

CHAFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2018 - 2022 IMPACT REPORT



The Chaffee County Community Foundation acts as a catalyst to inspire positive change through the power of philanthropy to enrich the lives of all people in Chaffee County.

**Simple Idea.
Lasting Impact.**



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CCCF's work in the community is not possible without the dedication of volunteers serving countless hours.

Wishing a heartfelt thanks to the 30 volunteers serving a collective 900 hours each year on review committees, logistics, events, board committees, coaching and mentoring, connecting people with volunteer opportunities, emergency funds and more.

Thank you!

30 VOLUNTEERS
SERVING
A COLLECTIVE

900 HOURS
EACH YEAR

EVERY DAY WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE CHAFFEE COUNTY AN AMAZING PLACE TO LIVE. LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER.

"Alone we can do so little; together, we can do so much" - Helen Keller

In over 1,000 other counties, towns, and cities around our country, community foundations have become a philanthropic focal point, serving donors, nonprofit organizations, and the overall community. Prior to 2018, Chaffee County didn't have a community foundation. Then, the teams working with Envision Chaffee County imagined it. Philanthropy is a powerful force in any community but when coupled with the public and private sector, a revolution occurs -- one that harnesses the power of "us" to address the needs of our community.

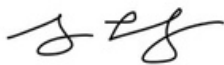
In 60 months, the Chaffee County Community Foundation has raised \$5,159,330, gifted \$2,681,439 to 154 nonprofits and served as a catalyst to inspire positive change for the people of Chaffee County. If we can accomplish this much in only five years time, what will the next 50 years look like?

It's because of you we have come this far and it is only you that can dream us forward. Now is the time to listen, learn and engage. We must be deliberate in shaping our collective future; we must not leave it to chance.

By increasing overall philanthropy in our region, we can strengthen nonprofit organizations, connect donors to the issues they are passionate about, and build permanent charitable funds that safeguard all that we hold dear. Together, we can compound dollars, create partnerships, build capacity and, embrace difficult conversations to address the complex issues of our time.

I look forward to working with you on leveraging the unprecedented potential of Chaffee County.

Sincerely,



Megan Leesley
Chair
CCCCF Board of Directors



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INSPIRING PHILANTHROPY

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CCCF provides diverse opportunities for budding or seasoned philanthropists to make an informed and impactful gift, large or small. CCCF can ignite the philanthropist in all of us.

Charitable giving is more than just a way to strengthen communities and support causes that we hold dear. It's an expression of self. At any age, in any amount, we all have the power to make a difference.

Area of interest funds that support environmental stewardship, housing, a range of emergencies, and general community giving make philanthropy accessible to all donors, giving everyone an opportunity to participate in high-impact community-wide philanthropy. Donor advised funds offer immediate tax benefit and allow donors flexibility to have an impact now and in the future through annual disbursements.

9 DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

10 AREA OF INTEREST FUNDS

10 FISCAL SPONSOR FUNDS

1 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

3 PROGRAMMATIC FUNDS



6406 DONATIONS MADE BY

2745 UNIQUE DONORS

made through CCCF to invest in our community from 2018 - 2022



\$1,983,534

Invested via donor advised and area interest funds from 2018-2022

DONOR ADVISED FUND

Katy Welter & Rick Bieterman

Fertile Ground Fund



Setting up a donor advised fund with CCCF gives us the immediate tax benefit of a charitable gift while allowing us to distribute funds thoughtfully over time. DAFs are flexible and the paperwork is far simpler than a standalone nonprofit or private foundation. Donations are personal, nimble, and impactful. The Fertile Ground Fund was pleased to provide immediate seed funding to the COVID-19 Relief Fund, inspiring others, like the Town of Buena Vista, City of Salida, Chaffee County, and local banks to match Fertile Ground Fund's pledge. Together, we raised more than \$1,179,000.

AREA OF INTEREST FUND

Bob & Katie Grether

Molly Grether Fund



Chaffee County, along with the rest of Colorado, faces a critical need for affordable transitional housing. A chance meeting between architect, Bob Grether, and landowner, Ron Ferris, was the spark that inspired Jane's Place, a 17-unit affordable housing project at the northwest entrance into Salida. With the property made available by Jane's husband Ron, the vision and support of the Chaffee Housing Authority, the pro bono architectural services, a grant from the Molly Grether Fund for the project engineering and the successful CCCF tax-free fundraising effort, Jane's Place completed Phase I in April 2023. CCCF was a key piece of the puzzle. Together, an engaged community, including nonprofit partners working in collaboration, can tackle any challenge.

