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Taos Community Foundation For Good. For Taos. Forever.

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For almost 30 years, Taos Community Foundation has served as the hub of charitable giving and community cooperation in Northern New Mexico. Throughout the past year, the foundation has continued its generous stewardship, through our grantmaking cycles and collaborative partnerships that address Taos' biggest challenges.

2023 was a landmark year for Taos Community Foundation, granting a record-breaking \$5 million to local nonprofit organizations, and serving as a catalyst to improve the lives of countless individuals in Taos and surrounding communities.

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

CORETTA SCOTT KING

IMPACT GRANTS & FIELDS OF INTEREST

Through the 2023 Impact Grants cycle, one of Taos Community Foundation's largest grantmaking programs, TCF was able to distribute over \$300,000 to 46 local nonprofits, often in the form of general operations funding.

This sort of unrestricted funding is essential in the nonprofit world, as it allows charitable organizations to meet their everyday needs. According to Tanner Martin, TCF's director of community impact, "Core operating grants are one way that TCF recognizes nonprofit leaders as the experts on community needs. This approach to trust-based philanthropy minimizes the onerous reporting that often accompanies

grant awards, allowing organizations to carry out their mission with less administrative burden."

The Impact Grants cycle is maintained through TCF's Field of Interest funds, which allow donors to give specifically to the causes that are most important to them. By giving to a Field of Interest fund, a donor trusts the foundation to responsibly steward the gift, and to distribute it towards causes the donor cares about in ways that will best serve the community.

EDUCATION

In early November of this year, TCF granted over \$16,300 to 38 local educators through our annual Taos Public Education Fund granting cycle. Since the establishment of this fund in 2005, TCF has been able to fund classroom projects and families partnering in education, enriching and advancing the lives of local students.

In addition to our grantmaking for educators, Taos Community Foundation also awards scholarships to local students. In 2023, we were able to grant 24 different students over \$141,000 in scholarship funds.

These scholarships are critical in the lives of local students and are applicable to a wide variety of backgrounds. From first-generation college students to students pursuing education in STEM fields, to students



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pursuing non-traditional forms of education, and more — TCF's impact is powerfully felt by the next generation of young learners.

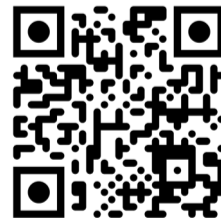
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Taos Community Foundation also plays a pivotal role in identifying crucial needs in the community and works alongside our collaborators to develop solutions.

In the past year, TCF has been instrumental in the development of Taos Housing Partnership to increase access to affordable housing. TCF also partnered with the Taos Education Collaborative to facilitate remote learning and rural internet accessibility. These projects both address issues that are critical needs in our community. By offering these partnerships, TCF acts as an incubator, allowing community projects room to grow and develop,

and connecting them with the resources and assistance they need.

As the work of Taos Community Foundation has grown exponentially over the past few years, Interim Executive Director Catherine Horsey noted, "Nearing the end of 2023, we found ourselves, like so many other nonprofits, in a position to reflect on our past and plan for the future, so that we can continue to work with you to make Taos the place we want it to be, for us and for future generations."



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1 Recipients of Taos Community Foundation's 2023 scholarship awards. 2 Funding for Papaita, a baby goat, was part of an Impact Grant for Not Forgotten Outreach, a local non-profit that offers community programs for veterans and their families. 3 Interim Executive Director Catherine Horsey awards a check at the Taos Public Education Grants awards ceremony. 4 Taos Community Foundation staff and board members meet to discuss projects the foundation has led in the past year. COURTESY PHOTOS

2023 FEATURED BUSINESSES

Taos Feeds Taos
taosfeedstaos.org

Taos Municipal Schools
taosmunicipalschools.org

John Johnston, Realtor
http://bhhsnmproperties.com/taos/john-johnston/cid-1073179

Moreno Valley High School
mvhs.com

Taos Winter Sports Team
taoswintersportsteam.com

Taos Academy Charter School
taosacademy.org

Taos Retirement Village
taosretirementvillage.com

The Walking Rain Group
walkingraingroup.com
coldwellbankernewmexico.com

Dreamcatcher Real Estate
taosnewmexico.com

Ryan Trujillo, Realtor
homeinTaos.com

Bailey's Chimney
baileyschimney.com

Taos Community Foundation
taoscf.org

ApexNetwork Physical Therapy
apexnetworkpt.com

Lisa Sutton, Coldwell Banker
www.taos.realestate

Pennington Perspective
photosbygloxy.pkel.com

The Canvas and Eye
thecanvasandeye.com

Phoenix Mechanical
phoenixmechanical.net

Youth Heartline
youthheartline.org

Visit Questa
visitquesta.com

Nusenda Credit Union
nusenda.org

Petree Nursery
petreenursery.com

Red Willow Hospice
rwhospice.com

Stray Hearts
strayhearts.org

Taos Elders & Neighbors Together
taoselders.org

Sierra Madre Med Rec
sierramadremedrec.com

Burt Taos CPAs, LLC
burtcpa.com/locations/taos

Creative Framing
creativeframingtaos.weebly.com

Mountain Home Healthcare
mthomehealth.com

Taos Real Estate Group
homesintaos.com

Taos Food Coop
taosfoodcoop.com

Mattress Mary's Taos Lifestyle
taoslifestyle.com

Sol Food Market & Café
solfoodnm.com

Plant Base Café
plantbasecafe.com

Inger Jirby
jirby.com

Metric Motors
metricmotortaos.net

Kit Carson Propane
kitcarson.com/propane

Wolfgang's Spa Works
wolfgangspas.com

Golden Willow Retreat
goldenwillowretreat.org

Sabroso
sabrosotaos.com

The Firebird
thefirebird.com

Anvoi Hospice
anvoihealth.com

Taos MainStreet
taosmainstreet.com

Hwy 64 Metal Roofing
64metal.com

Alhambra Soul Inspired Living
alhambrasoul.com

Bison Star Naturals
bisonstarnaturals.com

Dan's Flooring and Window Coverings
danscarpetandfloors.com

Red River Brewing
redriverbrewing.com

Wilder Nightingale Fine Art
wnightingale.com

Taos County Chamber of Commerce
taoschamber.com