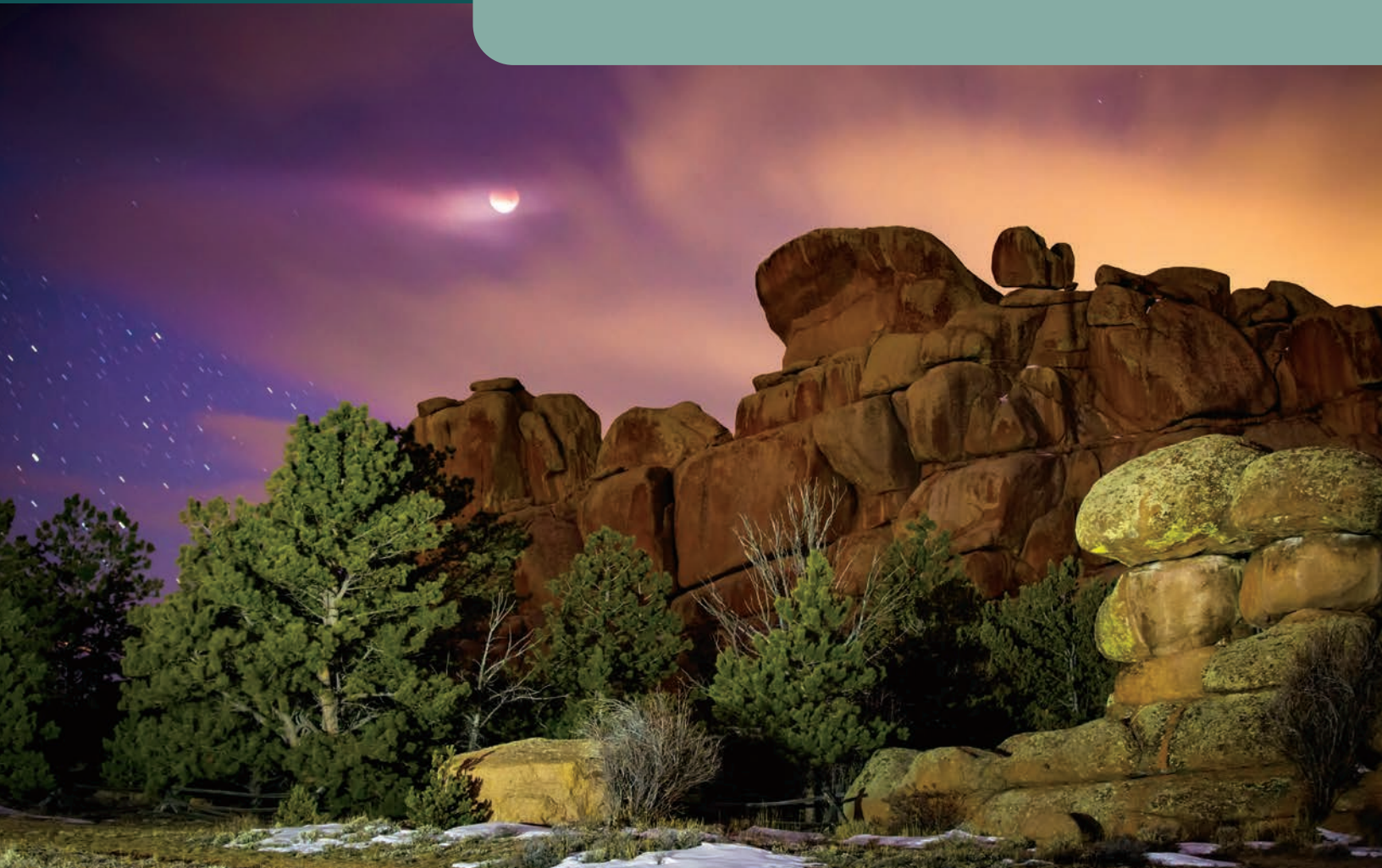




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COVER Meet the Staff

Dear Friends,

In 2024, the Wyoming Community Foundation celebrated its 35th year. I’ve often heard people tell new parents, “The days (and nights) are long, but the years are short.” It can be hard to believe when you’re in the thick of it, but time passes by in the blink of an eye.

One day, you’re the new hire (me), and the next thing you know, over 20 years have passed.

While every year has its challenges, it also brings new growth and reasons to celebrate.

Over the last year, I said goodbye not once, not twice, but four times to dedicated WYCF staff as they moved on to support a family business, focus on being a mom, and in one case, COLORADO (Grrr...). On the flip side, we welcomed new staff to our crew, created new funds and partners, **and made a big announcement.**

In 2024, we announced the release of the new Wyoming Transfer of Wealth Report. It emphasizes the immense potential we have to strengthen Wyoming’s communities. Over \$24 billion is projected to transfer between generations in the next 10 years.

Imagine what might be possible if just 5% of that wealth—more than \$1 billion—was reinvested in Wyoming communities. It could help transform senior centers, preschools, libraries, pathways, outdoor spaces, wildlife, museums, 4-H, higher education, animal shelters, and community beautification—or whatever you care about.

The report was a launch pad for our “5 to Thrive” initiative, inspiring Wyoming residents to leave just 5% of their assets to their communities and ensure a lasting legacy for future generations. If Wyoming’s nonprofit organizations can capture a portion of this wealth and build permanent, invested funds, we can **benefit communities today and meet future needs.**

As you read this year’s annual report, we highlight people like you, who have extraordinary hearts and a passion for their community. You’ll read about the impact legacy giving has on the causes you care about. Everyone, regardless of their means, can contribute to building a better Wyoming.

It’s clear in this report that strong communities are the foundation of a bright future, and you’ve worked so hard to make sure Wyoming communities have what they need to thrive.



