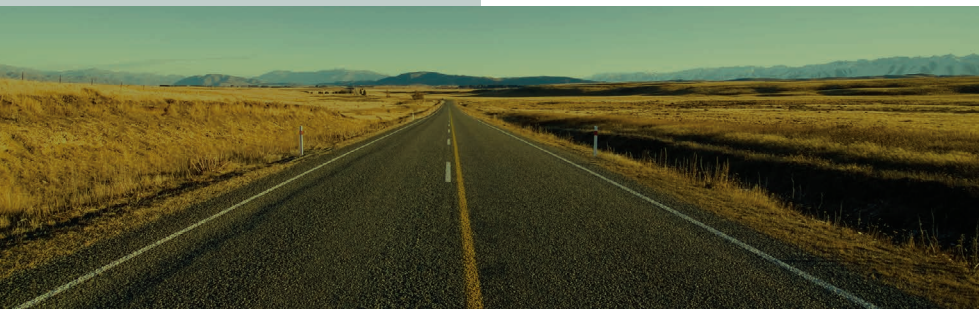




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# ANNUAL REPORT





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## Dear Friends,

What a truly special state we live in. I have called Wyoming my home for almost my whole life. I have also called the Wyoming Community Foundation (WYCF) home for many years. I started as a grants administrator and reported for my first day of work to our offices on the top floor of the First Interstate Bank Building in downtown Laramie. While the views outside my office window have changed over the years, the generosity of WYCF donors has remained constant.



Because of you, we accepted more than 1,000 donations and made more than 1,000 grants across an entire spectrum of charitable areas, from the arts to job training and everything in between.

This year's annual report highlights the many causes you care about. As I look back with amazement at all you did in 2021, I am humbled to assume the role of President & CEO of the Wyoming Community Foundation. What inspires me most in this new role is what has always inspired me: the incredible people and organizations we work with every day.

You can read about the impact of that work in this report. You helped Wyoming communities and nonprofits thrive. Your generosity made it possible for Wyoming students to get to school safely. Because you care about Wyoming's working families, a childcare center expanded its services to parents and children. Gifts from people like you ensure that our nonprofits will continue to thrive for years to come.

Wyoming is not special by accident: it is because of you. I look forward to an exciting future with you as we work together to build a better Wyoming. Thank you for your continued support- we couldn't do this without you.

With warmest wishes,

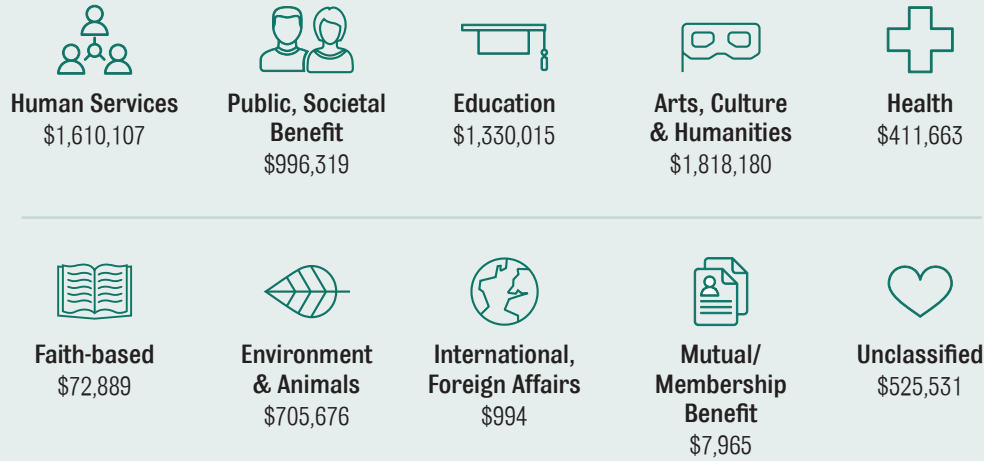
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samin Dadelahi'.

