Improving lives by connecting community
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Who We Are

With nearly 17 years of experience, Taos Community Foundation is a trusted, vital resource for donors and nonprofits. We share our knowledge and experience, and bring together people and organizations to help solve critical issues in our community.

What We Promise

We HELP donors make the impact they’ve always wanted to. We CREATE partnerships to tackle tough problems and build stronger communities. We TRANSFORM people’s generosity into lasting change. We SHARE our experience to make giving more effective. We ENHANCE the lives of those in need and enrich the lives of those who give.

How We Help

We raise the level of philanthropic effectiveness.

EXPERIENCE MATTERS With expertise and trust gained, raise the level and effectiveness of philanthropy.

KNOWLEDGE MATTERS By sharing our experience, we generate innovative research and solutions, and jointly approach tough problems facing our communities.

CONNECTIONS MATTER We honor the passions of over 3,700 donors by helping them to connect with each other and make smart and meaningful giving decisions.

SCALE MATTERS We provide cost-effective stewardship for more than 121 funds and over $7.5 million in assets.

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER We work with estate planners, accountants and financial consultants to find the best charitable solutions for their clients.

RESULTS MATTER By leveraging resources through partnerships and supporting nonprofits to maximize their effectiveness, we create lasting benefits for our communities.

Welcome to the Annual Report of Taos Community Foundation

To stay relevant in our 17th year of fulfilling the charitable wishes of individuals, families and businesses across Taos and western Colfax Counties, we’ve had to adapt with the times.

That doesn’t mean simply adjusting to changes taking place... it also means taking innovative approaches to problem solving, operationally and funding, to stay abreast of issues that impact and concern community.

TCF takes a strategic approach to identifying where generous donors and dedicated nonprofits can make the greatest impact for the people of Taos and western Colfax Counties. Whether we’re working with individuals, families, organizations, or networks, the greatest value we can bring to those who have entrusted us with their resources is to amplify the power of their investments.

The difference we are making in community demonstrates the impact of these collective efforts. Behind the 115 charitable funds granting more than $7 million to organizations across our community are remarkable stories about how giving has enhanced the lives of those in need and enriched the lives of those who give.

Granted, many things have changed in the last number of years, yet some things have not. It remains our privilege and our responsibility—as it has since 1998—to help people who do good, do greater.

thank you,
Elizabeth Crittenden Palacios, Foundation Director

HIGHLIGHTS Since January 2014

• $1.4 million received in contributions to funds and special projects
• Community Fund Grants awarded $468,000 supporting seven pathways of community.
• Eight Scholarships awarded totaling $34,000
• Non Profit Endowment dividends awarded totaling $203,700
• Donor Advised Grants $375,000

This is a wonderful example of how by working together we encourage and provide meaningful ways for people like you to improve and sustain our community through personalized and partnered philanthropy.

TCF continues to focus on stewardship and accountability.

NEW THIS YEAR

• Completed a community stakeholder assessment
• Developed a new set of high level strategic priorities
• Received notification of 3 million dollars in planned legacy gifts
• Welcomed 300 new donors
• Initiated a program to honor Cornerstone Donors
• Launched Women in Philanthropy
• Initiated The School Zone Taos Special Project

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Annually TCF hosts a gathering of donors, clients, volunteers and partners working together to create better communities. In February we recognized a few of the outstanding individuals working in community:

The SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY AWARD went to Richard and Annette Rubin. This award honored the Rubin’s as a couple exhibiting their deep commitment and heart-felt dedication to philanthropy. Their exceptional generosity demonstrates outstanding civic and charitable responsibility and involvement inspiring others to take philanthropic leadership roles in our community.

Three OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARDS went to Stan Riveles, Effie Romero, and Jean Nichols, honoring them for their proven history of giving generously of their time to local nonprofit organizations, directly to people in need, or activities that benefit our community. In short, this award honors outstanding volunteers.

The BUSINESS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD went to Wanda Lucero State Farm Insurance, honoring a for-profit business in Taos County that has a proven track record of making a positive difference in our community.

Ways to Give

1 | OPEN A FUND Together we make a difference. Any type of charitable giving can be accomplished through a fund. It is quick to establish and easy to use. Individuals engage in acts of kindness and generosity everyday. An endowed fund, scholarship, donor advised fund, or an unrestricted gift is a way to make sure your generosity is continued far into the future.

