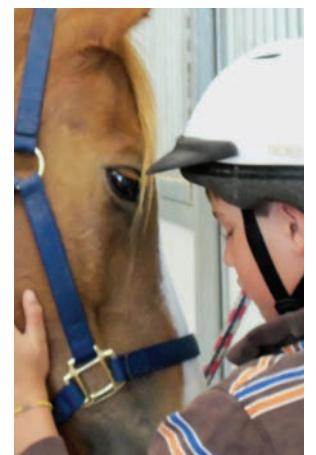




# Improving lives by connecting community



**ADAPTATION**  
**LEARNING**  
**RESPONSIVENESS**  
**CLARITY**  
**REFLECTION**  
**CONNECTION**

**REPORT TO COMMUNITY**  
**2015**

# 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



Taos Community Foundation is many things—a public charity, a philanthropic advisor, a grant-making foundation, a junction for people, resources and ideas. Every day, we link donors' investment to their dreams and passion for community.

TCF is a collection of individuals, organizations, and businesses sharing the value of giving back to a community that has given so much to us. We give in order to help our neighbors, enliven our communities, and lift up our nonprofit partners.

Gifts come through donations, bequests, life insurance, property, and many other assets. These gifts are pooled into funds that are invested. Over time these investments grow and help fund grants, scholarships, nonprofit organizations, charitable projects, and causes that donors specify.

Whether you want to simplify your giving, focus on certain causes, provide scholarships or plan your legacy, TCF is here to help. We offer many different options for giving and work with you and your professional advisors to tailor strategies to your situation. Drop us a line!

## 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.



# Celebrating Philanthropy Awards



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.

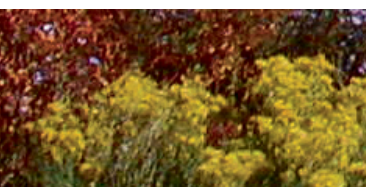
To fill in the big picture, review complete financial documents, explore in-depth and to discuss your charitable idea Please visit us online at [taoscf.org](http://taoscf.org) or give us a call. We'd love to hear from you!



# 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  
Ensuenos 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  
PFLAG – 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 | OUR IMPACT

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
- Tri-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
- dZi 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](http://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)
- Evan Scott Pierce – University of New Mexico (Ernie 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!”**

### 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

Talpa 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



## 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





## Arts & Culture

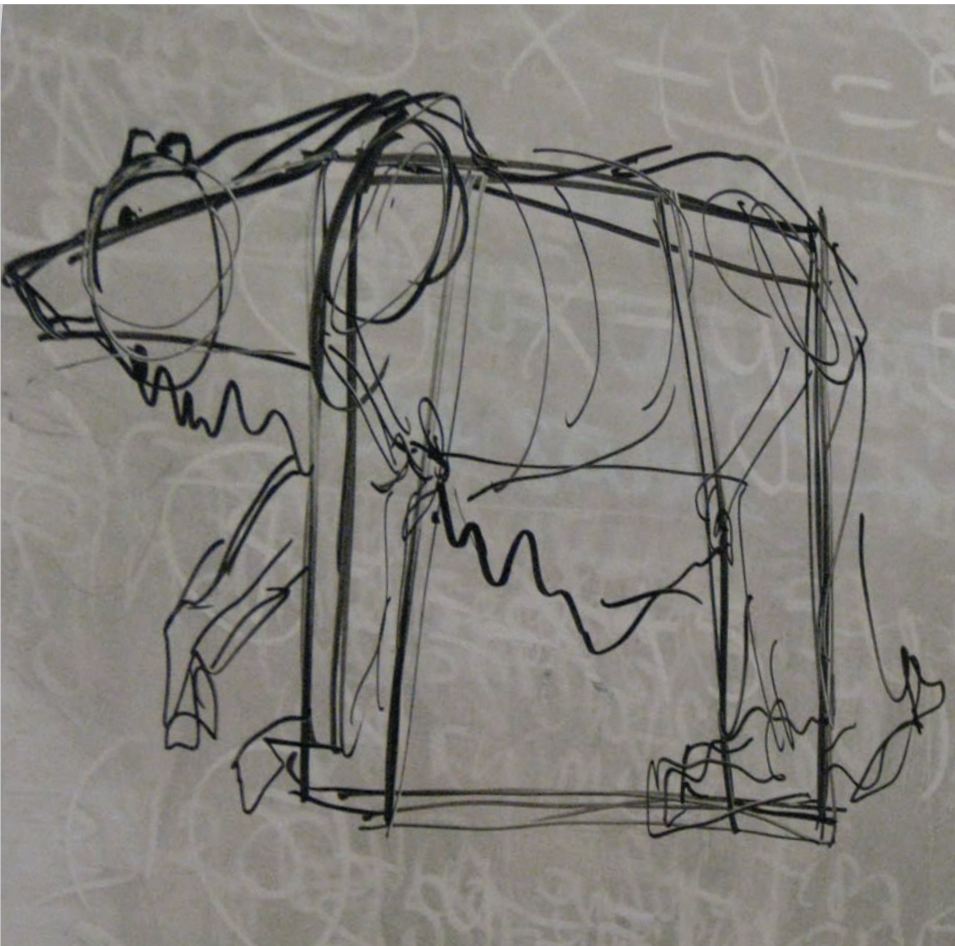
TCF values the experience and wisdom of local artists in all their diversity and affirms their power to unite and build social change. Our cultural sector is the heart of our community identity and not an extra part. It is through the support of our music, our literature, our art, drama and dance that will tell the story of our past and we express our hopes for the future.