Samir Dadelahi, President & CEO
Wyoming Community Foundation



5 TO THRIVE

WYCF GRANTMAKING

Your Generosity at Work 2024



Human Services
\$2,686,758



Public, Societal Benefit
\$1,031,357



Education
\$4,674,961



Arts, Culture & Humanities
\$2,333,784



Health
\$612,922



**Faith-Based/
Religion Related**
\$260,400



Environment & Animals
\$765,335



**International,
Foreign Affairs**
\$2,423

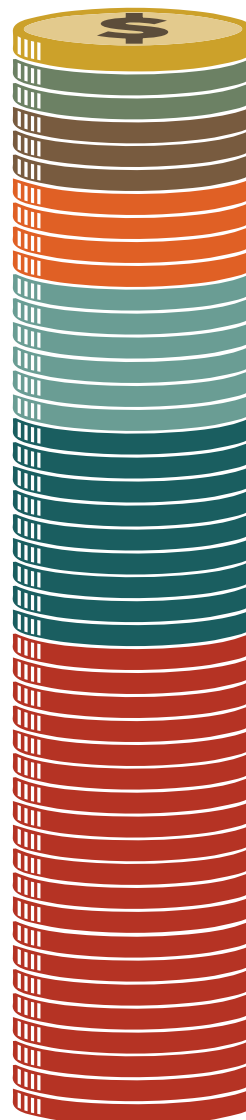


**Mutual/
Membership Benefit**
\$2,036



Unclassified
\$806,429

Grand Total: \$13,176,410



Discretionary Funds:
\$361,336

Scholarship Funds:
\$438,710

Donor Designated Funds:
\$606,569

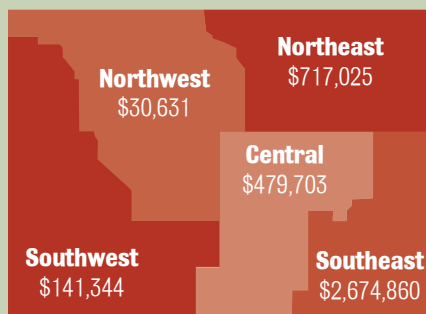
**Special Projects/
Fiscal Sponsorship:**
\$734,553

Agency Funds:
\$1,803,038

Field of Interest Funds:
\$2,874,758

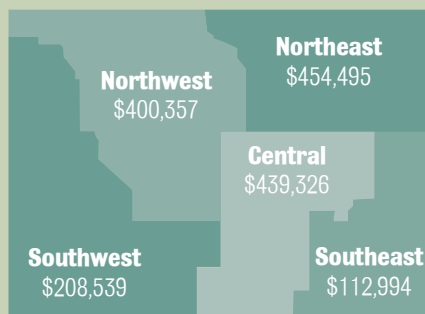
Donor Advised Funds:
\$6,357,443

DONOR ADVISED FUND GRANTS BY REGION: \$6,357,443



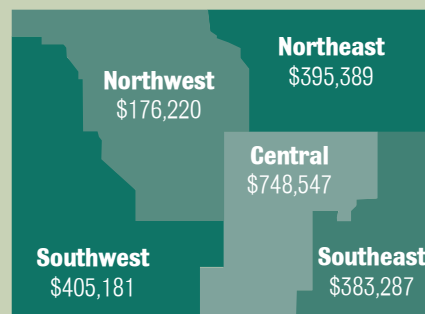
Statewide DAF grants: \$483,911
DAF National grants: \$1,829,969

AGENCY GRANTS BY REGION: \$1,803,038



Statewide grants made: \$187,327

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND GRANTS BY REGION: \$2,874,758.98



Statewide grants made: \$622,072
Agency Fund National grants: \$144,062

MAKING 'IT' MEANINGFUL

Community Care & Legacy Giving Through WYCF

Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions

What is the last sound you want to hear? The last memory you want to make? Who do you want to be with, or what music do you want played? Knowing these things should make death feel less scary, and Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions (CWHT) works to give people the end-of-life experience they want.

“People are scared of the ‘H’ word because they’re afraid of the ‘D’ word,” says Kilty Brown, Executive Director of CWHT. “People don’t realize the depth of what we’re doing here because they avoid talking about hospice. It’s always going to be sad, but hospice is about making the end of life as meaningful and peaceful as possible for patients and their families.”

While many think hospice is just about medical care, CWHT’s holistic approach is different. “We provide care wherever someone calls home,” Kilty explains, “Whether it’s a ranch, an RV, or one of our hospice homes.” Their

team of nurses, social workers, therapists, chaplains, and volunteers cares for patients and their families. They offer grief counseling and support groups. Their team provides guidance, support, and care every step of the way, even after a loved one has passed.

“We walk alongside you and let you make the choices that empower you to have a good death, and then support your family afterwards,” says Kilty.

A Legacy Helps Hospice

The need for professional hospice care is especially high in rural areas. In Platte County—Wyoming’s fastest-aging community—many people live without end-of-life care that hospice services provide. Churches and volunteers often step in, but CWHT provides much-needed consistency.

Support from the Wyoming Community Foundation (WYCF) has been key to CWHT’s growth. Grants and legacy gifts from WYCF have helped expand services into



Left: Louise Classen leads CWHT first-ever volunteer training in 1981—planting seeds of compassion that still grow today. *Center:* June brought smiles and sweet treats to the Hospice Home, dressed as a unicorn for Halloween—joy and whimsy even in life’s final chapter. *Right:* Craig honors his wife’s memory, laying a rose on her brick during our remembrance event—grief held gently in community.

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areas like Platte and Converse Counties. “The legacy gifts through WYCF provide financial stability we can count on. Without donations and philanthropy, we wouldn’t be able to sustain our hospice homes,” Kilty says.

The Woodrow & Glyda May Endowment Fund at WYCF helps make this work possible. Created by Glyda after her husband’s death, the fund supports charities in Platte County. Glyda made it clear the fund was named as a beneficiary in her estate, with help from her attorney.

Sharon Utter, Glyda’s niece, explains how her aunt’s giving spirit continues to make a difference.

“My aunt was a very giving person. She didn’t have kids of her own, so this was a way she could give back to kids in her area,” says Sharon. “She supported 4-H, the museum board, and loved history. Those things were important to her.”

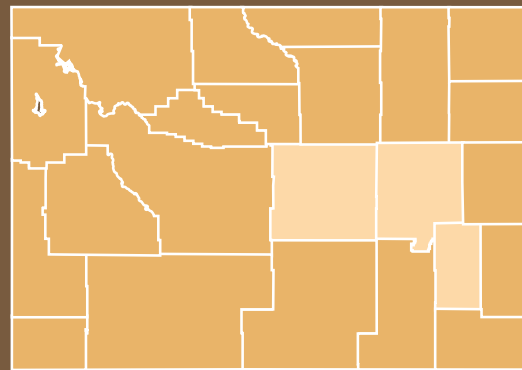
CWHT also is the beneficiary of another fund at WYCF, The Louise O. & Edward C. Classen Fund. This fund was created with a charitable bequest, and supports its volunteers, a vital part of their programs. CWHT also has an agency fund at WYCF, which any person can contribute to, that provides annual income to the nonprofit in support of their ongoing work.

