

Annual Report 2015

The generosity of individuals like you help make Wyoming the place we all love to call home. WYCF takes pride in connecting people like you to the causes you care most about. Together, we are strengthening the fabric of Wyoming.

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## IMPACTING WYOMING'S FUTURE: **NEWELL B. SARGENT**

ust over 20 years ago, a community-minded individual who seemed to always be looking out for the underdog, established endowment funds with the Wyoming Community Foundation. Through WYCF, those funds have distributed over \$5 million to benefit communities and individuals around the state.

Newell B. Sargent (1905-2003) was a philanthropist in the truest sense. Throughout his life, Sargent worked to make the world a better place. He supported his church and numerous charitable groups. He especially had a soft-spot for organizations benefiting children. Sargent was also enthusiastic about supporting others' efforts when they had the same desire to improve their communities or themselves.

Charles Smith, who advises on Newell's funds, says Newell understood "sometimes you go through valleys before you make it up the hill." A great example of this was his approach to awarding scholarships. "Newell wanted to help the marginal student," says Charles. "Not necessarily the one who graduated the top of their class, but the student who could benefit from help if they were facing hardships."

WYCF believes that philanthropy is for anyone who wants to make a difference. Sargent is proof that the generous spirit of one individual can do just that. We are lucky enough to have worked with incredible individuals like Newell B. Sargent and those of you who want to add value to the world.



Photo provided courtesy of Washakie Museum & Cultural Center, Worland, WY

Sargent appreciated the ease of establishing funds with WYCF. He created numerous funds that continue to give to the causes he loved most:

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church:

**\$656,000** granted

New Hope Humane Society Funds:

**\$1,221,480** granted

St. Albans Church Fund:

\$570,600 granted

Mabel C. Sargent Scholarship:

**\$178,800** granted

Vera A. Sargent Scholarship:

**\$200,000** granted

Washakie Museum Endowment Fund:

**\$3,640,000** granted

#### WYCF GRANTEE:

#### **CAMP INVENTION**

e get to make prototypes!" exclaimed seven year-old Avery. When asked what a prototype is, the budding scientist didn't miss a beat, "It's the thing you make before the ACTUAL thing."

In summer 2015 Avery and 67 other students from Platte County experienced five incredible days of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) exploration at Camp Invention, a camp held in Wheatland. WYCF was lucky enough to visit the camp and saw students excited about learning, and being challenged to think. Not only that, it was clear each participant was having an incredible time.

For WYCF and our supporters, research based educational opportunities such as Camp Invention are an investment in Wyoming's future. With the grant from WYCF, 45 underserved students were able to attend camp and Wyoming's future is already looking brighter.

#### **Learning Beyond STEM:**

While the focus of camp may be STEM, Cindy Amundson, director of the Platte County program says campers often walk away having learned much more.

"I always thought my ideas were the best. At camp I learned that wasn't always true and that sometimes my ideas failed."

- Rett C., past attendee and 2015 Junior Counselor

"I learned how to work with everyone, not just my friends. And teamwork meant that we could get bigger and better results."

- Gage B., past attendee and 2015 Junior Counselor



FACTS & STATS



**WYCF** grants to outstanding nonprofits such as **CAMP INVENTION.** 

**Platte County Participants:** 

**67** ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Number of days spent at camp: 5



Number one request of camp attendees:

"WISH IT WAS LONGER!"

# "KEEP US EVER MINDFUL OF THE NEEDS OF



#### **FACTS** & STATS

SERENDIPITY: As the Schneider Fund gives its final grants, the Cate Fund is just beginning to give - and will forever.

In its 20 years, the Schneider Fund granted over \$2 MILLION to nonprofits.

In just the first year of granting, the Cate Fund distributed over \$155,000 to 17 area nonprofits.

# OTHERS."

# Janet Schneider-Cate & Tony Cate

Recognizing community needs often change, Tony made the Cate Fund UNRESTRICTED, trusting the WYCF Casper Area Local Board to make important giving decisions.

#### COMMITMENT TO GIVING

This is the story of two caring people whose commitment to giving began on separate paths but came together with gusto. As individuals, Tony Cate and Janet Schneider-Cate supported the causes and people they cared most about. As a couple their generosity was amplified and continues to have an incredible impact on the Casper area.

ony had a quiet generosity. He loved to be around people and was always eager to help those facing tough times. Tony would close his dinner prayer with, "Keep us ever mindful of the needs of others."