Samin Dadelahi, President & CEO (2022)  
Wyoming Community Foundation



# Your Generosity at Work

## WYCF GRANTMAKING

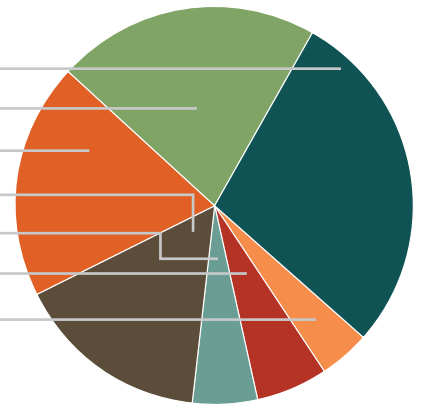


**GRAND TOTAL:**  
\$7,479,339

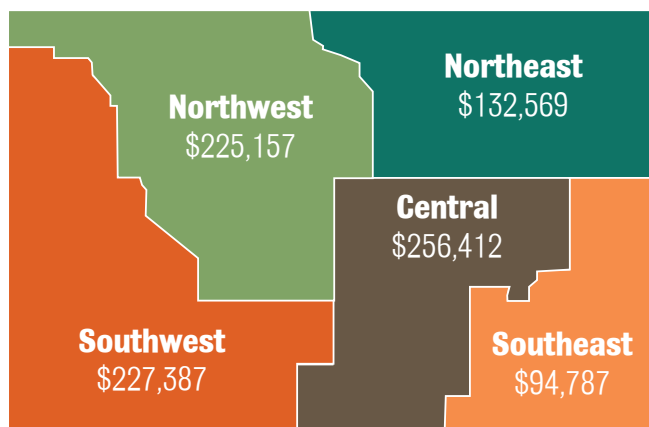
### GRANTS BY FUND TYPE

Agency Fund Grants: \$2,119,565  
 Field of Interest Fund Grants: \$1,599,831  
 Donor Advised Fund Grants: \$1,444,948  
 Donor Designated Fund Grants: \$1,176,908  
 Scholarship Fund Grants: \$396,060  
 Special Projects Fund Grants: \$430,611  
 Discretionary Fund Grants: \$311,415

**TOTAL GRANTMAKING: \$7,479,339**

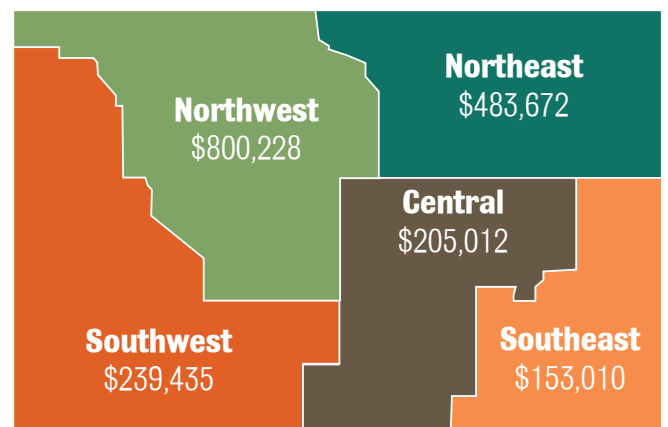


### DONOR ADVISED FUND GRANTS BY REGION: \$1,444,948



Statewide agency grants made: \$230,288  
 DAF National grants: \$7,919

### AGENCY FUND GRANTS BY REGION: \$2,119,565



Statewide grants made: \$334,235  
 Agency Fund National grants: \$174,400



# A Drive for Success

“My car was stuck at the movie theater for about a week until I could get it towed. That’s when I reached out to Shoop,” says Josh, a junior at Whiting High School in Laramie.

Josh didn’t have the funds to get his car fixed. Whiting Principal Scott Shoop found a way to help Josh. To stay in school and get to work, students rely on safe transportation. It’s one of the most important factors for these students to be successful.

“Not having a working car impacted his attendance at school and his ability to get to work,” says Scott. “He’s homeless, so he has to work in order to keep things going.”

Because of your support, a grant from the Wyoming Community Foundation made it possible for Josh to get his car fixed. The grant helped other students at WHS in similar ways, like purchasing a new battery or getting small repairs

“It’s also a safety issue,” says Scott. “It’s important to us

that our students driving on these roads have some degree of safety, which is often hard if you’re pinching pennies.”

Thoughtful donors like you make a very big difference in the lives of students like Josh. He is working towards going to college and getting a business degree.

“I’ve been cooking for a while and worked at a restaurant downtown; it’s cool to make people happy with food” says Josh. “I’m also into fashion and would like to open up a clothing store someday.”

Scott appreciates the flexibility WYCF allows him with this grant. It’s need-based so he works with students when they are in a tough spot.

“It’s important to us that our students driving on these roads have some degree of safety, which is often hard if you’re pinching pennies.”

“Through no fault of his own Josh has a lot to overcome to get to his goal,” says Scott. “We’re very proud of how he’s going about that, how resilient he is, and what he’s overcome so far.”





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# STATS & FACTS

Grant amount: **\$2,500**



**WHS Transportation Assistance Program:** Assists students financially with repair, maintenance, and purchasing a vehicle to be a viable way to improve their quality of life and support these students in remaining active in participating in the social and academic opportunities.



The mission of Whiting High School is to optimize each student's ability and opportunity to live a quality life.

- 1** Meet the needs of diverse students who do not thrive in a traditional academic setting.
- 2** Graduate students who might not otherwise graduate.
- 3** Provide a more holistic and trauma-responsive educational opportunity that meets students' social, emotional, and academic needs.
- 4** Focus on where the student is six months after leaving WHS, whatever the pathway the student chooses.



