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A Loving Home at the Haven

Barnyard Expansion

LEK Endowment Fund

A little bump to your side, coarse fur grazing your arm, and a wet muzzle reaching for your hand. You will feel a little nudge of love everywhere you take a step at Home on the Range Animal Haven (HORAH). Animals who were once abandoned have no shortage of love, now, to give back to others.

The animals at HORAH come from bad situations. Some were abandoned or neglected, passed around from owner to owner, and have health issues. They had never known a secure or loving home until they came to HORAH. Once the animals are safely in their new home at HORAH, they will spend the rest of their lives on the range.

A grant from the Wyoming Community Foundation will support new shelter structures for newly rescued equines. The new barnyard shelters will provide additional space for the animals, and for volunteers to interact with them.

Deb Roberts, Executive Director, and caretaker at HORAH, explains that coming by building materials has been tough. "Everything is more expensive and taking



Pam Brekken, Board Member and Garetaker at HORAH, and Allison Renton, WYCF Program Associate show some love to Simon the Donkey.



longer to order and ship," says Deb. Construction and delivery timelines for a new loafing shed can take 6-9 months. But, undeterred, she says that "expansion and improvements hope to be completed by the end of summer or early fall."

Because of your support, animals will get the new shelter they deserve and HORAH can continue their community involvement.

Not only does HORAH

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Grant Amount: **\$5,000**

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Animals!

Horses, ponies, miniature horses, donkeys, goats, cats, and a sheep.



HORAH has a two-fold purpose:

returning animals to sound physical, social, and emotional health while providing a forever home for them; and working with community organizations to enhance the well-being, sense of purpose and self-worth of their individuals.

Partners in the community who visit regularly include:

- Ark Regional Services
- Boys and Girls Club
- Cathedral Home and the
- Cowboy Challenge Academy in Guernsey
- Peak Wellness

Cleaning Up the Community

Acme Site Reclamation Continuation

Sheridan Area Opportunities Fund

Once upon a time, a string of communities existed along the Tongue River, just outside of Sheridan. In their heyday of coal mining, workers lived their day to day lives in communities like Acme and Kleenburn. These communities are now, for the most part, gone. However, a few very noticeable relics remain.

The old Acme Power Plant towers over the Tongue River. Once an important power source, it's now abandoned. Yet it's still an important part of the area's history. "Folks in and around Sheridan have a strong connection to the site, because they know someone who used to work out there, or used to work there themselves," notes Carrie Rogaczewski.

Carrie is the District Manager for the Sheridan County Conservation District (SCCD). The SCCD is carrying out a large, multi-year reclamation of the site. The building and its surrounding area contain asbestos and dangerous chemicals. Reclaiming the land to ensure it's safe and healthy is important.

This land and the history surrounding it is special to the community. That's why Carrie and her team have involved area citizens in the reclamation process. Community meetings have been held to listen and learn from area residents.

Support from donors like you allowed the SCCD to host community forums and take the time to collect feedback in order to ensure a successful rollout of the project.

The grant received from WYCF also supported the project's general operating costs. This meant Carrie was able to focus on gaining funding

and support in other areas in the community. The grant from WYCF was truly an investment in the community's future.

And this investment is important to all involved. Carrie grew up on a ranch near Gillette, and cares about good stewardship of the land. And she isn't

the only one. "I've loved working with foundations, landowners, county commissioners, and city council members."

Because of you, the Acme mine site reclamation is not just for the community: it's being carried out by the community.



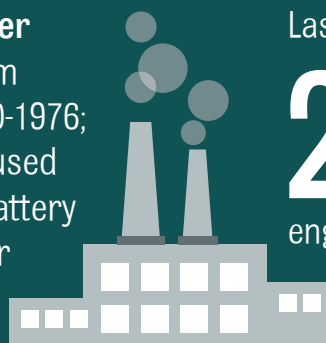
The Acme Power Plant and surrounding areas were once a place where people worked.

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Grant amount: **\$5,000**

The **coal-fired power plant** operated from approximately 1910-1976; later, the site was used for car-crushing, battery recycling, and other activities.



Last year,

21 residents participated in community engagement sessions.

A Family Tradition of Excellence

Scholarship Funding at the Wyoming Community Foundation

Eighteen-year-old Reece Barritt couldn't wait to begin his freshman year at the University of Wyoming. Reece was going to major in computer engineering. He knew he was in for four years of hard work, and he wanted to focus on his studies and the college experience rather than working to pay tuition and student loan interest.