2 | GIVE TO A PATH Together we enrich lives. TCF invests in community by organizing grants, special projects, and advocacy around a vision of a safe and healthy community with a solid economy where all have the opportunity to thrive.

3 | COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP Together we foster sustainable community. The Leadership Fund gives TCF the resources to convene, incubate and host Community Leadership projects– as well as advocacy efforts that can help effect positive change in the hearts and minds of people in Taos and western Colfax Counties.

4 | CREATE A LEGACY Together we create lasting legacies. What will you leave behind for family... for people you care about... for those who need a helping hand—the ones whose names you will never know? You worked hard, saved carefully, planned well. As you consider the rest of your life, what will your legacy be?

WE WANT TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER, NATURAL RESOURCES AND DIVERSE CULTURES...
A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE’S IDEAS, INITIATIVE AND GENEROSITY SUPPORT THRIVING, RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITIES.

To fill in the big picture, review complete financial documents, explore in-depth and to discuss your charitable idea Please visit us online at taoscf.org or give us a call. We’d love to hear from you!
7 Pathways to Community

Community/Advocacy

TCF believes that a strong community has avenues for solid communication, partnerships between sectors, coalition and network building, and capacity-building for non-profits.

COMMUNITY AND ADVOCACY GRANTS

All Hands Volunteers – Core Support
Assistance Dogs of the West – Student Trainer Expansion to Taos
Community Against Violence – Core Support
Crossroads for Women – Core Support
Ensueños y Los Angelitos Development Center – Core Support
Holy Cross Hospital – “Walk for the Health of It” Sponsorship
KRZA Public Radio – Core Support
KUNM Public Radio – Core Support
Lions Club of Taos – Event Sponsorship
Los Jardineros Garden Club – “Garden & Home Tour” Sponsorship
Art for the Heart – La Comunidad Project
Not Forgotten Outreach – Core Support
PLAG – Core Support
Red River Valley Foundation – Core Support
Sierra Vista Cemetery – Core Support
Taos Arts Council – “100 Years of Taos Art” Sponsorship
Taos County Chamber of Commerce” – “Taos Plaza Live” Sponsorship
Taos Entrepreneurial Network – “Youth Shark Tank” Project
Taos Land Trust – Board Development/Recruitment Support
Taos Lilac Festival – “Lilac Festival” Sponsorship
Taos Milagro Rotary Club – “Chile Challenge” Sponsorship
Taos Pride – “Taos Pride” Sponsorship; Core Support
Taos Pueblo – “Pow Wow” Sponsorship
Think New Mexico – Core Support
UNM Foundation – DH Lawrence Ranch Caretaker Support
Women in Philanthropy – Community Grant Initiative

Basic Needs

The unique regional, social and economic factors in a community can have a detrimental impact on the family and an individual’s ability to fully participate as a productive member of society, whatever their age. Before people can benefit from skills training, participate fully as a parent, or engage in community opportunities, they have access to food, clothing and shelter. TCF recognizes the enormous and unmet potential of these most vulnerable people.

“Core support for programs is both the most critical and the most difficult to raise. It is clear that Taos Community Foundation has rendered an important service to the non-profits of Taos by communication and explaining the importance of this form of support. For this we are deeply grateful!”

BASIC NEEDS GRANTS

ALM Food Pantry – Core Support
Community Against Violence – Core Support
DreamTree Project – Core Support
Equine Spirit Sanctuary – Core Support
Food Depot – Core Support
Habitat for Humanity of Taos – Core Support
Penasco Food Pantry – Core Support
Himalayan Stove Project – Core Project
Shared Table – Core Support
St. James Food Pantry – Core Support
Stray Hearts Animal Shelter – Core Support
Taos Coalition to End Homelessness – Core Support
Taos Feeds Taos – Core Support
Taos Feral Feline Friends – Core Support
Taos Milagro Rotary – Guatemalan Water Project
Youth Heartline – Foster Care Emergency Support

Grantmaking

Taos and the surrounding area’s needs and interests are as varied as the diverse groups within the region’s population. TCF’s cadre of philanthropic funds provides the Foundation with the flexibility to support the programs and projects that are of the most value to the health and welfare of the area’s residents.

