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REPORT TO COMMUNITY 2014

welcome

Welcome to the annual report of Taos Community Foundation (TCF) - a philanthropic institution created by and for the people of Taos and Colfax Counties.

We're delighted to present this report of how we fulfill our mission of encouraging and providing meaningful ways for people to improve and sustain our community through philanthropy.

We have continuously made grants since 2000 totaling \$5,956,676 in over 2,600 grants. This investment in community is a testament to the generosity of donors like you willing to support the change our community needs to improve quality of life.

TCF continues to focus on stewardship and accountability highlights include:

- Received **re-confirmation** of compliance for Community Foundation National Standards
- Partnered with D.H Lawrence Ranch Alliance, Healthy Foundation and UNM to sponsor a docent program and get the ranch **open to the public.**
- TCF's assets base continues to grow, with Fiscal Year 2013-2014 assets **up 10% percent** from last year.
- Received notification of **1.5 million** dollars in planned legacy gifts
- Awarded **339 grants** totaling **\$690,425**
- Supported Community leadership programs with **\$67,471**
- Welcomed **250 new donors**

To fill in the big picture, review complete financial documents – including our 990s or 990T, explore in-depth and to discuss your charitable idea please visit us online at www.taoscf.org. Or give us a call, send us an email, or stop by – we'd love to hear from you!

“This was the best grant I every received”



TCF is accredited and confirmed in compliance with National Standards for US Council on Foundations, a distinction that conveys a rigorous commitment to transparency, excellence, stewardship and leadership in philanthropy.

Change - Change is good.

Things have changed for TCF over the last few years. We are becoming much more visible with you, our philanthropic partner! Following a recent grant awards ceremony at Taos Country Club we received the following compliment from an attendee:

“Congratulations! I thought last evening's event was excellent. It is testimony to how far the community foundation has come. Over the years you know I have been concerned that the grant strategy spread giving too thin in a community with so many severe issues... I felt it was like fighting a forest fire with an eye dropper. With the help of last evening I have changed my opinion. For one thing, I learned that the Foundation is giving far more money as donor and endowment funds have grown... As I listened to each award I realized the holistic result of the grants is to make Taos a more civilized place, truly improving the quality of life one piece at a time in a measurable way. TCF now has a clear image in the community among donors, nonprofits and an increasing proportion of the population”.

Donors are much more engaged than they were five or ten years ago and that change is a good thing. No doubt if you ask your friends, other donors, or foundations – they will express in one way or another, that there is a growing focus on measuring impact, another good change.

In response we have focused more time exploring our own grantmaking impact. We learned that this exploration involves a close partnership with grantees and the importance of establishing realistic expectations. To better understand the collective impact of our grants we have gathered stories of change have teased out the impacts of those stories. For example by funding book distribution, balance boards for elementary school classrooms, an “Emotional Intelligent” (EQ) student retreat and afterschool tutoring workshops for middle school students, we know we are impacting the literacy and social-emotional intelligence of our youth. Final grant reports record that reading scores have improved, and students are showing stronger interpersonal skills when conflicts come up with their peers. From this we extrapolate the longer term changes in a child through increased strength of character and literacy skills.

As you read above, we hear donors saying, “Maybe we were too broad and we need to focus more on one or two areas”. There can be a sense that by narrowing the focus of funding, you will get more bang for your buck. Although this is one strategy, we believe in supporting the organizations that do the work, whether it is at 30,000 feet working on a policy issue, or by working in the trenches, and getting food to people that are hungry. We know that change happens at both these levels, and we work to find the balance to insure our philanthropic partner's investments do make change in community.

In addition to funding across seven pathways in community, we strategically engage through our Community Leadership Initiatives. We use more than just our assets to fund. We use our expertise to connect people, to convene and mobilize groups and bring stakeholders to the table around community issues. Throughout the report we have highlighted TCF activities with the intention of sharing the knowledge and fun of philanthropy.

I invite you to call and visit us to learn how you too can become a philanthropist and support this beautiful community we call home.

Warmly,

Elizabeth Crittenden Palacios, Foundation Director

four ways to give

1 Open a Fund

Almost 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 every day. 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.

“We were advised by our attorney that establishing a donor advised fund at the Community Foundation was much easier and more cost effective than starting a private foundation. We enjoy working with the Community Foundation because they are connected to the community.”

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.