> Janet found great joy in giving back. She sought to support organizations and causes she loved and that strengthened her community. In fact, she and her first husband, Richard, were one of the first to set up a fund with WYCF ensuring causes important to the two of them were supported.

Tony and Janet's paths crossed from time to time, but it was not until later in life that they found each other. The two were kindred spirits. They shared a love for the arts, animals and for helping those less fortunate. As a couple, they were a force for good.

In 2005 Janet passed away. Tony continued to give - rarely saying no to anyone in need. A friend and former professional advisor to Tony, Joni Kumor notes with a smile, "Tony could not say no. I would tell him, 'You don't need to give everyone asking for money a check.' But he would! It made him feel good."

The Schneider Fund continued to give as well. The Nicolaysen Art Museum, Self-Help Center, Seton House, Wyoming Symphony Orchestra, Platte River Trails Trust, 12-24 Club and so many more nonprofits benefitted from the grants made. Seeing the impact, Tony made a bequest to also establish a fund with WYCF - the Tony Cate Endowed Fund.

Both Janet and Tony have passed, but their decisions to create funds with WYCF mean their commitment to giving continues. The Wyoming Community Foundation is humbled to be a part of continuing their lasting legacy.

#### **WYCF PRIORITY FUND:**

# WYOMING WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

2015 marked a turning point for the Wyoming Wildlife Foundation (WWF). While the group's focus on species in decline, land access, education and conservation continued, their approach changed. WWF shifted its efforts to funding great projects, rather than doing projects. The Newcastle fishing pond is a terrific example of this new approach.

n the far-east side of the state, about halfway between Gillette and Lusk, sits the small town of Newcastle. A tight-knit community that lies just west of the Black Hills, folks here have a deep love for the outdoors and the place they call home.

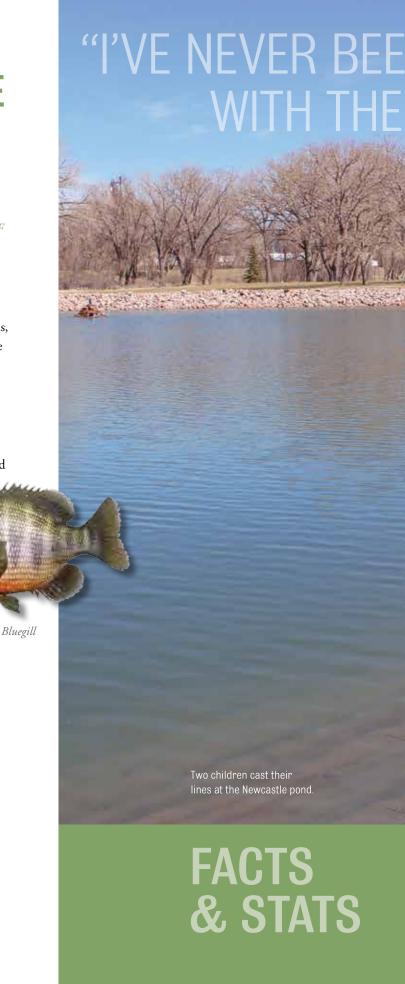
Keith Culver is one of those people. But for years Keith felt that one thing was missing from his hometown – a fishing pond. Keith believed a pond could provide folks a greater connection to the outdoors. It could be used to educate youth on fish habitat, water supplies and other ideas around conservation. And because it would be located in town, it would be accessible to all.

Keith reached out to the Wyoming Wildlife Foundation and other organizations he thought might be interested in the idea of building a pond. WWF was thrilled to help provide seed money for the project. Keith was soon backed by a great group of people eager to collaborate. "I've been a part of numerous projects," says Keith, who made

his career in natural resources conservation. "I have never been involved in one with the level of cooperation that we had on this project."

WWF, Wyoming Refining Co., Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD), the City of Newcastle, Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust and other local organizations lent their expertise. So too did individuals such as Paul Mavrakis of WGFD. The combined efforts helped turn the idea of a pond into reality.

Tony Woodell, WWF Director, is proud that WWF could partner with so many to bring this outdoor opportunity to Newcastle, "I couldn't be more pleased that WWF played a part in giving this great Wyoming community access to such an incredible outdoor activity. We look forward to seeing the community connect with and learn more about wildlife as they use the pond."



# N INVOLVED IN A PROJECT LEVEL OF **COOPERATION**







Newcastle's **3,200** residents and the town's surrounding communities will enjoy the pond.