# Planning a Purposeful Pitch

**W**yoming's youth are courageous and adaptable. They have great ideas and want to help their community. They want to bring their ideas to life and turn problems into solutions, and sometimes they just need a little help. Thanks to the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance (WYAA) and their supporters, this is possible.

The Wyoming Young Entrepreneur Pitch Challenge is a program that provides youth with the opportunity to practice skills that build their confidence and critical thinking while empowering them to make a difference. The Pitch Challenge provides an opportunity for Wyoming kids to express themselves while working to make their communities and the whole state of Wyoming a better place.

"The Alliance is proud to provide this opportunity for young people to share their ideas," says WYAA director Michelle Sullivan. "Young people in Wyoming are looking toward the future and imagining solutions to problems they face every day."

Caydence, a student at Buffalo High School, knows that time management can be a challenge for her peers, and she wanted to help her classmates. The Pitch Challenge presented an opportunity to hone her message around her business, "Full of Purpose Planners."

*"I really connect with being organized and having really good time management..."*

"I really connect with being organized and having really good time management," says Caydence. "I wanted my business to be something for people where they could have an outlet to be organized or have better time management."

In pitching her planners, Caydence said "paper planners come with fewer distractions. They lead to greater

productivity and promote informational recall which can lead to staying on top of lots of things. Paper is also an amazing sensory outlet that reduces stress and anxiety."

The Pitch Challenge provides modules, interactive videos and activities, and one-on-one coaching for students to create and craft their pitch. Last year, participating youth created a 45-90 second video. Each video is uploaded to an online platform provided by Impact307. Volunteer judges

then evaluated each entry on creativity, persuasiveness, and overall presentation. The top standouts received cash prizes. Other incentives have included Wyoming Young Entrepreneur Pitch Challenge t-shirts and pizza parties for programs that have an exceptional participation.

The Wyoming Young Entrepreneur Initiative gives youth a way to solve problems now and in the future. The more they practice entrepreneurial thinking, the more confident and creative they become when approaching challenges of all kinds.

“Judging the WYAA youth Pitch Challenge has given me an opportunity to peer behind the curtain at the ideas of the next generation of entrepreneurs and problem-solvers in Wyoming,” says David Maulik, a 2021 volunteer judge. “I am confident that if we give these students the assistance, support, and encouragement moving forward, we have a good chance to help them solve the problems our state is currently facing and be ready to tackle any more that come our way.”

## STATS&FACTS

WYAA launched the Wyoming Young Entrepreneur Initiative in 2020 with generous support from the C.S. Mott Foundation.

### Winter 2021 Pitch Challenge Judges:

**Molly Doss** – Past Pitch Challenge winner

**Lexie Garret** – Small business owner, Alexis Drake Retail (Custom Handbags & Accessories)

**David Maulik** – Director, Makerspace307

**Leslie Spoonhunter** – Winner, Wind River Start Up Challenge and owner, Goose’s Kitchen

### 2021 Partners:

- Wyoming 4-H
- University of Wyoming
- Impact307
- Afterschool organizations statewide and many volunteers.
- Special thanks go to the Wyoming Association of Career and Technical Educators (WACTE) and business teachers Kami Kennedy at Buffalo High School and Karlie Philpott at Star Valley High School.



## Entrepreneurial Mindset

Being entrepreneurial isn’t just about starting companies. It is about having a vision and making it a reality. It is a way of thinking that can be learned and practiced.

1. Curiosity
2. Growth Mindset
3. Courage
4. Persistence & Grit
5. Opportunity Seeking
6. Problem Solving
7. Redefining Failure
8. Optimism
9. Resourcefulness
10. Adaptability
11. Empathy



**LET YOUR IDEAS GROW**

Learn more about the entrepreneurial mindset from WYAA’s partners at VentureLab, [venturelab.org](http://venturelab.org).

# Local Boards

The Wyoming Community Foundation's Local Boards give where you live. Like you, WYCF Local Board members love their communities. They work to make the places they live better through grant recommendations and by initiating activities to positively impact nonprofits in their area.



## CASPER AREA LOCAL BOARD:

**68 grants totaling \$389,000**

**Grantee Highlight:**

Wyoming Dementia Care

Dementia can be devastating to any family. Wyoming Dementia Care aims to ease the stress and pain by providing respite to caregivers by helping with direct services, support and access to resources. The Casper Area Local Board granted funding to support the program.



## DUBOIS-CROWHEART LOCAL BOARD

**9 grants totaling \$74,300**

**Grantee Highlight:**

Dubois Rodeo Association

Lights, riding, action! The Dubois Local Board helped light up the arena by providing funding for lights at a favorite community event: the Dubois Rodeo.



## EVANSTON AREA LOCAL BOARD

**12 grants totaling \$57,613**

**Grantee Highlight:**

Disability: IN Uinta County

Providing support and education to empower businesses to achieve disability inclusion and equity is the goal of Disability: IN Uinta County. The Evanston Local board happily provided a grant to help ensure those with disabilities have opportunities to work and be successful.