“When I first set up my will I had so many organizations I wanted to support. By the time I was finished some of them had closed. By working with TCF I am now able to designate the areas in community I care about through the pathways I choose.”



3 Foundation Services - Together we foster sustainable community

The Foundation Services 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.

“Without TCF and the D.H. Lawrence Alliance the Ranch would still be closed! Thank you for your perseverance and keeping your eye on the goal!”

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 have worked hard, saved carefully, planned well. As you consider the rest of your life, what will your legacy be? Join the Plaza de Legado Legacy Society at TCF.

“I was so overwhelmed when my husband passed away. I wanted to honor him and his many interests. TCF worked with me to put together the best transfer of assets - one that takes care of me and takes care of community while honoring my husband’s life and love of Taos.”

Legacy Donors

Edy and Charles Anderson
Betty Doshier Backer
Ursula and Barney Berkowitz
Billie Blair
Barbara Brenner
Polly Raye and Bill Christmas
Maggie Evans Rael
John Farr
Clark Funk
Phyllis Hotch
Betty Kennaugh
Yale and Barbara Jones
Gunter and Kandace Nachtrab
Marcia Oliver
Jon Wood and Frank Oatman
Elizabeth and Oscar Palacios
Wes Patterson
Jakob Rosing
Martha Schuetz
Francy and John Speirs
Charlene Tamayo
Julia Young
Lois West
Haldiman Trust
Lyn Blieler
Joann Mills
Phyllis A. Browne

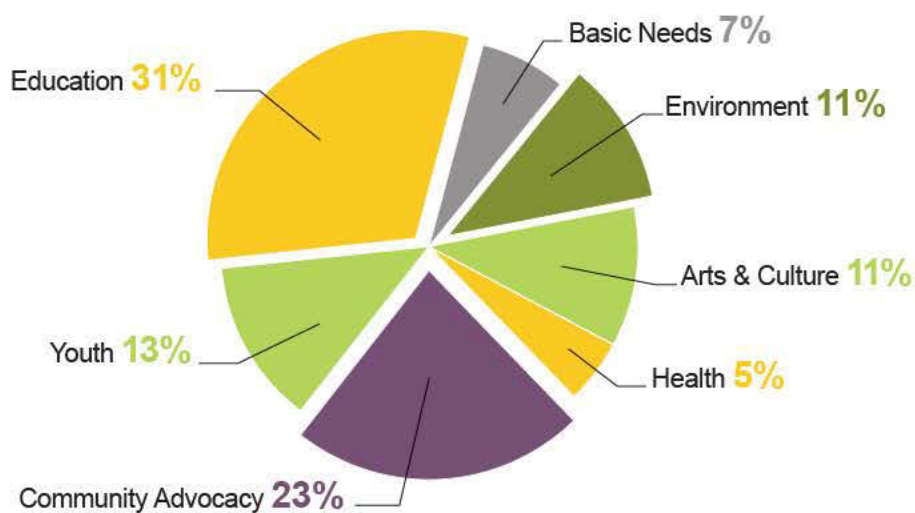
Whether you are a first-time reader or longstanding contributor to the Foundation, we hope the contents of this report will inspire you to help us improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

seven pathways to change

FLEXIBLE, ACCESSIBLE, AND READY TO SERVE, TAOS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ASSISTS YOU IN FULFILLING YOUR PHILANTHROPIC INTENT. THERE IS SO MUCH MORE WE WANT YOU TO KNOW. PLEASE CALL US AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE (WWW.TAOSCF.ORG).

Giving by Pathway 2013-14

Total Grants \$690,425



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/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. Through Community Leadership activities, we demonstrate our commitment to convene individuals and organizations around a particular need or opportunity.

The common theme in grantmaking through this pathway was reflected by connectivity and the sharing of resources. The beauty of connectivity is that it can take on many forms. It may be a one-on-one connection that depends on a trusting relationship; it may be a public event that opens new doors to information or resources not previously known or accessible. TCF funding supported organizations in both of these directions. Donors and funders were connected to organizations by way of Give Grande NM – an online giving platform that was launched for the first time by The Community Foundation Coalition of New Mexico, of which TCF is a partner. Other events brought community members together, whether to celebrate diversity at a Taos Pride event, or to listen to great local talent at Taos Plaza Live. As part of a larger resource sharing endeavor, TCF gifted a robust resource directory (www.taosresourceguide.org) that serves as a platform to link people to organizations and services.