THE LAND: Pond overflow will enhance existing wetlands and create new wetlands downstream.

THE WATER: Black Elk Refinery supplies the water from their well.

THE CATCH: Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Bluegill, Crappie and Channel Catfish.

#### **WYCF KIDS COUNT PARTNERSHIP**

See how Wyoming's child and family well-being compared nationally according to the **2015** KIDS COUNT Data Book.









he Annie E. Casey Foundation is known nationally for their outstanding advocacy work surrounding children and families. Casey partners with an organization from each state through its KIDS COUNT program, and relies on that organization to produce data highlighting the wellbeing of children in their state. KIDS COUNT also produces a data book evaluating children and family wellbeing across the nation. The Wyoming Community Foundation is the proud KIDS COUNT partner for our state.

WYCF has strong ties to Wyoming communities. We also have the capacity to ensure KIDS COUNT research is completed and disseminated to all those working on behalf of children and families. The WYCF data pieces inform both nonprofit organizations doing on-the-ground work and Wyoming policy makers.

KIDS COUNT also aligns with the work of our priority funds, the Wyoming Women's Foundation (WYWF) and Wyoming Afterschool Alliance (WYAA). In 2015 KIDS COUNT funding allowed both groups to focus on research important to Wyoming. The results are three data pieces:

- Preparing Students for Success in School and Life (WYAA)
- The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Wyoming: 2016 (WYWF, pg 10)
- The Wage Gap Between Wyoming's Men and Women: 2016 (WYWF, pg 10)

Over the last 25 years WYCF has been growing relationships in the community while increasing our understanding of advocacy and the importance of data-informed decision making.

The KIDS COUNT partnership enhances our ability to make decisions that are positively impacting Wyoming's greatest resource: its people.



#### WYCF HELPS KEEP THE DOORS OPEN

he nonprofit 12-24 Club prides themselves on having an open facility every day of the year. The organization plays a vital role in central Wyoming, providing a space and resources for recovery groups that help individuals with addiction issues. But in 2015, the organization that had always been so reliable faced an uncertain future.

Changes in positions and programs left 12-24 facing substantial financial debt. Recognizing the severity of the situation, the organization's board asked Dan Cantine, former director, to return. He and board president, Colter King, decided to reach out to the WYCF Casper Area Local Board for help.

Ann Ruble, WYCF's Director of Regional Philanthropy in Casper, says she has a lot of respect for Dan and the organization. "It is very courageous for a group to reach out when they are in trouble. Organizations don't often come to WYCF because they may not want to share their troubles with a funder."

Dan believes the decision was an easy one though. "Our policy is to be forthright about our successes and problems too. We were in rough shape," he says. "Thank goodness our board of directors was willing to do the hard work necessary to keep things going."

To help get 12-24 back on track, WYCF staff sat down with the organization and evaluated the situation. Ann worked with the group to create and implement a new strategic plan and provided a board training where short and long-term goals were established. She also provided fundraising training. WYCF's CFO, Misty Gehle, provided an intensive session on finances and budgeting. This allowed the group to determine where to cut programs that weren't working or fell outside the mission.

The results have been incredible. Not only has the 12-24 Club recovered, they have expanded. "It's fun to watch," says Dan, "There are so many people seeking recovery and I'm so grateful that we are still here for them."

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Wyoming's national gender wage gap rank:

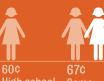
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Average earned by Wyoming women for every \$1 earned by a man: \$.69





In WY, across all degrees, the wage gap narrows with increased levels of education.









#### **WYCF PRIORITY FUND:**

#### THE WYOMING **WOMEN'S FOUNDATION**

"As wages are a part of family's ability to be self-sufficient, Wyoming still lags far behind in terms of livable wages for women." - Mary Burman, WYWF Chair

n order to have impact on women's self-sufficiency, you have to know where to start. In 2015, the Wyoming Women's Foundation (WYWF) funded research to discern what selfsufficiency looks like for Wyoming women and families. Data pieces from the research help direct policy and programming for a myriad of organizations and leaders across the state. It will also give WYWF clear direction as it makes grants to positively impact women and families.

Sarah McCance, WYWF director, recognizes self-sufficiency is crucial to improving Wyoming communities. "The struggle to make ends meet is all too real for so many in the state," says McCance. "Wages are often inadequate to cover a family's basic needs like housing, food and child care." These reports will identify where wages fall short, and inform next steps for public and private programs to help bring families to economic stability.