BUILDING NONPROFIT CAPACITY

273 ATTENDEES FROM
64 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVED
26 HOURS OF SKILL BUILDING WORKSHOPS



\$194,557
= value of the training and support offered to our local nonprofit sector from 2018-2022.



\$2,681,439
AMOUNT OF GRANTS MADE FROM 2018-2022

BUILDING NONPROFIT CAPACITY

CCCF collaborates with and supports nonprofits to make their strongest impact. CCCF provides a network to learn and connect with one another to meet the needs in our community.

CCCF strengthens our nonprofit community by providing tools, knowledge and support that lifts up organizations across Chaffee County. Capacity building efforts focus on helping nonprofit leaders be the best they can be and pursue their mission as effectively as possible.

When capacity building is successful, it strengthens a nonprofit's ability to deliver on its mission over time, thereby enhancing the nonprofit's ability to have a positive impact on lives and communities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Andrea Coen
Executive Director
Guidestone Colorado



Guidestone Colorado is committed to cultivating opportunities and experiences to increase agricultural awareness, connection, appreciation, and skills development surrounding agriculture and agricultural heritage. CCCF has supported us through expanded donor cultivation and individual giving, increased volunteer engagement, streamlined and well-managed funding opportunities, and extensive professional development like the Community Leaders Fellowship. What this translates to is healthy kids through locally grown food in schools, increased awareness and engagement on farms and ranches, opportunities for next generation producers, a strengthened food system, and a vibrant agricultural future. Our partnership with CCCF broadens our reach and magnifies our impact.

VIA CHAFFEE

Jenny Davis
Executive Director
Achieve, Inc.



Like most nonprofits, we operate on a lean budget so building a volunteer base is critical to our sustainability. VIA Chaffee, which is funded by CCCF, is an invaluable community resource, both for the nonprofits that benefit from an expanded volunteer base as well as the community members who become more connected by volunteering with organizations that are personally meaningful to them. The initiative is turnkey and a great way to communicate our needs to the community. As the platform gains momentum, our hope is volunteerism grows substantially allowing more residents and businesses to engage with nonprofits.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



Facilitated

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

on housing, childcare, and more!

FOSTERING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

It is only together that we can address the challenges of our time. CCCF strives to provide nonpartisan, unbiased conversations to discuss and solve complex issues facing our community.

CCCF serves as an advocate for this region and helps initiate new collaborations between community members, government agencies, and nonprofit leaders by facilitating dialogue, which opens the door to distinct partnerships and coalitions, collective problem solving, magnified capacity in working together and mobilizing resources. These collaborations have created natural pathways for individuals to contribute to special causes.

CCCF's unique position as a community foundation helps us to ensure all of the voices are brought to the table when discussing locally driven solutions.

Hosted

23 LOCAL NONPROFIT LEADERS LIVE ON THE RADIO

for Colorado Gives Day

10 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FEATURED

on the Community Conversations Podcast Series on KHEN

LIFTING COMMUNITY VOICES

Mark Schoenecker
Executive Director
KHEN



Both KHEN and CCCF believe in inclusivity, creativity, collective impact and lifting community voices. By raising awareness and fostering dialogue in Chaffee County, we can keep residents and businesses informed and engaged. During Colorado Gives Day, the Community Conversations podcast series educated and opened the door to new and innovative nonprofits for our listeners. In five hours, we raised more than \$34,000 to support the nonprofit sector. KHEN is honored to be able to play a role in facilitating this work, advocating and promoting local organizations that are the backbone of our community.

CHILDCARE SOLUTIONS

Sarah Romack
Executive Director
Chaffee County Early
Childcare Council



CCCF has played an integral role in addressing community-based childcare gaps and workforce issues in Chaffee County. The Foundation has acted as a convener and a facilitator, in bringing people and perspectives together, including industry staff, Chaffee County leadership, funders, subject matter experts, and community members, to discuss this complex issue and strategize solutions. The collaboration has inspired new local funding opportunities and leveraged diverse resources for this community-centric approach. We would not have been able to get to this point without the support and guidance of CCCF.

RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY

\$841,972

DISTRIBUTED TO 563 PEOPLE, ORGANIZATIONS, AND BUSINESSES IN NEED

RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY

CCCF recognizes that unforeseen emergencies, disasters, and crises happen. CCCF believes no one should face uncertainty alone. That is why we established the Emergency Response Fund.