- PFLAG – Core Support
- Think New Mexico – Core Support
- KRZA Public Radio – Core Support
- Taos Pride – “Taos Pride” Sponsorship
- Taos Alive – Community Website Support
- Rebuilding Together – Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts
- Rio Grande Alcohol & Treatment Program – “Recovery Friendly Taos” Sponsorship
- Santa Fe Community Foundation – 2014 Give Grande Partnership
- La Comunidad – Core Support
- Ranchos Presbyterian Church – Building Fund Support
- Nonviolence Works – Core Support
- Not Forgotten Outreach – Core Support
- Taos Milagro Rotary Club – Core Support
- Taos County Chamber of Commerce – “Taos Plaza Live” Sponsorship

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 must have access to food, clothing and shelter. TCF recognizes the enormous and unmet potential of these most vulnerable people.

The 2010 Missing Meals in New Mexico study revealed that 1,634 Taos county residents are missing 1,317,123 meals per year. Examples are parents skipping a meal, so that their kids may eat, or a senior only having a bowl of cereal for an entire day. As The Food Depot puts simply, "hunger is closer than you think... your neighbor, your children's friend, the elderly woman from your church.... any of these people may be experiencing food insecurity, or hunger". In review of the 7 food pantries supported with TCF grant funding, there were nearly 58,000 food bags or boxes distributed in this past reporting year. Many of these single distributions provide enough food for several meals, for an entire family. These supplemental meals in no way address the larger, underlying issues of poverty, unemployment or challenges facing low-income working families, but are reflective of a nimble network of food pantry providers working tirelessly to serve the households that struggle to put food on the table. TCF is committed to supporting programs providing those imperative basic needs – food, clothing and shelter, whether for our people populations, or our animal friends – cats, dogs and equines.



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 a grant making institution we are continually looking for emerging patterns or trends in community. Amongst the 9 grantees listed below, a concept emerged in several of the final grant reports – "circles of care", "listening sessions in community" and even a "pledge of kindness". On first glance, one might not tag these with a conversation regarding health, and yet upon further review, this trend proved to be a strong indicator of community health. Grantees demonstrated a commitment to engage a deeper conversation about the connection between social cohesion and health outcomes. Two grantees committed to training staff in the "Circle of Security" curriculum, a relationship-based early intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children. As one program reported, "these classes have been immediately beneficial to participants". Taos County can proudly boast that there are 4 community facilitators trained in this curriculum and classes in both English and Spanish will be available to many parents throughout the area. As part of the Girls Circle Leadership Project, 14 female students at Taos Middle School invited their peers to learn about the effects of bullying and to commit to a Pledge of Kindness – nearly 300 students signed the pledge! This is one example of how TCF approaches grant making with the thought that grantees "are the experts" and they will do great work without Foundation influence.

- Paul Basch Memorial Foundation - Himalayan Stove Project
- Taos Coalition to End Homelessness – Core Support
- DreamTree Project – Core Support
- New Mexico Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation – Core Support
- Habitat for Humanity – Core Support
- Taos Feeds Taos – Core Support
- The Food Depot – Core Support
- St. James Food Pantry – Core Support
- Shared Table – Core Support
- Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry – Core Support, KIDS Clothing Distribution Project
- La Comunidad Food Pantry – Core Support
- Alm Food Pantry – Core Support, KIDS Clothing Distribution Project
- Penasco Food Pantry – Core Support, KIDS Clothing Distribution Project
- Taos Feral Feline Friends – Core Support
- Equine Spirit Sanctuary – Core Support
- Stray Hearts – Core Support
- Center for Disaster Philanthropy – Hurricane Relief Efforts for the Philippines
- Rebuilding Together – Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts
- All Hands Volunteers – Core Support
- Community Against Violence – KIDS Clothing Distribution Project
- Taos Pueblo Baby Face Program – KIDS Clothing Distribution Project
- Holy Cross Hospital First Steps Program – KIDS Clothing Distribution Project
- Taos High School GRADS Program – KIDS Clothing Distribution Project

CHARITABLE GIVING SEMINARS

TCF offers a series of workshops and events on estate and charitable planning. Different sessions are offered to local not for profits, individuals and professional advisors. The sessions are sponsored by Heritage Trust, Knight Financial and William Hudson J.D. Please visit our website and call to find out the date of our next seminar.