# Advisory Committee Grants

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

## GORDON AND EDNA SYKES FUND

**7 grants totaling \$49,362**

**Grantee Highlight:**

Big Horn County 4-H

4-H provides youth in Greybull, Burlington, Otto, Basin, Manderson and Hyattville big opportunities. A grant from the Gordon and Edna Sykes Fund helped area youth take part in photography, raise livestock, and some youth were even able to travel to Raton, NM to participate in a shooting sports event.



# Connecting Locally for the Greatest Good



## ROCK SPRINGS AREA LOCAL BOARD

12 grants totaling \$106,813

### Grantee Highlight:

Rock Springs Renewal Fund's Snowman Stroll

Downtown Rock Springs became a bit more festive thanks to funding of the Snowman Stroll by the Rock Springs Area Local Board. Artists were commissioned to paint six large fiberglass snowmen to bring art and fun to the community.



## SHERIDAN-JOHNSON LOCAL BOARD

18 grants totaling \$75,275

### Grantee Highlight:

Compass Center for Families Playground

Compass provides children with the opportunity to have safe, conflict-free time with their parents and families through supervised visitation, custody exchanges and visitation negotiation. However, the center didn't have a great area for kids to play – an essential part of development, and a great way for families to connect. Funding from the Sheridan-Johnson Local Board helped ensure playground space for these kids and families.



## SUBLETTE LOCAL BOARD

13 grants totaling \$76,567

### Grantee Highlight:

Sublette County Sexual Assault and Family Violence Taskforce

Sexual assault and violence are, unfortunately, in each of our communities. Luckily there are groups like the Sublette County Sexual Assault and Family Violence Taskforce available to help. With funding from the local board, this group was able to continue to provide its critical services to over 60 individuals in 2021.

## HAZEL PATTERSON MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

6 grants totaling \$46,957

### Grantee Highlight:

Gatchell Museum Foundation's Museum Monday Programming

The Gatchell Museum is making sure Big Horn area youth get to participate in meaningful and fun cultural experiences, without traveling hours for the opportunity. Thanks to a grant from the Hazel Patterson Memorial Fund, kids ages 7-12 got to enjoy hands-on art lessons with a local artist each Monday throughout the summer.

## KEMMERER FOUNDATION FUND

2 grants totaling \$71,134

### Grantee Highlight:

Original Oystergrass Incorporated

The show must go on! But only if supplies stay safe and dry. Thanks to a grant from the Kemmerer Foundation Fund, the Oyster Grass Music Festival's storage facility roof received much-needed repairs, ensuring melodies could be heard all-festival long.

## MCMURRY LIBRARY FUND

28 Grants Totaling \$56,986

### Grantee Highlight:

Goshen County Library's Storywalk

COVID brought about a new way to engage readers that has continued to brighten communities and bring books to the public: StoryWalks. Because of a grant from the McMurry Library Fund, the Goshen County Public Library was able to install StoryWalks in parks in Lingle, Fort Laramie, Yoder and La Grange.

# Women Waiting to Work

**S**tacy Stebner wondered if her family would ever come off the Apple Valley School (AVS) waitlist. After having her second baby in August of 2020, Stacy said, “I planned to return to some sort of nonprofit, or academic work.” She had quit her job as the Director of the Lander Art Center with a plan to take only a year or so off from her career. However, without stable childcare, it was impossible to return to work.

Lack of accessible childcare impacts not only women’s abilities to earn an income to support their families, but also the availability of skilled labor in the community. The women with children on AVS’s waitlist are valuable to the workforce, but their ability to contribute to their communities and households is on hold.

WYWF’s Wyoming Women as Economic Drivers report found that “when women exit the labor force, the impacts to overall state and local economies are severe. It’s estimated that the state of Wyoming would lose at least \$45 million in GDP if every Wyoming woman stayed home from work for just one day.”

Stacy is quick to express how much she loves being part of the Lander workforce. “I gain a huge sense of personal satisfaction from contributing to my community in meaningful ways, and to my family financially,” she reflects. Many Wyoming women share Stacy’s feelings, but need reliable childcare to make it all happen.

When WYWF learned that AVS aimed to address the lack of stable early childhood education capacity in the Lander community, WYWF’s board was compelled to help. In the Spring of 2021, AVS secured a location to expand in multiple phases and with the help of a WYWF grant, they have completed phase 1 of their renovation and are now operating at an increased capacity.

Stacy’s oldest child now attends AVS part-time while Stacy teaches two courses for Central Wyoming College and works on coordinating a large-scale mural project, the Bossert Collective, which she co-founded. In addition to Stacy, AVS expanded working hours for at least 10 other Wyoming women, increasing their earnings and investing in the Lander community skilled labor pool.