SELECTION PROCESS

All grant proposals are reviewed by grants committees with members individually selected for their understanding of and interest in the varied sectors working to provide important services in community. Applications are read and ranked based on prescribed criteria. The committees meet to discuss the merits of the proposals and make recommendations to the TCF Board of Directors for consideration of funding. The Board evaluates the recommendations and approves grants to programs and organizations offering the most useful and timely services to residents.

MEASURING CHANGE

Instead of a rigid focus on models and metrics, we seek to embrace adaptation, learning, and refinement. Being clear about our goals, while remaining open to unforeseen, emerging opportunities and to the feedback and intelligence that help us refine and improve our strategies. We are examining emerging concepts regarding “adaptive philanthropy.” We seek to stay true to our strategic direction allowing flexibility in how we respond to the external factors influencing them. We are shifting our default assumptions used to evaluate results. We are working to adapt our philanthropy by shifting from:

From: What’s new?
To: What’s working?

From: Metrics and models.
To: Adaptation & Learning

From: I’ve got this.
To: We’ve got this.

From: How do we look?
To: What do we see?

One area we have worked to develop strategic, responsive interventions is in the community of Ojo Caliente. TCF; Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs Resort & Spa, the Mesa Vista
Health
Supporting health is not just about good physical and mental health. It also includes access to health care, preventative activities, healthy choices and healthy foods. Through this path we work to support the development of a community environment where people feel safe and one that allows people to live a healthy lifestyle.

“As parents we feel he has benefited as much or more from this (TCF funded) program than all the services provided him by county and state programs that he is currently receiving.”

Health Grants
Mountain Home Health Care – Artstreams Project
Golden Willow Retreat – Core Support
Kids in Need – Orthotics purchased for 4 children
Las Cumbres Community Services – “Baby Boxes” Outreach Project
Mental Health America – “Memorial Walk-a-thon” Sponsorship
The ALS Association – Core Support
Tel-County Community Services – Core Support

Consolidated School District and the Center for Education & Study of Diverse Populations have partnered in the development of the “Building a Learning Community” Project launched in 2013. After a year of research and discussion regarding the unique needs of this frontier community, TCF posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a lead organization with the leadership capacity to develop and administer a multi-year, comprehensive approach to creating educational and career opportunities for students in the Mesa Vista school district. With the start of this 2015/16 school year, we are proud of the outcomes to date! Students have participated in on-going career exploration and career readiness workshops as part of regular school coursework, parents have attended college tours and workshops and high school students participated in paid internship at Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs among other community business placements.

Lessons learned have allowed for program refinement that has now initiated a Hospitality Certificate Program offered at UNM Taos and Santa Fe Community College. This is a great example of one donor family being bold in their philanthropic goals in partnership with TCF to facilitate the details.

Education
Many would agree that education is crucial to a child’s success in life, to the stability of a skilled and robust workforce, and to the health of a community’s future. Knowing that a strong education system enables both youth and adult students to realize their potential as well as that of our larger community, TCF continues its commitment to education.

“Receiving this scholarship has motivated me to maintain my G.P.A and complete my degree. I thank you for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goal. I am deeply grateful.”

Education Grants
Bridges Project for Education – Core Support
Center for the Study of Diverse Populations – “Building a Learning Community” Project
d2J Foundation – Core Support
Institute for Science New Mexico – “Scientifique” Project
MidSchool Math – Program Implementation at Taos Middle School
Taos Academy – “GROW” (Growing Renewable Options for the World Project)
UNM Adult Learning Center – Core Support

Teacher Grants – Listed by School
Anansi Charter School – 3 teacher grants
Arroyos del Norte Elementary School – 7 teacher grants
Chrysalis Alternative School – 1 teacher grant
Enos Garcia Elementary School – 7 teacher grants
Mesa Vista Middle/High School – 4 teacher grants
Ojo Caliente Elementary School – 4 teacher grants
Ranchos Elementary School – 6 teacher grants
Taos Charter School – 14 teacher grants
Taos Cyber Magnet School – 1 teacher grant
Taos Middle School – 5 teacher grants
Taos High School – 13 teacher grants
Vista Grande High School – 4 teacher grants
For a complete list of all teacher/school grants awarded, please visit taoscf.org