After a disaster, nonprofits and businesses provide critical services related to public safety and public health. These agencies have the ability to quickly provide assistance and reach impacted populations, moving a community from response efforts into recovery.

The Emergency Response Fund is an evergreen emergency relief fund that is in place to respond to crisis and ready for activation at a moment's notice. 100 percent of the donations go to Chaffee families, nonprofits, and small businesses.



1261 donations made by
631 donors raised

\$542,111

+ **\$637,033**
in government grants



\$325,034

In the Emergency Response Fund poised for the next community emergency.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

Andrea Carlstrom
Director
Chaffee County Public Health

At CCPH, we believe it takes collaboration, coordination, and the braiding of funding and ideas to make a significant impact on the county's health and wellness. In our small, rural community, resources are finite. When the Decker Fire ignited in 2019, the need for emergency funding to place people in safe, secure housing was paramount. The CCCF Emergency Relief Fund proved invaluable in meeting community need, and yet again, in fueling nonprofits and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Future natural and public health emergencies are inevitable. Having CCCF structured to collect donations and distribute financial support is vital.



FINANCIAL REPORT 2018 - 2023

\$2,468,545

Raised by **2015 DONORS**
to support causes important to the community from 2018-2022



\$1,190,785

- Invested in CCCF's work to:
- build nonprofit capacity
 - inspire philanthropy
 - provide a response to emergency
 - facilitate community conversations.



6.5% AVERAGE ADMINISTRATIVE RATE

- View CCCF's Annual 990's at chaffeecommunity.org/transparency
- Find CCCF's complete reviewed financials at chaffeecommunity.org/annual-reports

2018-2023 CUMULATIVE FINANCIALS

INCOME	CCCF Programmatic Funds	Funds Managed by CCCF
Donations	\$798,115	\$2,254,667
Inkind Goods or Services	\$104,759	\$21,718
Foundations	\$104,300	\$23,278
Government	\$36,018	\$1,666,197
Events	\$10,317	\$500
Program Services	\$131,616	\$223
Interest/Investment Income	\$5,660	\$1,962
EXPENSES		
Operational Program	\$218,764	\$89,449
Grant Expense	\$258,716	\$2,422,623
Direct Program Expense	\$16,090	\$200,640
Administration	\$3,320	\$62,017
Personnel	\$376,833	
Professional Fees	\$60,376	\$520,923
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$256,669.98	\$722,860.83

THANK YOU TO THE DONORS WHO HAVE PARTNERED WITH CCCF OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS TO MAKE THEIR COMMUNITY STRONGER

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

People choose the Chaffee County Community Foundation as their philanthropic partner because we make giving easy, flexible, transformational, and yes, enjoyable. We offer a range of giving options to serve every donor and almost every interest. If you can imagine it and it involves philanthropy, CCCF can probably make it happen.

- BLUESKY 1024 FUND
- CITY OF SALIDA COMMUNITY GRANTS
- DALE H & SUSAN M SHOEMAKER FUND
- FERTILE GROUND FUND
- FREEPORT-MCMORAN FUND
- SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
- TOWN OF BUENA VISTA COMMUNITY GRANTS
- LEAVENS FUND
- G STREET FUND

AREA OF INTEREST FUNDS

Area of interest funds are designed to leverage collective giving to meet a defined need in the community. Donors big and small can make a difference by giving together. CCCF offers expertise in grant making to ensure the funds follow a defined process to reach the most impact.

- COMMUNITY PET EMERGENCY FUND
- ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP FUND
- CCCF ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS
- C & C FOUNDATION
- CHAFFEE SENIOR HOUSING FUND
- CHAFFEE REC FUND
- HOUSING SOLUTIONS FUND
- JANE'S PLACE ADAPTIVE HOUSING FUND
- MOLLY GREYHER FUND
- UKRAINE SUPPORT FUND

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP FUNDS

Fiscal sponsorship to help incubate start-up nonprofits to or meet the financial management needs of organizations with complicated funding and reporting who desire a low overhead. Organizations can apply for consideration of a fiscal sponsorship for a short-term project or for a long-term supportive relationship.