Because of your support, WYWF was able to invest in these moms’ participation in the workforce, helping Wyoming realize the untapped economic resource women have to offer.



Fundraising efforts for Apple Valley School work to ensure childcare is accessible.

## WYWF STATS & FACTS

**21**  
Years Working  
For Women



**23**  
Counties Supported

**237**  
Grants Made



**\$1.1+**  
Million Dollars Granted



## What's next for AVS?

AVS is planning to undertake phase 2 of the construction project in 2022 with the hope of adding an additional 10-15 children from the waitlist. With this additional expansion, AVS will create two new full-time positions and one part-time position after doubling their teaching team just last year.

Through fundraising efforts AVS works to ensure childcare is accessible to any family, regardless of their capacity to pay. All of this is possible thanks to the generosity and support of Wyomingites.



**The Wyoming Women's Foundation (WYWF) invests in the economic self-sufficiency of women and opportunities for girls in Wyoming.**







# Wyoming's Wildlife, Up Close and Personal

**W**yoming has some awe-inspiring wildlife. But we seldom get up close and personal with our more impressive creatures.

If you can feel a grizzly bear's fur, you are probably not interested in how well it keeps the bear warm. If you can see its jaws move and feel its teeth, anatomical efficiency is likely not your main concern. And if you can see its claws, you are not thinking about how it uses them to fish. Most likely, you are trying to beat a hasty retreat.

But all over the state, middle schoolers are doing the opposite. They are getting hands-on experiences of Wyoming's rarest wildlife. Conservation Education Trunks are a Wyoming Youth for Natural Resources grantee. Because of your generosity, trunks full of wildlife biofacts

are being sent from the Wyoming State Museum in Cheyenne to schools all over Wyoming.

Each trunk contains the pelts and skulls from many different species, including endangered animals. Most of these animals are indigenous to Wyoming. Many have legal protections on them. So acquiring these biofacts from legitimate partner organizations was a vast and complex task.

Leading this effort is Curator of Education Jeremy Thornburgh. Jeremy and the museum team have assembled tools and created curricula to inspire young people to engage in conservation. Jeremy's focus is on "encouraging the kids to research what they can do, and how they can make a positive impact on the animals."

## STATS & FACTS

Annually, the Wyoming State Museum reaches

**4,000**

students via  
education trunks



**9,000**

students via  
virtual field trips

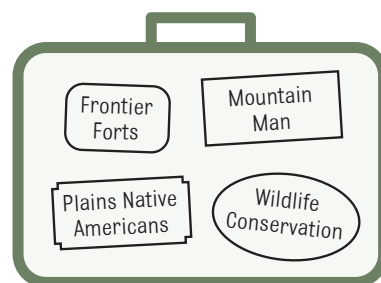


**5,000**

students via in-  
person field trips



Education Trunk Programs:





Collaborating on this project was museum Education Coordinator Laura Dale. Laura researched the animals so that she could put together learning guides on each species. What makes these guides special is that they ask students to do their own research. The young people encounter “a new and unique way to [take] conservation action.” After learning with the trunks, they can “practice the things they learn in school.”

This kind of active learning is very important to Jeremy and his team. He himself was a young conservationist. As he recalls, “this taught me a long time ago that one person can make a difference. You don’t have to change people’s minds in the moment – you just have to make them care a little bit.”

After experiencing the excitement of a Wildlife Conservation trunk, Wyoming’s young people may care more than just a little bit.

“You don’t have to change people’s minds in the moment — you just have to make them care a little bit.”

The mission of the Wyoming Wildlife Foundation is to create an enduring natural legacy for future generations through stewardship of Wyoming’s wildlife.

20 Years Working for Wyoming’s Wildlife

300+ Projects Supported

60+ Million Granted



## EXPANDING OPERATIONS SUPPORT FOR THE Y.E.S. HOUSE, INC.

*Y.E.S. (Youth Emergency Services) House Foundation Endowment Fund*

# A House of Connections

**W**e often refer to Wyoming as a small town with very long streets. There are only a few degrees of separation between any two people. In Gillette, even if you don't know it, you are connected to the Y.E.S. House.

The Y.E.S. House Independent and Transitional Living program helps young people ages 16-21 with life skills and housing assistance.

"Most people don't realize how close they are to someone who has, in some way, needed services at the Y.E.S. House," says Mary Melaragno, executive director of the Y.E.S. House Foundation. "In one year, they can serve about 1,000 children and their families."

A lot has happened in the last few years- a pandemic, and a decrease in funding for the Y.E.S. House and their programs. Mary knew the foundation needed extra financial stability. The best way to help people is to ensure the financial stability of this work now and into the future.

The Y.E.S. House Foundation created an endowed fund with WYCF to ensure just that. Money raised for the endowment fund at WYCF helps provide that long-term support. That endowed fund, created in 2018, made a difference during the pandemic.