Thanks to gifts like these, CWHT can keep providing care where it’s needed most.

Looking ahead, CWHT is preparing to open Wyoming’s first dedicated grief care center, seeing the growing need for grief support across the state. They also plan to expand telehealth services, hire more counselors, and add to children’s grief camps to reach more families.

“Hospice does not mean giving up—it’s about improving the quality of life for whatever time remains,” Kilty says. “And none of it would be possible without the incredible community support we receive; we couldn’t do this without you.”

CWHT provides care across **three counties and 12,000 square miles**



CWHT plans to expand their grief care services statewide. Children’s grief camps bring in kids from across Wyoming.

WYCF funds supported:

The start-up of their Platte County and Converse County offices, allowing CWHT to expand their rural outreach. This ensures more residents have access to quality care.

The Transitions Program, which serves over 130 clients. This program offers non-medical support to individuals living with serious illness who are not ready for hospice care. CWHT provide guidance, emotional support, and practical resources to help patients and families navigate their options, stay independent, and maintain quality of life. This program free of charge.

Hospice does not mean giving up—it’s about improving the quality of life for whatever time remains.

POSTCARDS TO PEOPLE: WYOMING YOUTH WRITE CHANGE

Questions Help Young Minds Flourish

Connecting with Students in Wyoming Schools

It was early morning at the John C. Schiffer School in Sheridan. Students sat in their homerooms, some holding energy drinks, others already awake for hours after chores or a long trip to school. After taking lunch orders, students were invited to move into the school's common area. A visitor was there, handing out pens and postcards, and they were curious.

Michelle Sullivan, Director of the Wyoming Enrichment Network (WYEN), formerly the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance (WYAA), wanted to hear from students about what matters most in their learning. She led an activity asking them where they learn best. The goal was to use their ideas to help make education in Wyoming more focused on students.

She asked big questions: How can adults better understand what students need? How can communities create more learning opportunities and connections?

Students shared honest and thoughtful answers. Their first suggestion? Change the questions! They also had

helpful tips, like giving them the questions ahead of time. Their feedback improved the activity, which is now being used across Wyoming to hear more student voices.

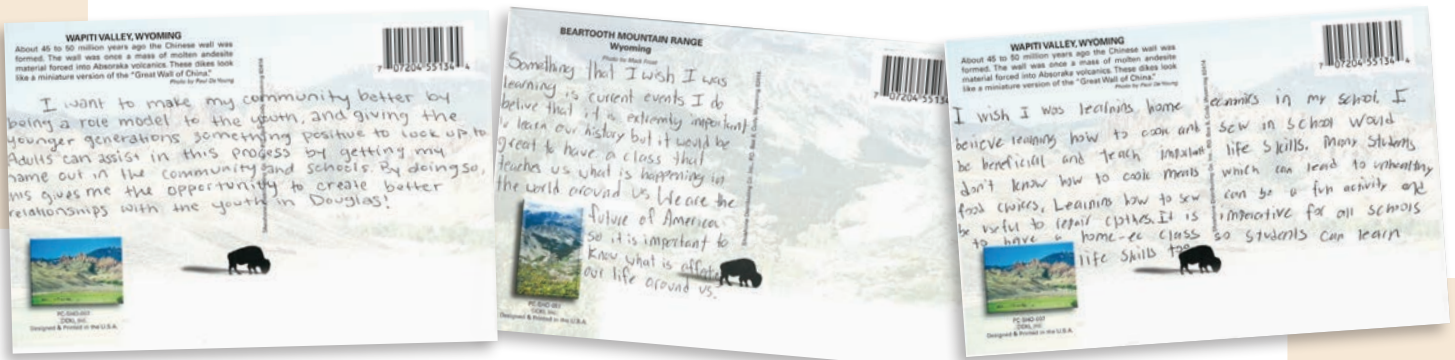
When young people help shape programs, they stay involved and build important skills. But in Wyoming, many systems are designed for the convenience of adults. That's why it's so important to not just listen to youth but to involve them in creating solutions. Real

change takes openness—both from individuals and from entire organizations.

As we've learned from students, real growth happens when we all work together.

Students choose from one of three questions:

- ① What is something you wish you were learning?
- ② What can adults do to help you to learn best?
- ③ How do you want to make your community better? What do you need from adults to help you do it?



Postcards students filled out from the John C. Schiffer School in Sheridan. Students offered feedback on the "postcard activity" and wrote about what support they need to grow.



For example, Alana, a student from Douglas, shared her goal: “I want to make my community better by being a role model for younger kids. Adults can help by sharing my name in the community and schools. That way, I can build relationships and make a difference in Douglas.”

In another town, a student suggested bringing back home economics: “Learning to cook and sew would be valuable life skills. Many students don’t know how to cook, which can lead to unhealthy food choices. Knowing how to sew would also help with repairing clothes. All schools should offer home-ec so students can learn essential life skills.”

This youth-led approach has strong support from the WYEN advisory board. Board member Libby Crews Wood, a poet, mother, teacher, and afterschool coordinator at Teton County School District #1, believes listening to students is key. “People always ask me how to get young people involved in programs,” she said. “I always say, ‘Ask them.’ We get stuck in adult-centered thinking and forget that youth should be



Young people’s growth happens in many different places outside the classroom. WYEN empowers the people and organizations who care about young people.
Photo Credit: Wyoming State Fair.

at the center. Real change takes time and a willingness to be open—not just for individuals, but for entire systems.”

The postcard activity showed that young people care deeply. They care about their communities. They care about relationships. They care about their future—and they want to make a difference right now.

Michelle summed it up: “Our goal is to support the people and organizations that care about young people’s growth. Together, we can make a real difference for Wyoming youth.”

WYAA IS NOW WYEN!

After 18 years as the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance, the Wyoming Enrichment Network (WYEN) made its debut this spring.

Young people thrive where they feel a sense of belonging and purpose. These are the experiences and places that the Wyoming Enrichment Network aims to strengthen and make more accessible for all young people across Wyoming.

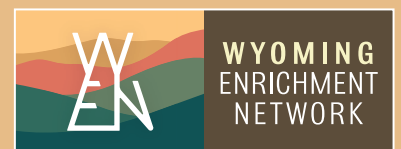
Our updated mission is this:

We bridge the gap between Wyoming’s Out-of-School programs and the communities they uplift, fueling them with resources, support and opportunities that inspire lifelong learning, growth and connection. Our goal is to empower the people and

organizations who care about young people’s growth so, together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of Wyoming youth.