Reece applied for scholarships at the Wyoming Community Foundation. An exceptional Upton High School senior, he was awarded all three he applied for. With these scholarships, Reece could "begin my college career with less worry and more excitement."

This isn't always possible. Higher education costs keep increasing, forcing students to combine employment and student loans. But because of generous donors like you,

"I could... begin my college career with less worry and more excitement."

talented young people like Reece can focus on what matters.

As it happens, WYCF scholarships are something of a Barritt family tradition. Before Reece, two other Barritts – Madison and Dillon – received multiple WYCF scholarships. Dillon is Reece's brother, and Madison is his sister-in-law. The young couple learned about WYCF scholarships from Upton High School counselor Amanda Knapp. Then they shared the advice to apply these opportunities with Reece. Now they'll all be sharing a home down in Laramie. As Madison and Dillon

complete their studies, they'll support Reece as he begins his.

Madison and Dillon appreciate what these awards mean even beyond the money. "To be a representative of any memorial scholarship is one of the greatest honors. It inspires me each day to work hard and care for others like the individuals behind the creation of the scholarship surely did," reflects future-nurse Madison. Dillon, a petroleum engineering student, adds, "I hope to one day give back in a way that WYCF and its donors have given to me."

Donors like you share their



L to R: Dillon, Reece, and Madison Barritt, WYCF Scholarship Recipients.

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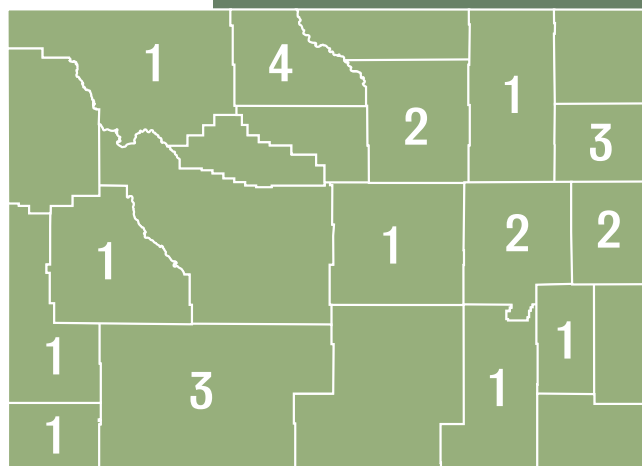
31 WYCF scholarships 

Total scholarship funding granted in 2021:

\$396,060

Largest scholarship: Myron D. Kiesling award (\$8k for one year). Major-specific scholarships include nursing & engineering.

WYCF Scholarships by County



Professional Advisors are essential to philanthropy in Wyoming. When Myron Kiesling knew he wanted to make a lasting difference through a scholarship, his attorney, Don Hansen, pointed him towards WYCF.

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provide a safe and loving space for the animals, but the sanctuary is also a place where volunteers and visitors walk away with a sense of accomplishment and connection. They find purpose and joy through interaction and grooming. Many groups use their visits as therapy.

“HORAH provides the opportunity to complete volunteer work as well as hands-on therapeutic time with the animals,” says Pam Brekken, President of the Board of Directors.

With tears in her eyes, Deb recounted a moment during a therapy visit with a client. Visiting from Peak Wellness, this client had gone through a rough time in life herself. But when she met one of HORAH’s donkeys, she found



Peebs the sheep enjoying life on the range.

common ground with the animal. It helped her connect what she was going through to what her equine friends had experienced. “They come from bad places but they’re good, just like people are.”

Because of thoughtful donors like you, the animals at HORAH will continue to feel loved and safe in their forever home.

“A Family Tradition of Excellence” continued

commitment to paying it forward.

Both Dillon and Reece received the Myron D. Kiesling Scholarship. Myron served his country in World War II. When he returned, he had to go into business with his father rather than continue his studies. He was a pillar of his community for 60 years. When he retired, he established a scholarship to give students the educational opportunities he never had.

The Barritts are just one example of how donors like Myron Kiesling can support Wyoming students. And they value that support. As Madison puts it, “We have been blessed beyond measure and we have never taken that for granted.”

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Our staff will see you at:

OCTOBER 1-10

Wyoming Women’s Antelope
Hunt Online Auction
WyoWomensHunt.givesmart.com

OCTOBER 20

Wyoming Afterschool Alliance
Lights on Afterschool
wyafterschoolalliance.org/lights-on-afterschool

NOVEMBER 15-17

Wyoming Governor’s Business
Forum, Laramie



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thrive in good and bad times.

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