"People get caught up thinking the programs are for 'bad' kids, but they're not," says Mary. "These kids are truly the future employees, employers, or elected officials we will see in our communities someday."

Everyone needs help at some point, and the Y.E.S. House provides services for these situations.

"A family may be experiencing crisis and may need somewhere for their child to stay, a parent may need extra help and the Crisis Center is open," says Mary.

"This program helps participants with things like budgeting, for example. I've heard residents say they 'never want to be homeless again' and they'll do anything they can to be successful," says Mary.

Endowed funds like this, fueled by gifts from people like you, help ensure this work supports nonprofits like the Y.E.S. house for years to come.

"At least once a month we get a message from someone who was at the Y.E.S. House in the past and they want to thank their mentor," says Mary. "Sometimes you just need that one person to change your life."

*"Sometimes you just need that one person to change your life."*







Dancing with the Gillette Stars is the Y.E.S. House Foundation's biggest fundraiser, bringing in \$200,000 in 2021.

# STATS & FACTS

Youth Emergency Services Foundation's purpose is to provide funding for programs, children and families, equipment, and building and expansion needs of the Youth Emergency Services, Inc. to better serve the Gillette, Wyoming community.

Designated Agency  
Endowed Fund for the  
Y.E.S. House Foundation  
was created in

**2018**

In 2021, they raised  
in commitments

**\$1,196,473**

to put into the  
endowed fund  
at WYCF.



**13**

Programs Help  
Youth and  
their Families



Over **100** employees

**Over 1,000**








families/youth served annually

Youth and families served have a statewide and regional impact. **88%** of residents served are from Northeast Wyoming (Campbell, Crook and Weston), and **12%** of youth come from other Wyoming counties.

# Kids & Families Matter

WYCF is the Annie E Casey Foundation's (AECF) Kids Count partner for Wyoming. Each year AECF shares data which reflects how children and families are faring in Wyoming and across the nation.

## HEALTH – Wyoming ranks 45

		UNITED STATES		WYOMING			
Low birth-weight babies US: 311,245 WY: 643		8.1% 2010	8.3% 2019		9% 2010	9.8% 2019	WORSE
Children without health insurance US: 4,375,000 WY: 15,000		8% 2010	6% 2019		9% 2010	11% 2019	WORSE
Children & teen deaths per 100,000 US: 19,431 WY: 51		26 2010	25 2019		32 2010	36 2019	WORSE
Children & teens (ages 10-17) who are overweight or obese US: NA WY: NA		31% 2010	31% 2019		28% 2016-2017	26% 2010-2019	BETTER

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY – Wyoming ranks 5

UNITED STATES							WYOMING		
Children in single-parent families US: 23,756,000 WY: 32,000		34% 2010	34% 2019	↓	26% 2010	25% 2019	BETTER		
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US: 8,907,000 WY: 8,000	↓	15% 2010	12% 2019	↓	7% 2010	6% 2019	BETTER		
Children & teen deaths per 100,000 US: 6,712,000 WY: 1,000	↓	13% 2010	9% 2019	↓	3% 2009-2012	1% 2015-2019	BETTER		
Teen births per 1,000 US: 171,674 WY: 338	↓	34 2010	17 2019	↓	39 2010	19 2019	BETTER		

# Wyoming Overall Rank: 17

Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation

Read or download the 2021 Kids Count Data Book: [www.aecf.org/databook](http://www.aecf.org/databook)





## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING – Wyoming ranks 4

		UNITED STATES		WYOMING		
Children in poverty US: 12,000,000 WY: 15,000	↓	22% 2010	17% 2019	↓	14% 2010 12% 2019	BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US: 18,833,000 WY: 25,000	↓	33% 2010	26% 2019	↓	23% 2010 19% 2019	BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US: 21,570,000 WY: 23,000	↓	41% 2010	30% 2019	↓	25% 2010 17% 2019	BETTER
Teens not in school and not working US: 1,115,000 WY: 2,000	↓	9% 2010	6% 2019	↓	9% 2010 7% 2019	BETTER

## EDUCATION– Wyoming ranks 22

		UNITED STATES		WYOMING			
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school		52%	52%		59%	59%	SAME
US: 4,205,000 WY: 9,000		2009-2011	2017-2019		2010	2019	
Fourth-graders not proficient in reading	↓	68%	66%	↓	67%	59%	BETTER
US: NA WY: NA		2010	2019		2009	2019	
Eighth-graders not proficient in math		67%	67%	↓	65%	63%	BETTER
US: NA WY: NA		2010	2019		2009-2012	2015-2019	
High school students not graduating on time	↓	21%	14%	↓	20%	18%	BETTER
US: NA WY: NA		2010-2011	2018-2019		2010-2011	2018-2019	



# Causes You Care About – 2021 Grantee Highlights

## A Kind Campout

A grant from the Curt Gowdy State Park Family Fund helped families enjoy camping outdoors together. A favorite project the Gowdy family supports through their fund at WYCF is the Governor's Capitol Campout. The campout is hosted by Wyoming State Parks.