- Artstreams – Alzheimer's Support Program
- Northern New Mexico Birth Center – Core Support
- First Steps Program – Core Support
- Community Against Violence – Core Support
- Holy Cross Hospital – Health Outreach Support
- Ovarian Cancer Survivors Foundation – Make-A-Dream Camp Support
- New Life Pregnancy Center – Core Support
- Not Forgotten Outreach – "Wounded Warrior" Project
- Human Resource Development Associates – Girls Circle Project
- Kids in Need Special Project – 7 community grants that included pediatric orthotics, a wheelchair ramp, a therapeutic bed/mattress and instructional iPad's for children.

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 in our region to realize their potential as well as that of our larger community, TCF continues its strong commitment to education, using all the tools available: grant-making, convening and advocacy.

Strong literacy skills are closely linked to economic security, access to health care, and the ability to actively participate in civic life. In a study by the U.S. Department of Education, 21% of adults in the United States read below a 5th grade level, which undoubtedly impacts those individuals ability to navigate one's life. In New Mexico, education law requires that school provide additional individual instruction and remediation to students who do not show adequate progress in reading. The program to provide this support is called "Response to Intervention" or RTI. This extra support, essential to providing all students with literacy skills essential to further academic and life success, can be implemented in many ways. TCF supports student learning through a teacher grant initiative granting to teachers to quickly implement a new project or instructional idea. This past year, almost half of the teacher grants went directly to literacy efforts, a true indicator of teachers striving to find new ways to strengthen the skills of our students. Using standardized assessment data, one teacher reported a considerable increase in the number of students testing in the "proficient level", after introducing the supplemental materials she was able to purchase with her grant award. Several teachers at the middle school received funds to support "drop-in" tutoring sessions after school. As one teacher reported – "students were hungry for the extra help" and most self-selected to participate. Every student who participated either made up for missed/incomplete assignments, or brought up their overall grade in class. Similar success was seen with students enrolled in the Adult Learning Center at UNM-Taos, that implemented a dedicated strategy to offer additional support to students preparing for the rigorously revised GED exam. In a six-month period, 52 students passed, in comparison to the 22 who passed in 2012. Literacy grants are just one example of TCF funding in the educational pathway. Overall a total of 94 mini-grants were awarded to educators from 15 local schools – reflecting innovative projects in all areas of education, including out-of-school time enhancement opportunities for students

Center for Education & Study of Diverse Populations – "Building a Learning Community" Project

Stanford University - Student Support Fund

Taos School of Music – Core Support

The University of Santa Monica – Student Support Fund

Bridges Project for Education – Core Support

Adult Learning Center at UNM Taos – Core Support; Financial Literacy Workshop

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps – Financial Literacy Workshop

Friends of Anansi Charter School – School Expansion Project

Camino de Paz Farm School – Core Support

Computer History Museum – Core Support

United World College – Student Support Services

PFLAG – Scholarship Fund in memory of PFLAG Founder, Annouk Ellis

New Mexico MESA – Penasco School District Educational Enhancement program

Vista Grande High School – 4 teacher grants
For a complete list of all teacher/school grants awarded, please visit www.taoscf.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

Angela Romero – New Mexico Highlands University; Masters Level (Garcia Hispanic Scholar)

Jeremiah Rael – UNM Taos (Garcia Hispanic Scholar)

Marcus Hofer-Curl – Pitzer College (Friedman Family, Ernie Blake Memorial and Youth in Philanthropy Scholar)

Rey Rodriguez – New Mexico Highlands University (Friedman Family Scholar)

Edith Garcia Herrera – UNM Taos (Garcia Hispanic Scholar)

Jacob Salazar – University of New Mexico (Garcia Hispanic Scholar)

Stefanie Salazar – University of New Mexico (Garcia Hispanic Scholar)

Annika Smith – Occidental College (Youth in Philanthropy Scholar)

Thomas Tafoya – Duke University (Garcia Hispanic Scholarship)

Taos Jewish Center Scholarship

TEACHER/AFTERSCHOOL GRANTS AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