“While our impact may not occur in huge numbers, each individual’s success is our success.”



### ARTS AND CULTURE GRANTS

- Harvard Art Museum – Core Support
- Harwood Museum of Art – Core Support
- Institute of Contemporary Art – Core Support
- Millicent Rogers Museum – Core Support
- NM Foundation for Human Enrichment – Videography Project on Agnes Martin
- Shakespeare & Company – Core Support
- SOMOS – Core Support
- Taos Art Museum – Core Support
- Taos Fall Arts – Core Support
- Taos Historic Museums – Core Support
- Taos Jazz Bebop Society – Event Sponsorship
- Taos Opera Institute – Core Support
- Taos School of Music – Core Support, Event Sponsorship
- Taos Youth Music School – Core Support
- The Paseo Project – Core Support
- The Urbano Project – 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
- Lama 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 Milagro Rotary
- UNM-Taos
- Hal Davis Foundation Services
- Zaring Rose for the Earth
- TCF Foundation Services
- Community Leadership

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Backer Family
- Brenner Brandenburg Heritage
- Bennam Russage
- Cid’s Food Market
- El Salto

- Enrichment of Children thru the Arts
- 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
- Skygazer
- Strong
- Tao
- TSV Blake
- Taos Waldorf School Scholarship
- Theodore Schmults
- van der Werff
- Waye
- Wells Family Legacy

### FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

- Adaptive Sports
- Animal Welfare
- Child Rite
- Creativity and Culture
- Earl Stroh Community for the Arts
- Emergency Medicines
- Friends of Taos Retirement Village
- Healthy Youth and Families
- Housing Solutions
- Jack Rabbit Emergency Relief
- La Plaza Legacy
- LGBT Equity

- Music for Children
- 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 Assesment
- 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!!!

## CHARITABLE GIVING SEMINARS

TCF offers a series of workshops and events on fundraising, estate and charitable planning. Different sessions are offered for not for profits, individuals and professional advisors. Please visit our website or call to find out the date and content of upcoming programs.

# 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 (taoschoolofmusic.com)

Taos Sports Associates (taoswintersportsteam.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)

# 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

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

## WIP MEMBERS

Lisa Sharp, Coordinator  
Alexsis Blake  
Jan Bornstein  
Janet Burstein  
Laurie Mitchell Dunn  
Mary McPhail Gray  
Monica Griego  
Claire L. Haye  
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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.**



# 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.



**We gratefully  
acknowledge  
the generous  
donors supporting  
their communities  
either by creating  
a permanent fund  
or by current gifts  
which are applied  
to immediate  
needs.**

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