Photo Credit: Wyoming State Parks



Wyoming State Parks hosts an Annual Capitol Camp Out, a learn-to-camp program for a population that would not otherwise have the resources or expertise to do so. With the help of donors like the Gowdy family, these families are able to keep the camping gear they used and learned with.

## STATS & FACTS

**Cheryl Gowdy** and her mother, **Jerre Gowdy**, serve as fund advisors for the Curt Gowdy State Park Family Fund, a Donor Advised Fund, at the Wyoming Community Foundation. Because of their generosity, they are sharing the love of family and the outdoors through programs they grant to the park.



## Governor's Capitol Campout Grant:

Families are provided camping gear that they then get to keep, helping ensure they can continue camping long after the event.



## \$2,000-\$4,000

Amount the Curt Gowdy State Park Family Fund has granted to support programs for the Wyoming State Parks & Cultural Resources.

## Horses Lend a Helpful Hoof for Mental Health: Rainhorse Equine Assisted Services

With the help of a grant from the Gordon & Edna Sykes Fund and S. Wesley & Margaret F. Hyatt Fund, Rainhorse Equine Assisted Services offers mental health support to Wyomingites who might otherwise not seek it out. From director Maria Eastman's ranch in the Bighorn Basin, Rainhorse provides programs ranging from dementia care to leadership training for women. Because of supporters like you, more Wyomingites have found wellness by building amazing connections with horses.



A young Rainhorse client bonds with one of the horses.

## A Second Chance at a Forever Home – BDAR Pack Program

Black Dog Animal Rescue (BDAR) created an endowed fund with the Wyoming Community Foundation, giving the organization ongoing security. Their innovative programs include PACK (Preparing Adoptable Companion K9s), a partnership between BDAR and a correctional institution. BDAR offers alternatives to shelters and euthanasia by placing animals with complex needs in facilities and homes.



Auggie and his new family.

## STATS & FACTS

The PACK program helps around **70** dogs annually

Dogs live with handlers for **9** weeks

A new class of dogs graduates every **3-4** weeks



**BDAR** works with shelters in:

- Cheyenne
- Casper
- Laramie
- Rawlins
- Gillette
- Riverton
- Sheridan
- Torrington
- Green River





## A Legacy of Literacy –Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation

The Sue Jorgensen Library Donor Advised Endowment Fund, held at WYCF, supports Wyoming Reads and other literacy programs within Wyoming. Every May, children gather for the Wyoming Reads celebration to receive their very own copy of a book funded (in part) through Sue’s fund at WYCF. Sue tragically passed away in 1996, and her husband John wanted to do something to remember her. Sue was passionate about literacy and youth, so the Wyoming Reads program was a perfect fit.



John Jorgensen tells first-graders the story of the Good Queen Sue.

### STATS & FACTS

Nearly  
**1,500**  
volunteers  
are involved



Children receive a library card if they didn't already have one

Every year over  
**7,000**  
hardback books  
are distributed  
annually to  
Wyoming  
1st-graders



**35**  
celebrations  
occur across  
the state



## Connecting to Nature, Connecting to One Another

The Dubois Area Community Foundation Opportunities Fund held at WYCF helped women with breast cancer heal and connect with one another. The Casting for Recovery Program, a WYCF grantee, is able to host the retreat at Absaroka Ranch, and participants attend for free. This life-changing experience is made possible because of donors like you.



A CfR angler and guide practice casting.

### STATS & FACTS

Only  
**12 of the 126**  
participants had  
previously attended a  
support group session.

Recovery benefits the  
survivor, her family,  
her employer and the  
community.



Retreats  
include  
sessions  
led by  
psychosocial  
facilitators,  
medical facilitators  
sharing innovations  
in treatment, and fly  
fishing instructors.



Statistics show  
**support and  
education**  
hasten the  
healing process.



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## FUNDS CREATED IN 2021

C. Charles Buchler  
Education Fund  
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 Cowgirl Run Education Fund  
 First Hunt Foundation Wyoming  
 Hannah Lydia Fund  
 Jean Bailey Healy Washakie  
 Museum Agency  
 Endowment Fund  
 Lander Community Foundation  
 Agency Endowment Fund  
 Mike and Diana Enzi  
 Charitable Fund  
 Russell G. Chinook Family Fund  
 SAGE for a Creative Community  
 Sisbro Donor Advised  
 Endowment Fund  
 Sullivan Family Fund  
 WyoFile Endowment Fund  
 Wyoming Afterschool  
 Alliance Administrative  
 Endowment Fund