Through two distinct sets of research that began in 2015, WYWF has already begun to provide a roadmap to best address the issue of self-sufficiency.

The Wage Gap Between Wyoming's Men & Women, 2016:

- Demonstrates the gender wage gap in earnings by county, across occupations for Wyoming
- Suggests that continuing education for women helps narrow the gender wage gap

The Wyoming Self-Sufficiency Standard, 2016:

- Establishes, by county and family type, a self-sufficient wage in Wyoming
- Explores the impact that available work support programs have on wage adequacy
- Discusses the importance of an emergency savings plan and how it can help a family maintain stability

Download the reports: wywf.org

### IN YOUR COMMUNITY

#### **WYCF LOCAL BOARDS**

Creating the greatest good by connecting locally: WYCF has six local boards whose board members love where they live. They make grant recommendations that help their communities thrive.

#### **WYCF ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Advisory Committees are another connection to understanding local needs. Committees advise on one fund, specific to one community or area of interest.

#### **CASPER AREA**

28 grants totalling **\$297,000** in Natrona and Converse Counties **Highlight**: Granted to the Child Development Center of Natrona County to pilot a new screening model for early detection and

#### **EVANSTON AREA**

11 grants totalling \$46,000 Highlight: Granted to the Youth stepping up to fill the gap created

#### **BP COMMUNITIES**

Four grants totalling \$145,000 Highlight: Granted to High Desert Rural Healthcare to research EMT needs in the area.

#### **GORDON & EDNA SYKES ENDOWMENT**

Photo: Joe Brandl

Seven grants totalling \$70,000 Highlight: Granted to CARES to support housing assistance for victims of violence.

#### **ROCK SPRINGS AREA**

Five grants totalling \$29,000 Highlight: Granted to the City of Rock Springs "Starting New at Golf" program, aiming to get youth involved in outdoor recreation at the public golf course.

#### SHERIDAN-JOHNSON COUNTIES

Eight grants totalling \$47,000 Highlight: Granted to Sheridan Senior Center to improve facilities and services to better accommodate seniors in the community.

#### **KEMMERER FOUNDATION**

Six grants totalling \$61,000 Highlight: Granted to the Kemmerer Senior Citizens Association to purchase new convection ovens for the kitchens at the center.

#### **MCMURRY LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND**

\$86.000

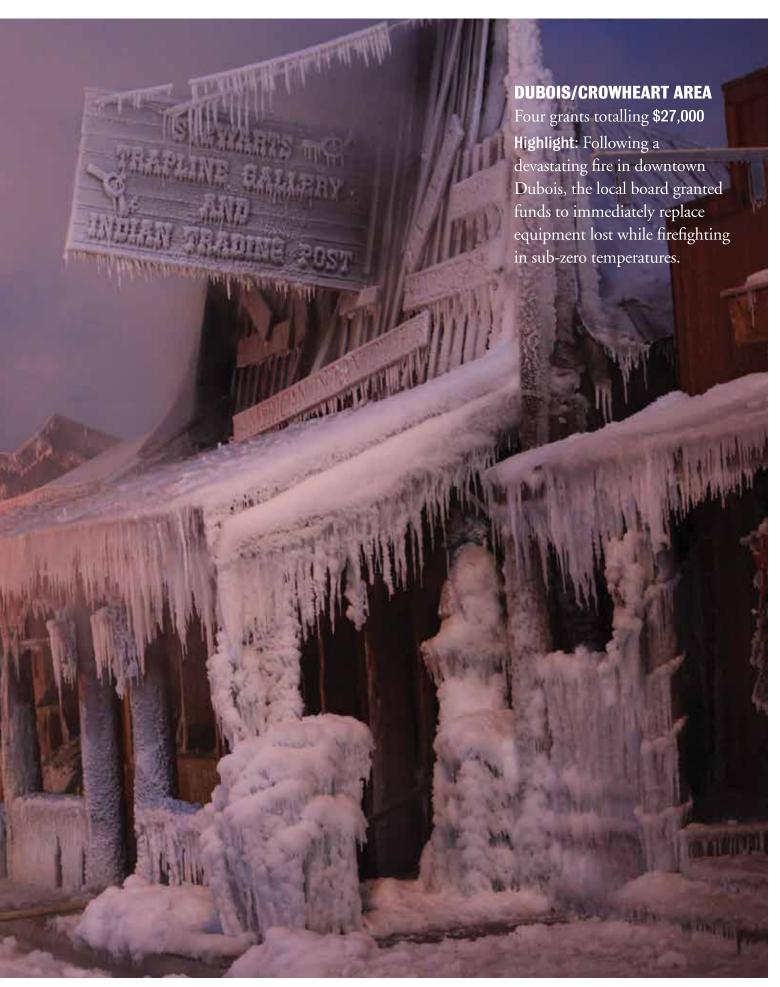
Highlight: Granted to 50 public library employees from 23 different libraries to attend conferences, receive certification and/or work on advanced degrees