Anansi Charter School – 10 teacher grants

Arroyos del Norte Elementary School – 9 teacher grants

Chrysalis Alternative School – 4 teacher grants

El Rito Elementary School – 8 teacher grants

Enos Garcia Elementary School – 2 teacher grants

Mesa Vista Middle/High School – 2 teacher grants

Ojo Caliente Elementary School – 4 teacher grants

Ranchos Elementary School – 5 teacher grants

Taos Academy – 4 teacher grants

Taos Charter School – 19 teacher grants

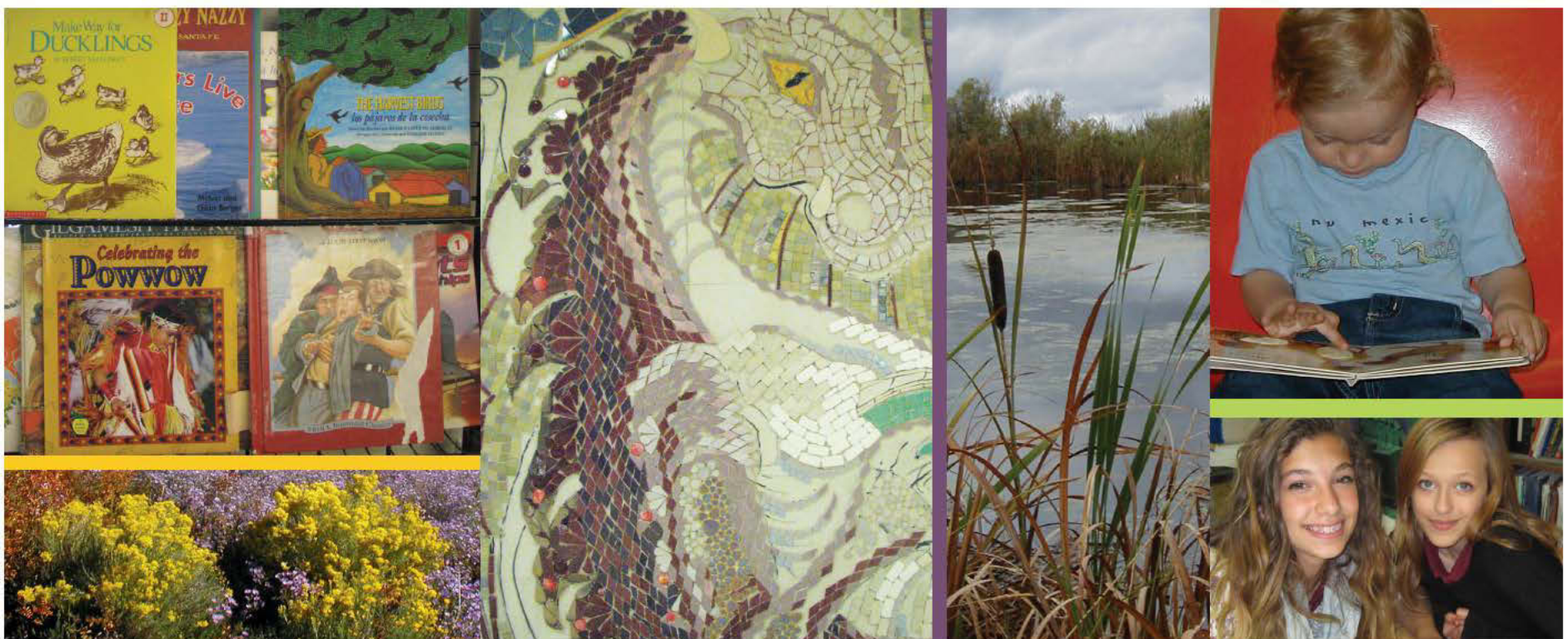
Taos Cyber Magnet School – 3 teacher grants

Taos Integrated School of the Arts – 1 teacher grant

Taos Middle School – 11 teacher grants

Taos High School – 10 teacher grants

"this grant magnified what I was able to do in my classroom"



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.

Throughout the year, TCF receives requests for funding from a wide variety of youth serving organizations. Some of these may be for academic services to assist with homework completion, tutoring or literacy services; some are enrichment activities that provide learning through interdisciplinary and integrated learning environments with an emphasis on art, music or cultural experiences; others provide recreational programs to strengthen the physical skills to explore movement, exercise and team sporting activities. This strengthens the resiliency skills of our young community members such as confidence, discipline, commitment and problem-solving skills. Many of the grants funded in this category were for out-of-school time activities for children who might not have been able to participate due to the cost. Over 70 youth participated in a ski or snowboard program, many for the first time. Two of the programs had specific examples of how behavioral or academic performance improved as a direct result of participation. One school-based program required students to obtain weekly signatures from other teachers to confirm their good standing for the week, which was reflective of the “group effort” of some schools. Another program offered tutoring after school to ensure students eligibility. A grant to the Talpa Community Center gave them the resources to add both a summer sewing/quilting class as well as a “Winter Wednesday Activity Itinerary” which brought artists and volunteers from the local area to engage with youth in arts, crafts and reading activities. These programs would not have been offered if not for TCF grant funding.