PRESENT

- ENVISION CHAFFEE COUNTY
- ARKANSAS VALLEY ADVOCATES FOR DYSLEXIA
- HEALTHY HABITS FOUNDATION
- HEART OF THE ROCKIES RAMPAGE
- SHINING MOUNTAINS MONTESSORI SCHOOL
- CHAFFEE COUNTY WOMEN WHO CARE

PAST

- FRIENDS OF SALIDA SKATEPARKS
- TRUTH HAS A VOICE FOUNDATION
- BUENA VISTA SINGLETRACK COALITION
- CHAFFEE COUNTY AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

CCCF PROGRAMMATIC FUNDS

- **CATALYST FUND:** This is CCCF's Operating Fund. Your generosity here will ensure CCCF continues to have the capacity to carry out our crucial work including administering the Emergency Response Fund and community grants, investing in nonprofit capacity throughout Chaffee County, and bringing people together to pursue the common good.
- **CHAFFEE COMMONS:** Chaffee Commons is an innovative back-of-house support program for local nonprofits.
- **PASS THROUGH GRANTS:** A tool to make philanthropy accessible, donors can partner with CCCF to distribute one-time gifts to organizations of their choice.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY.

JOIN THE FUTURE OF CCCF.

As we look to the future of Chaffee County, we must recognize that the actions we take today will impact what our community will look and feel like 50 years from now. It is an exciting time to know today's decisions have the potential for great impact. As a community we have the power to choose what parts of this place we love to invest in now so that they will grow and prosper - and be there, stronger for future generations.

As the Executive Director of CCCF, I am inspired every day. I am continuously connecting with passionate people doing great things for our community. I want to invest in them. The heart driven visionaries, ready to get their hands dirty and committed to this amazing place we call home.

CCCF is constantly seeking ways to bring value to the community. Here are a few new initiatives we are introducing to increase the strength, resilience and vitality of Chaffee County.

- We are introducing an endowment for CCCF that will allow the foundation to become a permanent resource for our community.
- We launched our pilot year of the Community Leaders Fellowship and will continue to seek ways to offer more in depth and effective support to our nonprofit leaders.
- We are continuing to expand the ChaffeeGives regional championship for Colorado Gives Day. Each year the amount given locally for Colorado Gives Day has grown by 30% and the number of donors have increased by 34%.
- We are introducing new area of interest funds, making it easy for donors to invest in specific areas of need in our community and leverage outside funding.

A Community Foundation is there for the entire community, yet we can't do it alone. We are only as strong as those who invest in us - whether that be as a volunteer, donor, partner or advocate. We are working every day to inspire philanthropy, build nonprofit capacity, be prepared for the next community emergency, and facilitate community conversations.

Thank you for an incredibly successful first five years. We look forward to your partnership over the next 50 years!

