philanthropy Days Education Fund

Field of Interest Funds

State River Alternative Education & Arts Endowment

Fiscal Sponsorship Funds

Crested Butte State of Mind + Gunnison Valley Skateboard Alliance
Lights and Sirens
Memorial Flags Fund
Ranchers and Sportsmen Together for the Hungry

Scholarship Funds

Crested Butte Rotary Scholarship Fund
Dan Treadway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award
Defensive Driving Scholarship
Der Forst Scholarship Fund
Gunnison Kiwanis Club Scholarship
Gunnison Memorial Scholarship Fund
Maxwell MacAlister Scholarship Fund
One Goal, One Passion Scholarship

+ Denotes funds that were opened in 2019
Good relationships and high-fives

19th Annual Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award

The Dan Tredway Memorial 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.”

Gunnison Middle School social studies teacher Andy Dunda believes positive relationships – and giving out plenty of high-fives – are the key to being a successful educator.

Andy uses high-fives and air guitar “concerts” to connect with students

Relationships are key – your students need to feel respected, encouraged and safe.

Boogieing for a great cause

Asleep at the Wheel returns

The one and only Asleep at the Wheel returned to the I Bar for a rockin’ evening with guests Les Choy and the Gypsy Jazz Social Club. Nearly 600 people turned out to cut loose and choo choo ch-boogie on the dance floor and the lawn, and they boogied all night long!

Thanks to our sponsors, ticket holders and volunteers for making it another evening to remember.

Imagination Library gives the gift of reading

Countless studies show that reading in early childhood has a lasting impact on a kiddo’s life. Reading helps with increased vocabulary, curiosity and memory – and provides healthy together-time for children and parents. The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley is a proud partner of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. Since 1995, the program has sent over 138 MILLION books to kids in four countries! The requirements for local enrollment? Kids must be under age 5 and live in Gunnison or Hinsdale Counties. Over 300 local youth are currently receiving books through the Imagination Library (at no cost to their families). You can help spread the word to get more young kiddos involved! Many thanks to the generous donors who make early childhood literacy for our local kids possible.

Making the road safe for everyone

Defensive Driving Scholarship gives kids essential skills

The 2019 Defensive Driving Scholarship awards afforded a record eight local kiddos the chance to attend a full day driving camp with MasterDrive in Colorado Springs. After learning important skills like crash avoidance, dynamic awareness, crisis braking techniques and skid control, the roads will be safer...for everyone!

This whole course has helped me feel more comfortable behind the wheel and become a more confident driver. – Ashlynd Harris

I learned many new skills to help me grow as a safe and responsible driver (plus drifting was pretty fun). – Iris Houck

Advancing education

Scholarships enable local youth to take education to the next level

With a love of reading, historical research and writing, Clara Schulte hopes to use her passion to educate, inform and advocate. In 2018, Clara was awarded the Gunnison Kiwanis Club Scholarship to make her dreams come true.

“Ready or not – CU Boulder here I come!”

Katherine Ricks plans to do a lot while at college – major in biomedical engineering, work as an EMT, and enlist in the National Guard. A Gunnison Memorial Scholarship is helping Katherine accomplish all of this at a private university in California.

“Your scholarship has made me positive...I will be able to go to school debt free!”

While Alex isn’t totally sure what he wants to do for his career, he knows that he definitely wants to help people in his community. Being awarded a Gunnison Memorial Scholarship will enable Alex to learn, grow and give back.

“No matter what I do in life, I want to be there to help the community.”

Clara Schulte

Katherine Ricks

Alexander Dumas
2019 Community Grants

**GENERAL OPERATING GRANTS**
- Adaptive Sports Center
- Crested Butte Center for the Arts
- Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum
- Crested Butte Mountain Theatre
- Crested Butte Wildflower Festival
- Gunnison Arts Center
- Gunnison Valley Mentors
- Habitat for Humanity Gunnison Valley
- KBUT Community Radio
- Living Journeys
- Project Hope of Gunnison Valley
- Six Points Evaluation and Training

**PROGRAM GRANTS**
- Bright Futures
- Gunnsison-Hinsdale Pyramid Model Project for Childcare Centers
- CASA of the Seventh Judicial District
- Parent Coaching for Court Ordered Abuse and Neglect Cases
- Cattlemen’s Days Tough Enough to Wear Pink
- Mammo Mondays
- Celebrate the Beat
- Dance 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)
- Stakeholder Coordination for Taylor/Gunnison River Watershed Management Planning
- Hispanic Affairs Project
- Advancing Immigrant Integration in Gunnison County
- Mountain Roots Food Project
- Farm to School
- Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory
- Updated Field Experiences and Support for RE1J Curriculum Changes to Meet State Standards
- Seasons Schoolhouse
- Tuition Assistance
- The Dolphin House
- Gunnison County Multidisciplinary Team for Children who are Victims of Abuse
- Western Colorado University
- Master’s Program in Environmental Management
- Sustainable Tourism Planning in Marble
- Western Colorado University Athletics
- Sports Clinics for Local Youth

**COCHETOPA THERAPY HORSEMANSHIP AND SIX POINTS EVALUATION & TRAINING**
Clients of Six Points enjoyed a day at the Cochetopa Hideaway Ranch with the experts specializing in equine therapy.