The network will continue to advocate for quality out-of-school experiences across a young person’s development. By making this change in our name we’re creating space and making room for the many programs that don’t operate as a traditional afterschool program but make an equally significant impact, because learning happens everywhere.

To learn more, visit wyoenrichmentnetwork.org.



AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

Multifund Grantmaking in Lincoln County

PARC (People Activities and Recreation Committee), a WYCF Grantee

In Small Town Wyoming, community means everything. It means neighbors helping you plow snow, or towns coming together to help a family in need.

For the town of Opal, community means learning and growing together.

Located southeast of Kemmerer, with a population of 65, there are very few opportunities to build community in Opal. Laura Gerber and Robert Chapin, board members of People Activities and Recreation Committee (PARC), are creating spaces for everyone to connect.

“Besides the post office and town hall, we really had no place for people to gather,” says Laura.

Over the last couple years, Laura and Robert have built the Schuyler McKnight Community Garden near the town park, helped by many dedicated volunteers. The garden has a greenhouse with garden beds where anyone in town can plant their own food.

“We wanted to create a place where everyone feels welcome.”

“The garden and park are for the whole town,” says Robert. “Playgrounds only cater to kids and families. We wanted to create a place where everyone feels welcome.”

Thanks to a Wyoming Community Foundation (WYCF) grant, PARC is creating more spaces where they can build community.

A recent WYCF grant will help PARC build a storage shed in the garden. Tools can be stored, but more importantly, the cottage-style shed will create a comfortable gathering space with bench seating and a small refrigerator for water.

For the three years the greenhouse has been operating, people have filled garden beds with produce, herbs, and flowers that benefit the whole community.

“This year we’re hoping for 12 people to plant in the garden,” says Laura. People often plant vegetables they can eat now, as well as can for later. But when they grow more than they want, fresh home-grown produce is available in



Left: Volunteers helped to level the ground and build the greenhouse. Right: The greenhouse can fit several garden boxes for residents to plant in.

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If there are extra garden boxes, PARC's board members plant tomatoes and other produce to give to residents.

both the town hall and post office for anyone to take for free.

"We want the garden to help people who are moving into the community to quickly feel

welcomed and engaged," says Robert.

PARC is already looking forward to their future, including expanding beyond work in the community garden. Working with the Town of Opal on a new walking path, helping enhance the town's miniature golf course, and installing flower boxes around town, are just a few projects that Laura and Robert are excited about.

Thanks to generous people like YOU who know the value of community, PARC will continue to create welcoming spaces in Opal.

"We want people to think of us for future partnerships," says Robert. "When someone has a vision, PARC wants to be the ones to help get good ideas off the ground."

Grantmaking made possible by the Kresge Unrestricted Endowment Fund and the Jane Sullivan Liveable Community Fund.

Pronunciation: **oh-PAL**



Grant Amount: **\$8,411**



Population of **65 people**



PARC engages **over 20%** of the community in the garden



Opal has a Mini Golf Park that is free to the public. People from all over the country have signed their welcome sheet at the course. "It's great for people of all ages. Little kids can get their energy out. It's helpful for the flexibility of our older population. And it's a perfect spot for people driving through to stop and stretch," says Robert.

INVESTING IN YOUR COMMUNITY: LOCAL PEOPLE MAKING LOCAL IMPACT

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. Our six boards and four advisory committees across the state boost local resources and ensure Wyoming communities can thrive. Their local knowledge and connections strengthen the community and connect donors who care to charitable causes that matter.

LOCAL BOARDS

CASPER AREA LOCAL BOARD

62 Grants Totaling \$631,000

Grantee Highlight: Kind Grounds – Christ United Methodist Church



Kind Grounds started in 2023 and is a safe place and warming center for those facing homelessness in Casper. It is also an area for other agencies to meet clients outside their offices in a comfortable environment. For clients that need a place to go during the day, Kind Grounds provides meals to visitors. The program offers resources and education for those in need and helps people in the transition through a difficult phase of life. Thanks to a grant from the Casper Area Local Board, Kind Grounds can continue to address this important issue.

DUBOIS-CROWHEART LOCAL BOARD

5 Grants Totaling \$65,000

Grantee Highlight: Little Lambs Childcare Center



Little Lambs Childcare Center provides licensed care for children ages 0–5 in the Dubois-Crowheart area—a vital service for local families. With a mission to create a safe, nurturing environment through strong family partnerships, the center works to meet the growing need for sustainable childcare. Support from the local board helps Little Lambs continue this important work in the community.

EVANSTON AREA LOCAL BOARD

10 Grants Totaling \$56,000

Grantee Highlight: Sexual Assault Family Violence Task Force (SAFV Uinta)



The Sexual Assault Family Violence Task Force (SAFV Uinta) meets the basic needs of victims facing trauma by providing food, clothing, shelter, and essential support. A grant from the Evanston Area Local Board is helping fund SAFV's Victim Advocacy and Support Program, which offers 24/7 hotline assistance, crisis intervention, court accompaniment, and ongoing emotional support. Through this program, SAFV helps individuals access vital services, regain their sense of safety, and begin their journey toward healing, stability, and self-sufficiency.

SHERIDAN-JOHNSON LOCAL BOARD

26 Grants Totaling \$165,362

Grantee Highlight: Greenhouse to Cafeteria Program – Sheridan County School District #2



A grant from the Sheridan-Johnson Local Board helped schools in Sheridan County receive healthy vegetables for meals. SCSD #2 operates a greenhouse to grow hydroponic lettuce and leafy greens for use in 10 schools. The grant helped accommodate the growth of additional varieties of vegetables and connected the district with community partners for educational opportunities.

SUBLETTE LOCAL BOARD

12 Grants Totaling \$76,000

Grantee Highlight: Big Piney High School Robotics Club



A grant from the Sublette Local Board supported the Big Piney High School Robotics Club, which offers middle and high school students hands-on opportunities to build STEM skills for college and technical careers. Through robotics, students strengthen critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork while learning from industry experts and preparing for future success.

SWEETWATER AREA LOCAL BOARD

13 Grants Totaling \$74,500

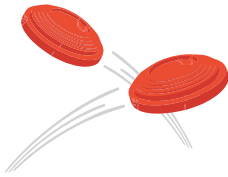
Grantee Highlight: Sweetwater Family Resource Center



With support from a recent grant from the Sweetwater County Local Board, Sweetwater Family Resource Center (SFRC) continues its mission to reduce housing instability in Sweetwater County. Since 2001, SFRC has provided emergency rental and utility assistance to low-income individuals and families facing homelessness or housing insecurity. As one of only two agencies offering these services in the county, SFRC is working at capacity to meet high community demand. Using a "Housing First" approach and strong partnerships with local organizations, SFRC offers case management and direct services that help clients reduce housing burdens, remove barriers, and take steps toward long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees most often make grant recommendations for one fund restricted to a specific community or field of interest.