#### **SUBLETTE COUNTY**

Eight grants totalling \$60,000 Highlight: Granted to Sublette Sexual Assault and Family Violence for their community advocacy work in Pinedale and Big Piney.

#### HAZEL PATTERSON

Six grants totalling \$42,000 Highlight: Granted to Johnson County YMCA to provide scholarships for families and individuals.



#### **WYCF PRIORITY FUND:** THE WYOMING **AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE**

n 2015 WYAA continued to do what they do best: Provide the tools and support to help make Wyoming's afterschool programs outstanding.

Tamra Petersen, an afterschool provider in Uinta County, attended an intensive training with a focused goal: advance STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning to improve the future of Wyoming's kids. The training was part of WYAA's pilot project, Wyoming Cross-Sector STEM Collaborative. During the training, afterschool program providers learned to define elements of highquality STEM activities and evaluate their own programs, all to benefit the future of Uinta County youth.

The training is already paying off. Petersen has used the evaluation tools with out-of-school-time programs in Evanston and views the tools as a great jumping off point for growth. "As enriching and engaging as our programs are," she said, "this process has helped us see that there is always room for improvement."

Petersen also found that while the teaching of STEM programs was often great, the structure of the programs needed adjustment. The tools provide a rubric for evaluation, so there are concrete measures to work from in order to make program improvements.

There is another great side to the evaluation tools, notes Petersen. It highlights the areas in which providers are doing fantastic work and where programs are excelling.

With the support of WYAA, out-of-school time programs like the STEM Collaborative are stronger than ever. WYAA Director, Linda Barton, is proud that WYAA is able to provide such valuable trainings. "The focus on afterschool programs is important to the future of Wyoming's youth and to its economy as we develop students for the workforce," she says. "It's incredibly important that we have programs that are effective and do the most to support Wyoming's youth."



**COLLABORATIVE** 



**THE TOOL: Dimensions of Success** (DoS) designed by Program in Education Afterschool and **Resiliency (PEAR)** 

WYAA had 12 pilot programs in 11 counties, with 24 Participants The project was funded by the NOYCE FOUNDATION in partnership with the CHARLES STEWART MOTT **FOUNDATION** 



# FACTS & STATS

The Helena De Fina Community Wellness Fund supports THE ARTS, THE OUTDOORS, PREVENTION AND MORE. For Helena, wellness meant more than just physical well-being. The fund blew past its initial goal of \$25,000 and raised \$40,000.

# lena loved to travel. She is

The first grants from Helena's fund will be made in 2016.

#### **HELENA DE FINA** COMMUNITY WELLNESS FUND

Anthony Polvere will tell you his late wife Helena De Fina could, "soften the toughest cowboy you ever met." When the Cody and Powell communities lost Helena suddenly, you can be sure even the toughest shed a tear.

elena was one of those people who would light up a room. She was vivacious and kind, and never met a stranger. All those who knew her say she looked for the good in others. Always. Helena's passion for life and giving back to the people and causes she loved had a wonderful impact on her community.

As a prevention specialist working at West Park Hospital Prevention & Wellness, Helena was especially dedicated to issues around wellness - both physical and emotional. She loved her four-legged friends, the arts and was passionate about yoga. She and Anthony gave to support efforts around all of these things, and more.

When Helena passed, the community was devastated. But in that grief a group of friends, headed by Diane Ballard, decided to do something to honor her tremendous spirit. "Helena always focused on the good and she was so dedicated to giving back," says Diane. "Creating a fund to do the same was natural."

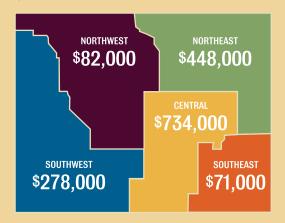
Working with WYCF, Diane and the others set up the Helena De Fina Community Wellness Fund. The fund not only supported the causes she loved, but it also gave those who loved her something positive to focus on in a time of incredible loss.