**Funding Allocation by Area**
- Community Development: 18%
- Education: 20%
- Environment: 6%
- Athletics & Recreation: 10%
- Health & Human Services: 27%
- Historic Preservation: 4%
- Arts & Culture: 15%

**CENTER FOR ADULT AND FAMILY EDUCATION (CAFE) AT GUNNISON COUNTY LIBRARIES**
CAFE provides English as a Second Language (ESL), family literacy, citizenship, driver’s license and GED preparation classes to the immigrant and broader populations of Gunnison County. Mountain Roots recently partnered with CAFE to host a big family dinner.
2019 One Valley Prosperity Project Grants

Special projects align with OVPP goals

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**MOUNTAIN ROOTS FOOD PROJECT**
Carlos Lerma, Promotor for the Food Security Program and a native Spanish speaker, helps build a cultural, logistical, and relational bridge between Hispanic residents and the programs and services that are available to assist them.

**2019 One Valley Prosperity Project Grants**

**GUNNISON ARTS CENTER**
Ensure that seniors – particularly residents from the Care Center – have transportation and, if needed, ticket discounts to attend matinees in the Black Box theater.

**GUNNISON VALLEY MENTORS**
Pay nine youth to undertake job-skills development tasks.

**KBUT**
Produce a 4-part mini-series focusing on basic needs in the Valley: housing, food insecurity, poverty and health/wellness.

**MOUNTAIN ROOTS FOOD PROJECT**
Extend the grant-funded work of immigrant health outreach coordinator by an additional 30 hours.

**SIX POINTS EVALUATION & TRAINING**
Pilot a Traumatic Brain Injury program that has been in development.

**WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**
Work with the Hispanic Affairs Project to ensure that immigrant kids are able to participate in Western’s middle-school workshops, and cover ticket costs so their families can attend the related sports event.
Celebrating the donors who make it possible. We are “Here for Good” because you’re here with us!

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In Memory of Betty Light

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In Memory of Betty Light

In Memory of donors named on Colorado Gives Day
Giving back in meaningful ways

Our dedicated Board of Directors and Advisory Council model philanthropy every day. Each member is committed to supporting the Foundation through gifts of time, talent and treasure. So be $50. It could be $15,000. No matter the amount, it’s the commitment that counts.

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 Change is the only constant

 CFGV typically reports on the prior year at the height of summer. While this year’s timing has stayed the same, so much has changed since 2019. Your support of CFGV and the community has become more important than ever before.

 COVID-19 has impacted everyone, and the Gunnison Valley is no exception. With the economy shut down and a mystery illness circulating, the first half of 2020 has presented numerous challenges, and there are still many unknowns. One of your Community Foundation’s roles is to respond in a community crisis. Created on March 19, 2020, the Gunnison Valley COVID-19 Recovery Fund was established to assist non-profits and appropriate public entities in meeting extraordinary needs. Priority has been given to those organizations meeting health and safety needs of the community’s most vulnerable populations.

 As of mid-June, over $280,000 has been given by nearly 200 individuals, families, businesses, and other organizations, and over $155,000 has been granted to 17 organizations through six rounds of funding. Application deadlines are every two weeks, and a five-person community review committee makes recommendations for funding.

 Your generosity during these extraordinary times is making it possible for those most affected by COVID-19 to access healthy food, mental health services, relief for rent and utility payments and more. As long as gifts keep coming in, CFGV will keep granting out to organizations serving those most in need.

 2020 and Beyond

 After 17 years at the helm of the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, Executive Director Pam Montgomery is retiring. Please join the Board of Directors, Advisory Council, staff, volunteers and donors of CFGV in thanking Pam for so many years of exemplary leadership and extraordinary service. CFGV would not be the strong and vibrant organization we are today without her dedication to the Foundation, and the Valley as a whole. We wish her all the best as she spends more time in her garden and with her family. Thank you, Pam!

 As we say farewell to Pam Montgomery, we also welcome Lauren Kugler as the new Executive Director of the Community Foundation. Lauren is a native of Crested Butte and has been working for the Foundation for the past seven years. She’s thrilled to continue building on the many accomplishments CFGV achieved during Pam’s tenure and to lead the Foundation into the next chapter.

 To support CFGV’s work, visit https://cfgv.org/donors