GORDAN AND EDNA SYKES COMMITTEE

6 Grants Totaling \$81,000

Grantee Highlight: Big Horn Basin Gun Club

With support from the Gordon and Edna Sykes Committee, funding was awarded to the Big Horn Basin Gun Club INC to expand trap shooting opportunities for local youth. The grant allowed the club to replace outdated equipment and purchase two new functional target throwers. The new equipment allows the club to engage more young people in the sport such as 4-H participants and the high school trap league members.



HAZEL PATTERSON COMMITTEE

15 Grants Totaling \$51,049

Grantee Highlight: Johnson County Public Health

A grant from the Hazel Patterson Committee allowed Johnson County Public Health to broaden its outreach and educational programming to better meet community needs. Public Health provides affordable, accessible services for residents of all ages—supporting everything from newborn care to aging-related needs. Guided by a needs assessment, they address key concerns like access to mental health care, aging issues, and obesity. Through targeted education, outreach, and equitable access to care, Johnson County Public Health works to inform, empower, and improve health outcomes across the county.



KEMMERER FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

7 Grants Totaling \$103,125

Grantee Highlight: Fossil Basin Chamber of Commerce

The Fossil Basin Chamber of Commerce made plans to revitalize the visitor's center at Triangle Park. Thanks to a grant from the Kemmerer Foundation Committee this project aims to ensure the area reflects pride, unity, and the charm of its residents. The hope is that Triangle Park will serve as a resource for visitors traveling to Kemmerer, a gathering place for events, and a social point for locals to meet.



MCMURRY LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

10 Grants Totaling \$88,017

Grantee Highlight: Campbell County Library, LFI Inc.

The Library Foundation Inc. (LFI) purchased the Edible Education's Kitchen a la Cart, a mobile culinary cart. It will be used by Campbell County Public Library System (CCPLS) to improve food and nutrition literacy in Campbell County. The McMurry Library Committee granted funds to support this program which is a great way to teach culinary skills and healthy eating.



WYCF and WYEN staff attend the Wyoming Library Association Conference in 2024 to connect with library professionals about the McMurry Library Endowment Fund grants.

MENTORING MATTERS: HOW TO DRESS FOR SUCCESS *and* EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION

A Community of Mentors

Girls on the Run & Dress for Success, WYWF Grantees

When girls and women have strong mentors, they gain confidence, leadership skills, and a vision for their future. Across Wyoming, mentoring programs supported by the Wyoming Women's Foundation (WYWF) offer girls and young women the opportunity to take bold steps toward independence and success. Just as dedicated supporters and donors helped establish WYWF's legacy, coaches and mentors from Girls on the Run and Dress for Success are paving the way for the next generation of women leaders.

From Running Shoes to Business Suits

At first glance, Girls on the Run and Dress for Success may seem like very different organizations. One builds confidence through running, while the other provides professional attire and career coaching. But at their core, both programs foster mentorship—giving women and girls the support they need to believe in themselves and pursue their goals.

Girls on the Run (GOTR) Wyoming is based in Cheyenne. Their program empowers girls in grades 3-8 by combining physical activity with lessons on confidence, leadership, and resilience. The 10-week program ends with a 5K run, which demonstrates and celebrates their achievements. Volunteer coaches mentor girls on self-worth, teamwork, and goal setting. Since 2016, GOTR has expanded to 23 sites across Wyoming with 50 coaches.

Dress for Success Casper, launched in 2023, empowers women by providing professional clothing, career coaching,



Dress for Success Casper, launched in 2023, empowers women by providing professional clothing, career coaching, and confidence-building workshops.

and confidence-building workshops. Their Suiting Program helps women prepare for job interviews, while one-on-one career coaching covers resume building, interview skills, and professional development. Through mentorship, networking, and professional development, the Professional Women's Group helps women retain and advance in their careers.

Building Confidence, One Step at a Time

For Espy, Girls on the Run was more than just a practice—it was a journey of confidence. “At first, she was quiet and hesitant,” says Coach Kelsie. “But with each practice, she gained confidence, overcame obstacles, and kept building on her goals. Watching her cross the finish



Dress for Success supports clients even after their interview. They can help with presentations and other professional events.

line with a smile was inspiring—this is just the beginning for her.”

Just as Girls on the Run helps young girls build confidence and reach new milestones, Dress for Success empowers women to take the next steps in their careers.

Sheila’s journey is a testament to the power of support and opportunity.

“I am very thankful for Dress for Success. They helped me in many ways” she shared. “When I had job interviews, they completely outfitted me with everything I needed to look professional, even down to make up and jewelry. I was offered the job at the [next] interview.”

Support from the program doesn’t end once a job offer has been made. Sheila continued “Recently, I was asked to speak about my experience at a local event and needed to dress up for it. They provided me with my dress, shoes, and accessories. I received many compliments on my attire.”

Sheila has now been employed with Brain Injury Advocates of Wyoming for the last 4 months, helping her clients stay in their homes as long as possible. “Without Dress for Success, I would not have been able to achieve these goals. I am extremely thankful for the work they do.”

A Lasting Investment in Wyoming’s Future

For years, the Wyoming Women’s Foundation has supported mentorship initiatives, knowing that strong role models change lives. Programs like Girls on the Run and Dress for Success are part of this lasting investment in Wyoming’s future. With the help of supporters like you, we can continue to grow these programs and ensure every girl in Wyoming has access to a strong mentor.



Programs like Girls on the Run invest in women and girls in Wyoming.

INITIATIVES & PARTNERSHIPS—AT A GLANCE

Annie E. Casey Foundation State Partner

Wyoming Counts Kids

The Wyoming Community Foundation has been the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Wyoming grant recipient for 10 years. This partnership allows us the opportunity to evaluate data to better understand the well-being of children and families across the state.

It was 25 years ago that Ann Redman started the Wyoming Latina Youth Conference, in Cheyenne, Wyoming in October of 2000. She noticed that young Latinas in her community needed a program to build on their strengths. Ann, a philanthropist who has demonstrated exceptional passion and commitment to encouraging the recognition of Hispanic people and culture, got the ball rolling.