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.

Reporting on impact in the Environmental Pathway can be a challenge for several reasons. One is that - often the public-policy work is a long and complex process taking years or decades from start to finish. Another is the public awareness needed to address an environmental issue – illegal dumping for instance - requires a dialogue that may span generations, a commitment across local, state and federal government agencies, as well as an exchange of ideas across public and private sectors. TCF has a solid cadre of grantee organizations convening not only the traditional “voices” in the environmental spectrum, but also from schools, and even art museums. Of those based locally, all but one has a youth educational component engaging our community’s young people not only in the conversation about land preservation, but also actively taking a role in framing solutions. Elementary school students planted trees along the banks of the Rio Grande, high school students collected debris from various illegal dumping sites in the County and used the raw “materials” for an art installation, and one RMYC corps member was recognized at a 2014 National Conference in Washington, D.C. and met with Senators Udall and Heinrich to discuss the importance of community service in New Mexico. This young woman has since been offered a job in California and will pursue a Masters in Outdoor Education. As shared in a Final Report, “training provided through TCF support was invaluable to her personal growth.”

- Taos Children's Theater – Core Support
 - Taos High School Poetry Slam – Core Support
 - Talpa Community Center – Youth Programming
 - Red River Community House – Core Support
 - Taos High School - "Emotional Intelligence - EQ" Student Retreat
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters – Taos County Expansion Project
 - Girls Circle's – 7th Grade Middle School Project
 - Harwood Museum of Art – Art in the Schools Program
 - Taos Youth Ballet – Core Support
 - Working on Wellness – Youth Ski Program for Taos Pueblo Students
 - Taos Pueblo Day School – “CREATE” Afterschool Program support
 - Youth Heartline – Foster Care Support Project; Core Support
 - Urbano Project – Core Support
 - Field Institute of Taos – Core Support
 - Taos Tennis Team – Core Support
 - Taos Rush – Core Support
 - Taos Sports Alliance – Core Support
 - Taos Synergy Softball Team – Core Support
 - Friends of the Taos Public Library - Children's Library Reading Program
 - Open Hearth – Taos Poetry Festival
 - High Altitude Athletics – Foster Care Scholarship Program
 - Team Pride – Taos Taekwondo Leadership Project
 - Equine Spirit Sanctuary – Therapeutic Riding Program
 - Rivers and Birds – Youth Summer Program
- ***some afterschool/ski program grants are listed on the Education Pathway list under the specific school

- Taos Land Trust – Core Support
- Amigos Bravos – Core Support
- Beautiful Midden – Community Art Project
- Rivers and Birds – Watershed Project for Youth
- New Mexico Wilderness Alliance – Core Support
- Western Environmental Law Center – Core Support
- Wild Earth Guardians – Core Support
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps – Core Support
- Red Willow Agricultural Center – Core Support

“we had some equipment but it had just been sitting in the closet unuseable. Now, it is a functional and favorite center for the children”

arts and 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.

Grants awarded in this pathway, are easily grouped in three categories; performance, historical reflection and cultural story telling. Nearly all of the grantmaking in this pathway was for core support, building on the expertise of non-profits to determine where the funds are best utilized. Taos was able to enjoy live streaming of the Metropolitan Opera at the TCA, Messiah sing-alongs with Taos Community Chorus, and community theater performances with Teatro Serpiente, that touts “no theater experience is necessary, but a hearty dose of enthusiasm is mandatory” for those that audition! The cadre of museums in Taos is astounding, both in regards to permanent collections and visiting exhibitions, and TCF is proud to support all of these incredible art institutions, preserving some of our regions greatest artistic gems. As we acknowledge our community’s history, TCF also supports the voices and experiences of our up-and-coming talents. We know artists challenge our assumptions and push us to view our world in new and unexpected ways. Grants this year have also supported emergent written and spoken word, either through storytelling/ writer readings hosted by SOMOS, or by funding the production of a video-documentary on the impact of drought on the land, peoples and cultures of northeastern New Mexico, expected to released in 2015.