Scholarships
Amy Gonzalez – University of New Mexico (Garcia Hispanic Scholarship)
Donevan Gravelle - New Mexico State University (Friedman Family Scholarship)
Francisco Martinez – University of New Mexico (Garcia Hispanic Scholarship)
Michelle Martinez – New Mexico State University (Garcia Hispanic Scholarship)
Evans Scott Pearson – University of New Mexico (Emie Blake Memorial Scholarship)
Analise Valerio – University of New Mexico (Garcia Hispanic Scholarship)
Michael Vigil – University of New Mexico (Friedman Family Scholarship)
Miranda Vigil – Adams State University (Garcia Hispanic Scholarship)
Taos Jewish Center Scholarship (Jane Lecht Scholarship)
Youth
TCF’s commitment to young people extends from birth - making sure that children enter school ready to learn – to creating opportunities for youth of all ages to have access to safe, quality programming that engages both the academic and pro-social needs of the young members of our communities.

“This grant fed infants, toddlers and preschool children nutritious meals. The best story is when the young culinary arts student making breakfast for the “babies” made large pancakes… he has since learned to make silver dollar size!”

Environment
Taos is a special place we want to share with future generations. Investments in this path enable the community to permanently protect traditional farmland, preserve water habitat, and maintain the scenic aspect of Taos. Emphasis is on local land-based traditions and culture as well as increase public awareness of the overall benefit of land preservation.

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT
Amigos Bravos – Core Support
Beautiful Midden – Arts and Environmental Restoration Project
Heartwood Coalition – Parr Field Orchard Project
New Mexico Wilderness Alliance – Core Support
Red Willow Agricultural Center – Core Support
Rivers and Birds – Core Support
Taos Land Trust – Core Support
Western Environmental Law Center – Core Support
Wild Earth Guardians – Core Support

Youth
Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region – Core Support
Camino de Paz Farm School – Core Support
Dream Tree Project – Core Support
Field Institute of Taos – Core Support
Harwood Museum of Art – Art in Schools Project Support
High Altitude Athletics – Core Support
Nonviolence Works – Core Support
Rivers and Birds – Core Support
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps – Core Support
SOMOS – Youth Poetry Festival

Taos Community Center – Youth Programming Support
Taos Children's Theater – Core Support
Vista Grande High School – Youth Retreat
Taos High School Culinary Arts – Pro Start Sponsorship
Taos High School – EQ Student Retreat
Team Pride – Martial Arts Leadership Project
Youth Heartline – Girls Circle Project and Core Support
**Funding**

**NEW FUNDS AT TCF**
- Taos Sports Associates
- ERMA
- Gilroy-Poirier Family
- Strong
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
- Martha & Godey Schuetz

**AGENCY FUNDS**
- ALOFT - UNM Adult Literacy
- Amigos Bravos Friends of the Wild Rivers
- Golden Willow Retreat Center
- Holy Cross Hospital
- Llama Foundation
- Music from Angel Fire
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
- Taos Center for the Arts
- Taos Land Trust
- Taos School of Music
- Think New Mexico

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**
- Amigos Bravos Friends of the Wild Rivers
- Dreamtree Project
- Holy Cross Hospital
- Kit Carson Home & Museum
- SMU-Taos
- Taos Center for the Arts
- Taos Millagro Rotary
- UNM-Taos
- Hal Davis Foundation Services
- Zaring Rose for the Earth
- TCF Foundation Services
- Community Leadership

**DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**
- Backer Family
- Brenner Brandenburg
- Hentage
- Bennam Russage
- Cid’s Food Market
- El Salto

**Enrichment of Children**
- thru the Children
- Esperanza del Corazon
- Funk Family
- Gilroy-Poirier Family
- John and Francy Speirs
- Jones Family
- KE
- Maggie
- Making It
- Peoples Bank
- Pleasure Mtn.
- Porcupine
- Porphyry
- Reservoir
- Rose Zaring
- Rubin Family
- Sacred Mtn.
- Scott Family
- Sleigher
- Strong
- Tao
- TSV Blake
- Taos Waldorf School
- Scholarship
- Theodore Schmidt’s
- Village
- van der Werff
- Waye
- Wells Family Legacy

**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**
- Adaptive Sports
- Animal Welfare
- Child Rite
- Creativity and Culture
- Earl Stroh Community
- Emergency Medicines
- Friends of Taos Retirement
- Village
- Healthy Youth and Families
- Housing Solutions
- Jack Rabbit Emergency Relief
- La Plaza Legacy
- LGBT Equity
- Native American
- Strengthening Community
- Sustainable Environment
- Taos Public Education
- Women and Girls Circle