For the past 10 years the conference found a home in Laramie at the Wyoming Latina Youth Center (WLYC) at the University of Wyoming. It was headed by Director of the WLYC, Cecilia Aragon.

Held in October with over 300+ attendees, the conference aimed to enrich and empower young Latinas through mentors, education, and awareness. Young women connected with their peers through a welcome dinner banquet, cultural performances, educational workshops, and informational presentations. Workshops focus on financial literacy, STEM, entrepreneurship, mental wellness, cultural arts, and career opportunities. The Wyoming Latina Youth Conference is open to all 5th-12th grade students of Latinx, Hispanic, Indigenous, Afro-Latinx, and mixed-blooded female identifying youth throughout the state of Wyoming.

The theme of the 2024 conference was ¡Unidad! – *Unity: Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers (Construyendo Puentes y Rompiendo Barreras)*.

Because of recent decisions by the Wyoming legislature and the federal government to pass bills which target programs designed to support individuals based on race, sex, or other protected characteristics (diversity, equity, and inclusion), plans for next year's conference are up in the air.

But Ann and Cecilia are determined to support the program for the future of Wyoming's young women who benefit from it.



Attendees participate in different sessions and activities at the conference.

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INITIATIVES & PARTNERSHIPS

The Annie E. Casey Foundation focuses on strengthening families, building stronger communities and ensuring access to opportunity, because children and young people need all three to succeed.

**Sponsor of the
2024 Latina Youth Conference**

FAMILY AND CHILDHOOD WELL-BEING: IMPACTS AND IMPLICATIONS NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

In Wyoming, nearly 1 in 8 children live in hunger every day. That's 16,100 children. The most vulnerable among us should never worry about where or when they will have their next meal. Why is this important? When children have regular access to nutritious food, their mental and physical development is better, they score higher on school tests, they have better educational outcomes, and they are set up for long-term health. Children who are food insecure or often go hungry are more likely to repeat a grade in school; experience developmental impairments in language and motor skills; or have more behavioral problems like hyperactivity, anxiety, and aggression.

Children are not the only ones to suffer. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey collected

between August 23, 2023 and September 4, 2023 shows that 1 in 7 adults in Wyoming "sometimes" or "often" do not have enough to eat, and 1 in 6 adults in Wyoming live with children who receive food assistance. For these folks, worrying about food and their next meal is a daily occurrence. Without regular access to nutritious food, adults increase their chance of developing diabetes, heart problems, high blood pressure, and asthma.

Families are food insecure if they cannot regularly obtain the safe and nutritious food needed to grow, develop, and lead a healthy lifestyle. Food insecurity can be a temporary situation, or it can last for years, or even a lifetime. We know that poverty is just one of many factors leading to food insecurity for adults and children in Wyoming.



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61,200

people are food insecure

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Causes of Food Insecurity:

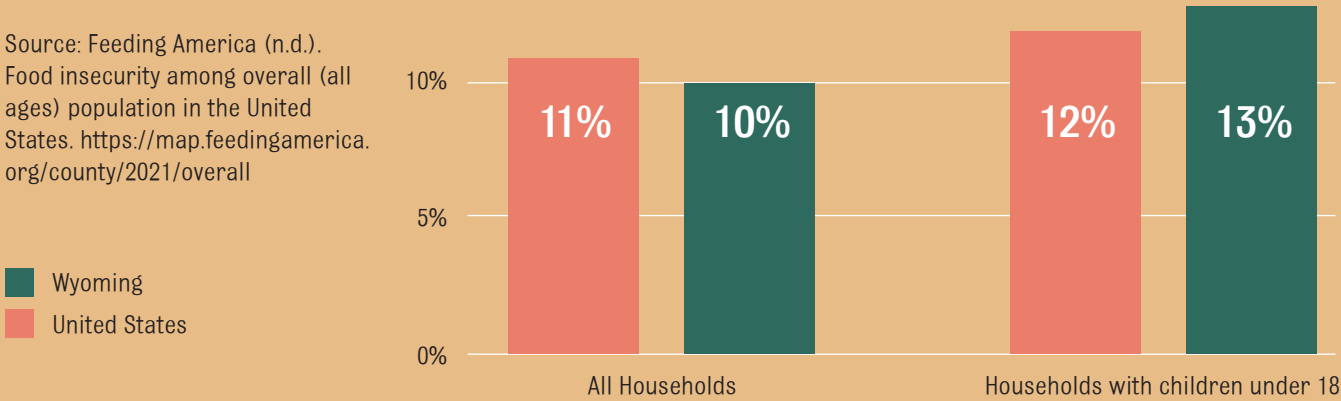
- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Lack of affordable housing
- Chronic health conditions or lack of access to healthcare
- Systemic racism and racial discrimination

While Wyomingites love open spaces, the vast distances between our towns and their remote locations can create food deserts that lead to food insecurity. In rural areas, food deserts are areas where a person needs to travel 10 or more miles to get to the closest grocery store or supermarket. In urban areas, food deserts are areas where a person is more

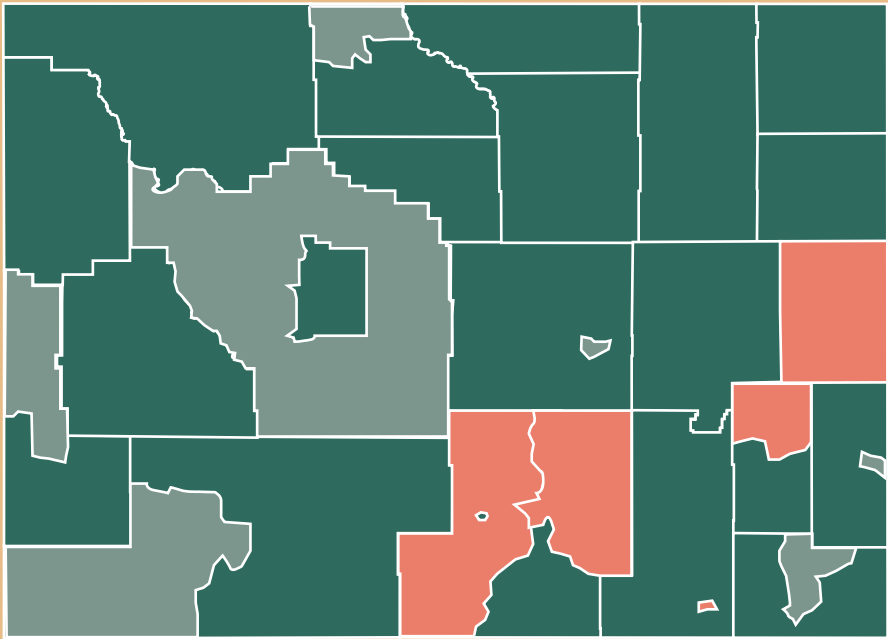
than 1 mile away from a grocery store. In 2019, Wyoming had 80 food deserts spanning 21 counties, including areas of Laramie, Cheyenne, Casper, Rock Springs, and Gillette. Wyoming’s general lack of public transportation can make access even more difficult.