Sincerely,



Betsy Dittenber, Executive Director



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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- A Church
- Achieve, Inc.
- American Legion Post 55
- Ark Valley Helping Hands
- Ark Valley High Rollers
- Ark Valley Pregnancy Center
- Ark-Valley Humane Society
- Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative
- Arkansas Valley Advocates for Dyslexia
- Articipate
- BETCH Foundation - Bringing Everyone Together Through the Crisis of Housing
- Boy Scout Troop 67
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County
- Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce
- Buena Vista Heritage
- Buena Vista High School
- Buena Vista High School Football
- Buena Vista Optimist Club
- Buena Vista Pregnancy Center
- Buena Vista School District R-31
- Buena Vista Young Life
- BV Hope
- CALLIOPE! INC.
- Canon City Police Department
- Center for Independence
- Central Colorado Conservancy
- Central Colorado Humanists
- Central Colorado SURJ
- Central Colorado Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Club
- Chaffee County Childcare Initiative
- Chaffee County Council for the Arts
- Chaffee County Early Childhood Council
- Chaffee County Economic Development Corporation
- Chaffee County Habitat for Humanity
- Chaffee County Hospitality Inc.
- Chaffee County Public Health
- Chaffee County Quilts of Valor
- Chaffee County Search and Rescue North
- Chaffee County Search and Rescue South
- Chaffee County United Soccer Club
- Chaffee Housing Authority
- Chaffee Housing Trust
- Choose Life Toymakers
- ClearView Community Church
- Cloud City Conservation Center
- Coaldale Community Building Association - CCBA - Historic Coaldale Schoolhouse
- Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited
- Collegiate Peaks Chorale
- Collegiate Peaks Forum
- Colorado Cattleman, Agricultural Land Trust
- Colorado Christian Mission Stations
- Colorado Farm To Table Inc
- Colorado Firecamp, Inc.
- Colorado Mountain College Foundation
- Colorado Theater in Non Traditional Spaces
- Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Association
- Congregational United Church of Christ
- Creekside Gathering Place
- Custer 2020 - Altitude Community Fitness
- Custer County Community Sharing Center
- Deer Mountain Community Organization
- Earth Justice
- elevateHER
- Elevating Readers Together
- Energy Smart Colorado
- FEDC WellSTART
- Fibark Community Paddling Center
- First Lutheran Church of Salida
- First Presbyterian Church
- Foodshed Alliance
- Fremont Search and Rescue, Inc.
- Friends of the CAIC
- Friends of Twin Lakes
- Full Circle Alliance Inc
- Full Circle of Lake County
- Full Circle Restorative Justice
- Grace Church Salida (formerly Salida First Baptist Church)
- Greater Arkansas River Nature Association
- Guidestone Colorado
- Habitat for Humanity of Colorado in Lakewood
- Haven For Hope
- Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center Foundation
- High Country Fine Arts Association
- High Mountain Hay Fever Festival Association
- Historic St. Elmo and Chalk Creek Canyon Inc
- Howard Volunteer Fire Department
- JJ's Helping Paws
- KarmaSue
- KHEN 106.9 FM Community Radio
- Klub Astra
- Lake County School District R-1
- Lake County Search and Rescue
- League of Women Voters Chaffee County
- Light Behind The Door Ministries
- Lighthouse Ministries
- Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center
- Mindfulness In The Jail DBA Salida Sangha
- Mini-Blessings
- NAMI Chaffee County
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- The Chaffee Shuttle
- New Bees
- Peak to Peak Pickleball Club
- Ramps and Alleys Clubhouse
- Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood, Inc.
- Rotary Lending Medical Aids, Inc.
- Salida Business Alliance
- Salida Chamber of Commerce
- Salida Circus Outreach Foundation
- Salida Concerts Inc (Salida Aspen Concerts)
- Salida Council for the Arts
- Salida Mountain Trails
- Salida Pregnancy Resource Center
- Salida Rotary Charitable Fund
- Salida Sangha
- Salida School District R-32-J
- Salida Seed Library
- Salida Senior Citizen, Inc. dba Salida Community Center
- Salida Sunrise Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc
- Salida-area Parks, Open-space & Trails (SPOT)
- San Isabel Land Protection Trust
- Sangre de Cristo Christian School / Cowboy Church of Westcliffe
- Sangres Art Guild
- Shakespeare in the Park
- Shining Mountains Montessori School
- SOIL Sangre de Cristo
- Southwest Conservation Corps
- St Rose of Lima Church
- St. George Episcopal Church
- Starpoint
- Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation, LLC
- The Alliance
- The Grainery Ministry
- The Manna House
- The Nature Conservancy
- The New Caring and Sharing
- The Salvation Army
- The Union of Concerned Scientists
- The Wright
- Truth Has A Voice Foundation
- Un-Bottle and Protect Chaffee County Water
- Uncaged Today Inc
- Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments - UAACOG
- Valley Assisted Living Inc.
- Valley Fellowship Church
- Valley To Valley Senior Care Center
- DBA Salida Senior Daycare, Inc.
- Walden Chamber Music Society
- Solvista Health
- Western Fremont Historical Society
- Wet Mountain Fire Protection District
- Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation
- Wild Connections

We are proud to have supported 154 organizations with grant funding from 2018 and 2022.

Visit www.chaffeecommunity.org for the Chaffee Nonprofit Directory for details and contact information.

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH CCCF TO INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY WE DID THIS TOGETHER.

GIVING

chaffeecommunity.org/invest-now



We have accepted a wide variety of gifts and made sure they went to work to build a thriving and resilient community.

- Cash, check, ACH, credit or debit card
- Appreciated stock
- Real Estate
- Legacy Gifts and Bequests
- IRA Required Minimum Distributions
- Creation of a Donor Advised Fund
- Give locally during Colorado Gives Day at ChaffeeGives.org

VOLUNTEERING

viachaffee.org



CCCF made connecting to the community easy.
VIACHaffee.org gave community members a one-stop-shop to view volunteer opportunities across the community and find their match.

PARTNERING

chaffeecommunity.org



Your support of CCCF has allowed us to help passionate people working on great community projects to expand their capacity.

"We have been part of this community for many years and have seen the way the community has come together to support one another. We've been able to see first hand how the Community Foundation has breathed life into the community, made the impossible possible, and touched the lives of so many through their work. Our hope is that our giving to CCCF will inspire others to give back, keeping our Foundation strong so it can continue its important work increasing the vitality of this beautiful place."

- Catalyst Fund Donor



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