Anthony and Helena's friends are amazed with the support they have received so far - nearly \$40,000 has been given. "The people here are salt of the earth," Anthony says as he reflects on the outpouring of generosity he has felt, even beyond donations to the fund. "I can't wait to start to give back."

#### 2015 WYCF GRANTMAKING

#### **DONOR ADVISED GRANTMAKING BY REGION**

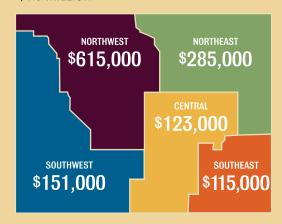
\$1.7 MILLION



**STATEWIDE:** \$113,000

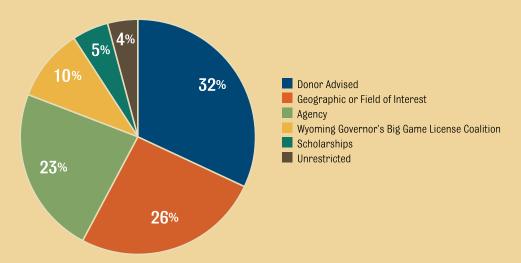
#### **AGENCY GRANTS BY REGION**

\$1.3 MILLION



**STATEWIDE**: \$45,000

#### **WYCF GRANTS BY FUND TYPE: \$6.1 MILLION**



#### AGENCY AND DONOR ADVISED FUNDS DISTRIBUTED BY PROGRAM AREA: \$3.28 MILLION







YOUTH & RECREATION \$774,000



**CONSERVATION** \$279,000



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\$117,000

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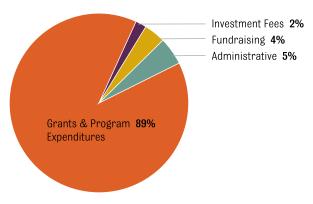
#### SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

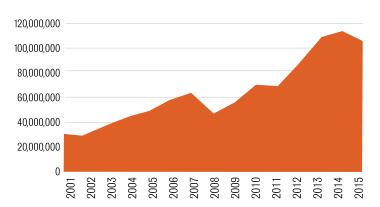
Current Assets	2015	2014
Cash and cash equivalents	8,782,409	6,884,293
Investments	102,825,742	106,289,871
Other receivables and other assets	239,671	9,412
Prepaid expenses	27,592	34,288
Property & Equipment, net	603,877	605,089
TOTAL ASSETS	112,479,291	113,822,953
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable	125,396	200,920
Accrued expenses	39,129	27,355
Grants payable	2,242,117	1,974,405
Security Deposits - Tenants	500	500
Funds held as agency endowments	16,932,547	16,540,048
Funds held in trust	7,950,106	8,461,212
TOTAL LIABILITIES	27,289,795	27,204,440
TOTAL NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED	85,189,496	86,618,513
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	112,479,291	113,822,953

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES	2015	2014
Support and Revenue	Total	Total
Contributions	9,642,140	7,939,505
Amounts received for agency endowments	(1,785,126)	(742,585)
Other Income	1,856,600	1,515,371
Investment Income	(2,269,276)	3,359,999
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	7,444,338	12,072,290
Expenses		
Grants	5,274,225	3,840,690
Grants made from agency endowments	(567,702)	(749,342)
Administration	543,327	470,287
Program Expense	3,026,805	2,964,504
Fundraising Expenses	389,962	343,227
Investment fees	206,738	225,393
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,873,355	7,094,759
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1,429,017)	4,977,531
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	86,618,513	81,640,982
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	85,189,496	86,618,513

#### **TOTAL WYCF EXPENSES 2015**



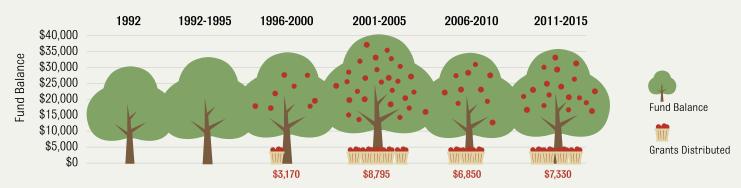
#### 15 YEARS OF TOTAL ASSET GROWTH



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As we look ahead to uncertain economic times, WYCF's unwavering commitment to building a better Wyoming will make a difference. Because of your support, we are strengthening the fabric of Wyoming, and we can't thank you enough.

Gratefully,

Craig Showalter