Percentage of population living with food insecurity, 2021

Source: Feeding America (n.d.). Food insecurity among overall (all ages) population in the United States. <https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2021/overall>



Wyoming has 80 food deserts spanning 21 counties



Note: Food deserts where the median annual income for families is at or below \$56,034 are in red.

Source: USDA (2022). Statistical Supplement to Household Food Security in the United States in 2021.

- Low-access food deserts
- Low-access, low-income food deserts

Here's how you can help:



Support policy changes that help children in need receive healthy meals every day.



Make a tax-deductible charitable donation to Wyoming Angel Accounts to support school meal programs near home.



Identify and remove barriers so children and families in food deserts can access nutrition programs.



Make a tax-deductible charitable donation to the Food Bank of Wyoming, where every dollar you give provides three nutritious meals to Wyomingites in need. More information at wyomingfoodbank.org/give/give-funds/.



If you hunt, donate your game meat to food pantries. More information at www.nohungerwyo.org/field.



Become a hunger champion advocating to end food insecurity. More information at www.nohungerwyo.org/circle.



Consider volunteering at the Food Bank of Wyoming or your local food pantry. More information at wyomingfoodbank.org/.



Share locally grown protein and produce with community organizations that can distribute your contributions so they have the biggest impact. More information at www.nohungerwyo.org/farm-ranch.

To read the full report, and other data pieces, visit wycf.org/wycountkids/.

RESOURCES AT WORK

General Operating Grants Make an Impact

Afton Food Pantry, a WYCF Grantee

"I'm a lifelong Wyoming resident, but don't recall visiting Star Valley before," says Steve Reimann, a Wyoming Community Foundation (WYCF) board member. "I got to be a tourist and see the wonderful work being done there."

The WYCF Board Meeting in Alpine offered a chance for the Board to hear from local nonprofits and several board members visited the Afton Food Pantry (AFP) with staff.

Robyn Ross, a board member at AFP, explained that the pantry works closely with the Food Bank of Wyoming. As the Lincoln County representative for the Wyoming Hunger Initiative, AFP serves all Upper Star Valley residents in need of food assistance.

Because of the support from a Wyoming Community Foundation general operating grant, the pantry can provide food assistance with dignity and respect.

"Their facility is astonishing. The amount of food they have really illustrates how big the hunger problem is," says Judge Steven Cranfill, WYCF Board President.

With wall-to-wall freezers and shelves stacked high with fresh produce, AFP is dedicated to getting nutritional food to their shoppers. The shelves are organized to be very user-friendly. They store food separately for those with dietary

restrictions and for cultural foods, such as kosher items.

"We set up the pantry so that people can come in and shop for the products they want," says Robyn. "This gives people more control and dignity." When people have the freedom to choose, it also reduces food waste.

"It's so validating to visit an organization and see the great work our WYCF grants are supporting," says Steve. "We see hundreds of grant requests and to see the resources put to work makes it real and personal."

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When you support grants at WYCF, organizations like AFP can change lives in their communities.

One AFP volunteer spoke to the board about how she and her family relied on the services at the food pantry only a few years ago. She and her kids are now dedicated to giving back to the organization that helped them so much.



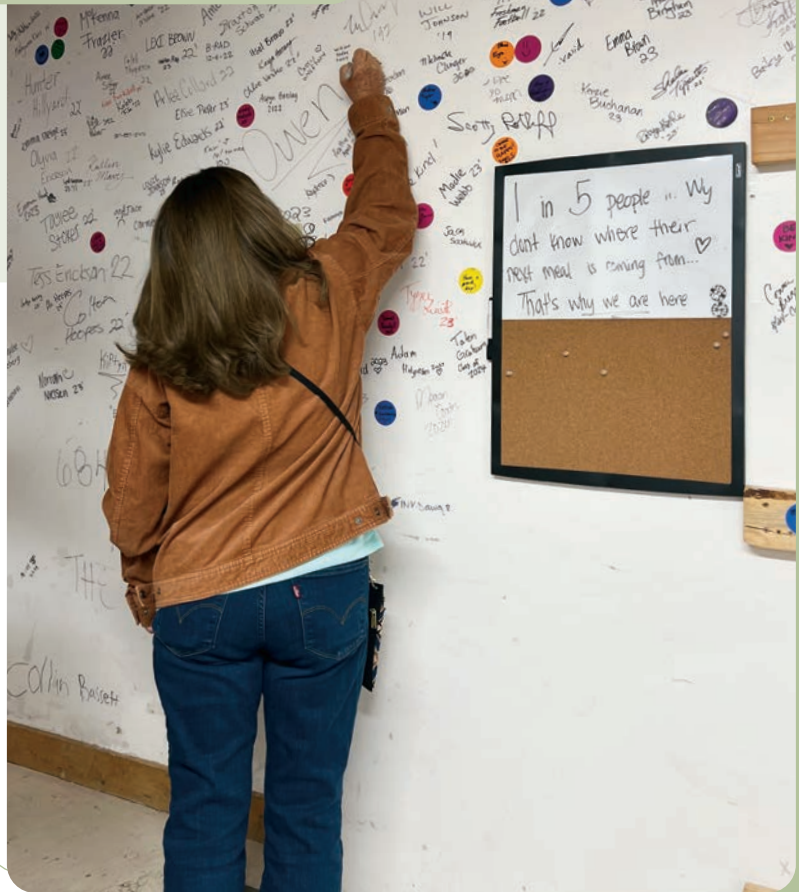


Top: Board members from AFP and WYCF stand in the shopping area at the pantry.

Right: A sign heading into storage reads “1 in 5 people in WY don’t know where their next meal is coming from... That’s why we are here,” on a wall covered in the signatures of everyone who has helped the Alpine Food Pantry. Susie von Ahrens, WYCF board member, signed it.