- Taos Pueblo Pow Wow Committee – Pow Wow Sponsorship
- Taos Opera Institute – Core Support
- SOMOS – Core Support
- Taos Center for the Arts – Core Support
- Taos Art Museum – Core Support
- Las Trampas Fall Festival – Fall Festival Sponsorship
- Harwood Museum of Art – Core Support
- Taos Youth Music School – Core Support
- Teatro Serpiente – Core Support
- Millicent Rogers Museum – Core Support
- Taos Historic Museums – Core Support
- The Couse Foundation – Core Support
- New Mexico Foundation for Human Enrichment – “Drought on the Land” videography project
- Taos Community Chorus – Core Support
- Taos School of Music – Core Support
- Urbano Project – Core Support
- Shakespeare & Company – Core Support
- Harvard University Art Museum – Core Support

“If this had not been funded, it is highly unlikely that I would have been able to implement this project”



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 you with building and managing an organizational organization please call us.

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

“receiving this grant was like a gift – to know that someone values what I’m doing”

what is Taos Community Foundation?

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 you 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!

community leadership

assessing funding streams impact on youth health

In partnership with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's New Mexico Health Impact Partnership, TCF is conducting a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to explore the potential health impacts as they pertain to current funding policies for community projects in Taos. The HIA Steering Committee includes: Gwen Thompson – HIA Coordinator, Jake Mossman -Total Health and Wellness, Kyra Ryan-Taos Health Systems, Ezra Bayles - Taos Pueblo, Mary Passaglia - RMYC, Mary McPhail Gray - Non Violence Works, Louis Moya -UNM Taos, Ted Wiard - Golden Willow, Amy Franklin-EQ Trainer, and Jake Caldwell – Consultant

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. So that visitors may experience the full beauty of the property and educational site, the Alliance is working towards the second year goal of having docent-led tours. In meeting this goal, UNM-Taos offered for the first time an eight-week, two-credit course on the history of the D.H. Lawrence Ranch. The course will be offered free of charge to any participant who commits to becoming a volunteer docent at the Ranch next year for regularly scheduled site tours. To learn more about the Ranch, the UNM- Taos course, or the volunteer docent program, please visit the website (www.taoscf.org/dh-lawrence-ranch). Members of the Ranch Alliance include: Trudy Healy, Stan Riveles, Rita O'Connell, Elizabeth Palacios, Gus Foster, Fred Peralta, Richard Archuleta, Bill Haller, Jim Gilroy, Bob Attiyeh, Felice Knox, and Jay Moore.

hispanics in philanthropy

TCF partnered with 7 other funding institutions in New Mexico as part of a 3-year funding collaborative with Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP). The Taos-based program, Bridges Project for Education was one of 5 organizations selected through a state-wide competitive application to receive grant funding through the HIP initiative. TCF was pleased to participate in this funding partnership that leveraged additional monies for the research and evaluation of Bridges' report "A Path Forward – Working Together to Enhance College Opportunity and Success Rates for Taos Students". Visit www.bridgesproject.org for more information.

In May of this year, five community foundations (SF, NM, Abq, Taos, and Southern NM) agreed to enter into discussions about new models of cooperation. These discussions may lead to a more formal collaboration or consolidation at some future date. This first 6 month period (July 2014- Dec 2014) is dedicated to exploring a wide variety of options to advance philanthropy in NM while gaining new insight about how each foundation impacts the communities they serve. The work is underway currently and more formal updates will be coming soon.



Philanthropy - Is the joining of your personal values of caring, giving, and compassion with the causes that matter to you. TCF makes philanthropy easy.

CRYSTAL CIRQUE

In celebration of public education we ran away to the circus for one wonderful night of entertainment and fun. The Crystal Cirque, sponsored by Wanda Lucero State Farm Insurance, was held in June at El Monte Sagrado. Guests were entertained by jugglers, fortune tellers, stilt walkers, clowns and more! The



celebration brought educators, guests and community leaders together to "raise their paddles" for education. The evening brought in over \$35,000, which will continue to support classroom grants for teachers in our public schools. Thank you to Shana Yambire for her assistance with entertainment and decorations.

give - feel good - repeat

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