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**
- Ernie Blake Memorial Scholarship
- Fillie & Manuel Garcia Hispanic Scholarship
- Friedman Family Scholarship
- Taos Jewish Center – Jane Lecht Scholarship
- Lecht Legacy Scholarship
- TCF Scholarship

**SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS**
- D.H. Lawrence Alliance
- Taos Fall Arts
- Health Impact Assessment
- Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators
- Kids in Need
- Remarkable Women Fund

**MEMORIAL FUNDS**
- Loyd Bolander
- David M. Smith

**NAMED FUNDS**
- Agnes Martin
- Taos Community Endowment
- Domatila
- Enchanted Circle
- Lecht Legacy Fund
- M.A. Healy Family
- Martha & Godey Schuetz
- Raye
- Rio Grande del Rancho
- Sally Mayer
- Speirs Family
- Totally Wiard

**Planning is the key to longevity.**

Whether it is completing your Will, determining your Power of Attorney, or planning a charitable gift, planning has demonstrated that you will live longer. So live a little and make a charitable gift!!!
Community Leadership

TCF takes on challenging issues, pursues cross-sector solutions, engages citizens, and marshals the needed resources to improve our communities, build social capital and provide opportunity for all. In our work throughout community, both in grant-making and convening, we are always listening for emerging threads.

Current Initiatives: Health Impact Assessment
To better inform community funding and measurement of impact TCF, in Partnership with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s New Mexico Health Impact Partnership, and i2i, examined the impacts of funding decisions on health determinants by asking and answering the question: How would the health of the Taos community be affected by a change to sustained, strategic funding for local community services and public health programming? (The complete HIA is available on our website.)

Advanced Directive Feasibility Study
In response to rising health costs and older populations TCF, in partnership with Taos Health Systems, researched initiatives to improve completion of advance directives.

WHY? Because outcomes for people with advance directives:

• Increases the likelihood that individuals receive the care that they prefer at the end of life;

• Reduces depression and anxiety in family members;

• Increases family satisfaction with the process of care;

• May contribute to decreased health care costs for health care systems and the communities they support.

In the next year TCF and community stakeholders will work to develop this important health initiative. A full report is available on the TCF website.

The School Zone Taos: A Road Map for Community-wide Engagement in Taos Municipal Schools’ Transformation
The School Zone Taos is a community organization facilitating connection with Taos Schools. This multi-year, multi-partner roadmap for school improvement will maximize the impact of the Strategic Plan of the Taos Schools by engaging students, parents, and the Taos community with Taos Municipal Schools’ administrators, leaders and teachers to work together to improve student outcomes. Modeled after a very successful evidence based program, The School Zone Taos’ primary goal is student achievement and readiness to learn. In Partnership with Taos Municipal Schools, Southern Methodist University, UNM Taos, and TCF, The School Zone-Taos will engage teachers, school leaders, students, parents and members of the community side by side with Taos Municipal School District as it works to improve our schools.

D.H. Lawrence Ranch
After several years of working with UNM Taos, the D.H. Lawrence Ranch Alliance, TCF and the Healy Foundation facilitated the opening of the Ranch to the public for the first time in many years. Two docent educational programs were offered enabling the Alliance to staff the ranch with informed guides Thu – Sat until October.

To learn more about the Ranch, the docent course, or the volunteer docent program, please visit the website (dhlawrencetaos.org). Members of the Ranch Alliance include:

Trudy Healy, Stan Riveles, Mary Passaglia (coordinator), Elizabeth Palacios, Gus Foster, Fred Peralta, Richard Archuleta, Bill Haller, Jim Gilroy, Bob Attiyeh, Felice Knox, and Jay Moore.

Women in Philanthropy (WIP) Enriching Lives, Building Legacies
Women in Philanthropy unites women as leaders and change agents to create opportunities for women and children in Taos and western Colfax Counties. WIP is dedicated to inspiring, educating and encouraging women to affect change in their community through philanthropic giving and leadership.

Women come together, pool their resources, and award grants to organizations providing strong, innovative solutions to issues affecting women and girls in our community. WIP respects and messages the importance of self-esteem, leadership and empowerment, and selects organizations that are working to strengthen these protective factors. WIP advisors meet throughout the year to deepen their understanding of the complex issues facing women and girls. The knowledge gained is then translated into goals for future grant selections. WIP grants address: Access to Healthcare, Education, Social Support and Economic Stability.