# Summarized Financial Information

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Current Assets	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	4,318,420	4,945,854
Investments	209,690,785	179,076,357
Other receivables and other assets	11,324	27,736
Prepaid expenses	14,607	29,080
Property & Equipment, net	863,716	812,219
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>214,898,852</b>	<b>184,891,246</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Accounts payable	173,383	77,007
Accrued expenses	135,590	83,143
Grants payable	2,199,929	1,906,078
Security Deposits – Tenants	500	500
Obligation stipulated by donor gift	598,742	598,115
Funds held as agency endowments	32,276,296	27,518,611
Funds held in trust	5,770,218	6,468,316
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>41,154,658</b>	<b>36,651,770</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>173,744,194</b>	<b>148,239,476</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>214,898,852</b>	<b>184,891,246</b>

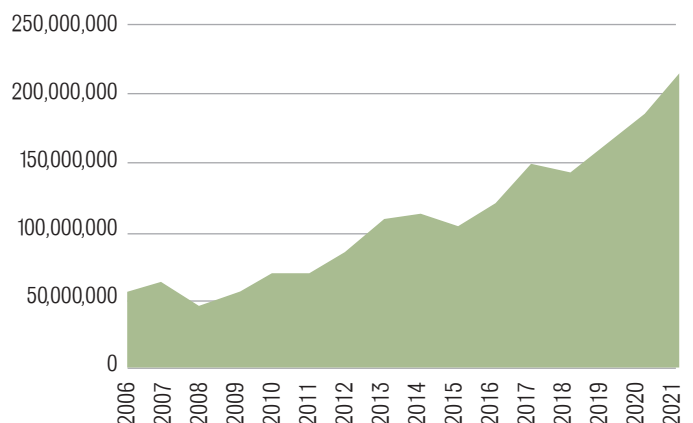
## STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Support and Revenue	2021	2020
Contributions	7,080,577	13,440,589
Amounts rec'd. for agency endowments	(517,787)	(556,163)
Other Income	2,218,564	2,024,835
Investment Income	27,357,720	13,785,642
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>36,139,074</b>	<b>28,694,903</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Grants	7,160,496	6,472,584
Grants made from agency endowments	(953,288)	(1,137,912)
Administration	1,009,714	985,975
Program Expense	2,914,606	2,883,925
Fundraising Expenses	502,828	531,605
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,634,356</b>	<b>9,736,177</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>25,504,718</b>	<b>18,958,726</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>148,239,476</b>	<b>129,280,750</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>173,744,194</b>	<b>148,239,476</b>

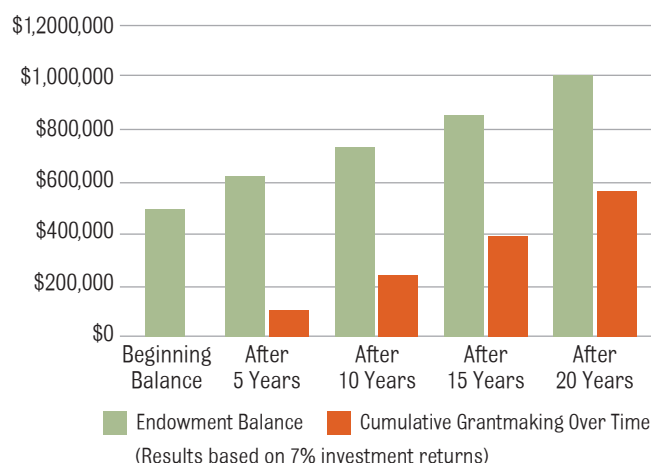
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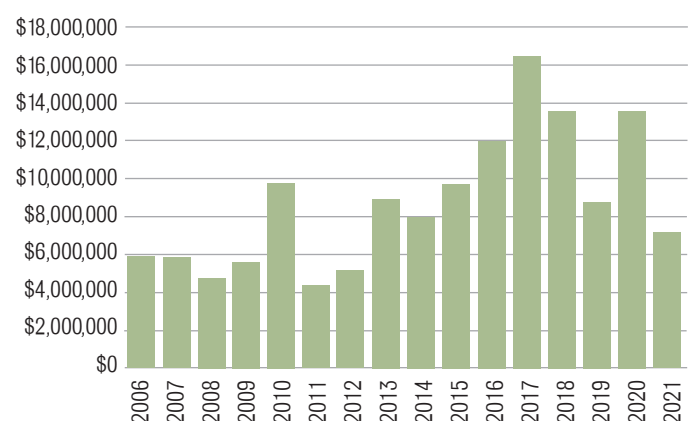
## TOTAL ASSETS END OF YEAR



## THE POWER OF ENDOWMENT



## GROSS CONTRIBUTIONS



Year-end numbers are unaudited. An audit can be provided upon request. Audited numbers will be posted on our website at [wycf.org](http://wycf.org).



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# 32

Years of  
Giving

# 23

Counties  
Supported

# \$100

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