“As a board, we are supportive and thankful that places like the Afton Food Pantry exist to fill the needs of our neighbors,” says Judge. “But we are very concerned about cuts to direct services in Wyoming and we are always learning more about how to move to a place where people aren’t hungry in our state.”

The WYCF Board wants to extend its sincerest thanks to Afton Food Pantry, not only for the wonderful tour, but for the important work they do each day to assist our Wyoming neighbors who are facing food insecurity.



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Legacy members have Wyoming's future in mind. They create a permanent endowment in their estate plan at the Wyoming Community Foundation to ensure the charities they care most about are taken care of, forever.

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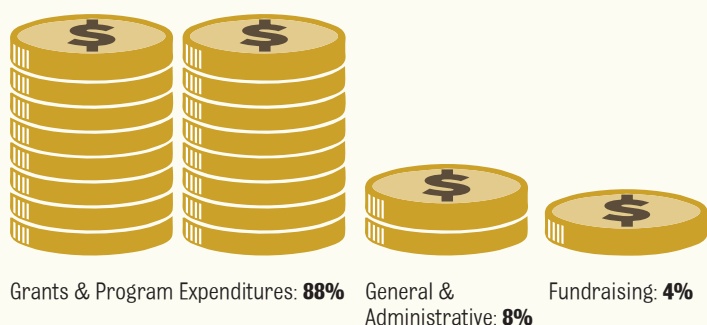
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Current Assets	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	6,772,269	12,283,285
Investments	223,185,187	201,184,144
Prepaid expenses	0	13,579
Property & Equipment, net	844,194	877,737
TOTAL ASSETS	230,801,650	214,358,745
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable	351,939	462,519
Accrued expenses	64,725	67,195
Grants payable	2,674,992	2,616,924
Obligation stipulated by donor gift	361,031	430,564
Funds held as agency endowments	34,361,166	30,935,964
Funds held in trust	3,133,514	4,109,101
TOTAL LIABILITIES	40,947,367	38,622,267
TOTAL NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED	189,854,283	175,736,478
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	230,801,650	214,358,745

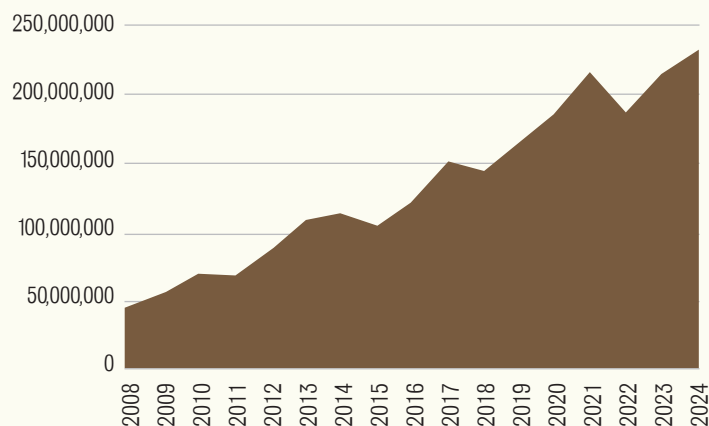
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Support and Revenue	2024	2023
Contributions	16,629,780	14,029,389
Amounts rec'd. for agency endowments	(2,312,603)	(447,559)
Other Income	2,710,963	2,235,292
Investment Income (Losses)	14,434,637	21,196,259
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	31,462,777	37,013,381
Expenses		
Grants	13,203,745	7,784,822
Grants made from agency endowments	(1,309,334)	(1,130,764)
Administration	1,344,235	1,196,742
Program Expense	3,438,446	3,298,942
Fundraising Expenses	667,880	669,939
TOTAL EXPENSES	17,344,972	11,819,681
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	14,117,805	25,193,700
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	175,736,478	150,542,778
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	189,854,283	175,736,478

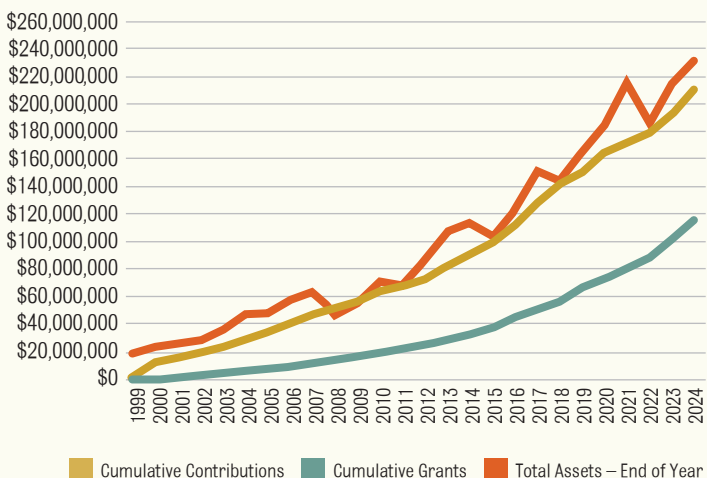
TOTAL WYCF EXPENSES 2024



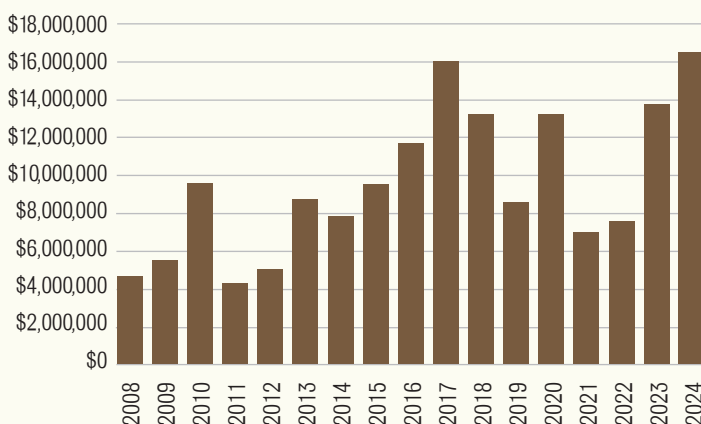
TOTAL ASSETS END OF YEAR



GROWTH OF ASSETS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND NET CONTRIBUTIONS 1999-2024



GROSS CONTRIBUTIONS



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2024-2025

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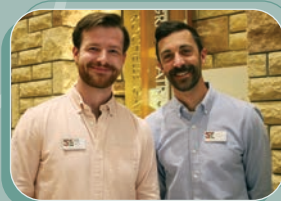
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35+

Years of Giving

23

Counties Supported

\$120+

Million Granted Since Inception

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