WIP GRANTS

Women in Philanthropy
DreamTree Project
La Comunidad in Penasco
Taipa Community Center
Girls Circle Project at Taos Middle School
High Altitude Athletics

WIP MEMBERS
Lisa Sharp, Coordinator
Alexis Blake
Jan Bornstein
Laurie Mitchell Dunn
Mary McPhail Gray
Monica Griego
Claire L. Haye
Alix Henry
Debbie Friday Jaggers
Wanda Lucero
Andra Maddox
Donna Mellinger
Susan Paulsen
Maggie Evans Rael
Jan Scott
Andrea Szekeres
Nita van der Werff

While more than 80% of all Americans believe they want to spend their last days at home, only 24% die at home. The majority die in hospitals or nursing homes. The end of life often means being attached to machines, pharmaceuticals and often dying with strangers (medical providers) rather than with family members. Having an Advanced Directive in place is one way to better manage this challenge.

Non Profit Partners
TCF partners with community organizations and individual donors to host endowments expressly for the purpose of providing a source of permanent, ongoing support to their organizations. If you would like to find out more about how TCF can assist with building and managing your endowment organization.

Amigos Bravos Friends of the Wild River (amigosbravos.org)
Dream Tree Project (dreamtreeproject.org)
Friends of Taos Retirement Village (lorrybill@msn.com)
Golden Willow Retreat Center (goldenwillowretreat.com)
Holy Cross Hospital (taoshospital.org)
Kit Carson Home and Museum (kitcarsonhomeandmuseum.com)
Lama Foundation (lamafoundation.org)
Music from Angel Fire (musicfromangelfire.org)
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (youthcorps.org)
SMU-Taos (smu.edu/taos)
Taos Center for the Arts (tcataos.org)
Taos Land Trust (taoslandtrust.org)
Taos Milagro Rotary Fund (taosrotary.org)
Taos School of Music (taosschoolofmusic.com)
Taos Sports Associates (taoswintersportsbeam.com)
Taos Waldorf School (taoswaldorfschool.com)
Think New Mexico (thinknewmexico.org)
UNM-Taos (taos.unm.edu)
UNM Taos - Adult Learning Center (taos.unm.edu/adultlearningcenter)
Taos Property Foundation
Give the gift of real estate.

Taos Community Foundation formed a separate Foundation for the specific purpose of accepting real estate contributions for community. Through the Taos Property Foundation is able to handle complex charitable transactions with ease.

Like many people, you may have a large percentage of your assets invested in real estate. Yet the complexity of donating real estate to charity may have been holding you back from pursuing this path, particularly if you want to benefit more than one charity with your gift. The Taos Community Foundation and Taos Property Foundation, make donating your property much easier by managing the transaction of the sale while you enjoy the freedom to cultivate your philanthropic dreams.

YOUR REAL ESTATE DONATION COULD BE A...
House or Condominium • Apartment Building • Vacation Home
Commercial Building • Farmland or Undeveloped Land

Benefits
Gifts of real estate entitle you to receive multiple tax benefits. You will be given the maximum tax deduction allowed by law based on the real estate’s full fair market value, avoid capital gains tax, avoid potential future estate taxes and in some cases receive a lifetime income stream.

How do I make my donation?
The first step is to discuss the specifics of your potential gift with us. We can help you and your advisors evaluate the timing of the gift and the type of giving vehicle that will help you meet your philanthropic and financial goals. Once your property is sold, the proceeds of the gift will be placed in your fund at Taos Community Foundation and directed toward causes you care about.

Looking forward, TCF is working in partnership the Taos Land Trust, Taos Property Foundation, the Town of Taos and other key stakeholders to facilitate open space and land conservation.

WE ARE ALL DRAWN TO THIS WORK BY ONE SIMPLE ASPIRATION: TO IMPROVE PEOPLE’S LIVES. THIS IS EASIER SAID THAN DONE, BUT THE COMBINATIONS OF CAREFUL REFLECTION, THOUGHTFUL ACTION, AND HUMBLE LEADERSHIP CAN GO A LONG WAY. THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH TCF.
“Philanthropy is the joining of your personal values of caring, giving, and compassion with the causes that matter to you. TCF makes philanthropy easy.”
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