



A Health Equity Foundation

Rural Philanthropy Days grantees 2010 – present

The Colorado Trust is a longtime supporter of Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD), which connects funders with nonprofit organizations that serve rural Colorado. This event, taking place twice each year, was created in 1991 by the [Community Resource Center](#) (CRC). The event has helped to strengthen nonprofit-funder relations and address critical needs in rural communities across Colorado.

Since 2009, The Trust has annually provided RPD operating support to CRC, and since 2010 has made grants to the following nonprofit organizations via the RPD events held across Colorado. Grants to these nonprofits are typically \$5,000 per organization.

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September 2018, Cortez:

- [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado](#) (Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County): This mentoring program supports youth ages 6-18 at schools in Archuleta and La Plata counties. Funds will help provide mentor training and matching.
- [Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center](#) (Durango, La Plata County): This organization offers programs for LGBTQ youth, including suicide prevention, mentoring, parent support groups, community outreach and education. Funds will support expansion of after-school programs in Durango.
- [Montelores Early Childhood Council](#) (Cortez, Montezuma County): The council works to assure high-quality early childhood education and care for families in Dolores and Montezuma counties. Funds will support food and community projects for up to 20 local parent participants in the Family Leadership Training Institute.
- [Rise Above Violence](#) (Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County): The program creates a safe space for those suffering from domestic violence; it also runs youth bullying and dating violence prevention programs. Funds will support general operations.
- [Southwest Center for Independence](#) (Cortez, Montezuma County; and Durango, La Plata County): This organization advocates for people living with disabilities, and provides transportation for people with disabilities, aging adults and veterans in La Plata County via its Southwest Rides program. Funds will go towards keeping the ride program free for those who qualify.

June 2018, Lamar:

- [Mt. Carmel Wellness & Community Center](#) (Trinidad, Las Animas County): Funds will support youth programs aimed at civic engagement and leadership training.

- [Prairie Pines](#) (Eads, Kiowa County): Funds will support purchasing a vehicle for transporting residents of this assisted-living facility to health care appointments, local events, shopping and more.
- [SafeCare Colorado](#) (Based at High Plains Community Health Center in Lamar, serving Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers counties): This is a free, voluntary parent support program for families with children under age 5. Funds will help purchase diapers and wipes for 45 families with lower incomes.
- [Southeast Colorado Hospital District](#) (Springfield, Baca County): Funds will go towards replacing an emergency power generator for their medical and long-term care center, helping to assure continuity of services.
- [Tri-County Family Care Center](#) (Rocky Ford, serving Bent, Crowley and Otero counties): Funds will help enable family support services, including financial planning and training, and expansion of program services to new clients.

September 2017, Craig:

- [Moffat County United Way](#) (Moffat County): The Moffat chapter works toward uniting its community to achieve positive change by strengthening health, education and financial stability among residents. Funds will support Bridges Out of Poverty, an intensive training and education program for low-income residents.
- [Advocates Building Peaceful Communities](#) (Routt County): Advocates provides crisis services, residential shelter, advocacy and community awareness for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence. Funds will help cover operating expenses.
- [Northwest Colorado Center for Independence](#) (Grand, Moffat, Routt and Summit counties): The center provides free services and consultation to seniors and people with disabilities who wish to live independently, minimizing institutional care and reliance on outside services. Funds will be used to assess offices of physicians and other health care providers, and offer guidance on how to be more inclusive of the disabled community.
- [Yampa Valley Medical Center Foundation](#) (Routt County): The foundation supports the ability of Yampa Valley Medical Center to provide health care services and support to the greater Steamboat Springs community. Funds will help provide three iPads that act as mobile interpreters with access to 35 languages (including American Sign Language), as well as devices for patients with poor eyesight or who are hard of hearing.
- [Choose When](#) (Moffat and Routt counties): The first project of a community group called Focus on Women, the program provides long-acting reversible contraception to low-income women in northwest Colorado. Funds will be used to expand the program to Moffat County.

June 2017, Montrose:

- [Haven House of Montrose, Inc.](#) (Montrose County): Haven House provides programs and services designed to help homeless individuals and families get back into permanent housing and on a path to self-sufficiency, including academic support for children.
- [North Fork Ambulance Association, Inc.](#) (Delta, Gunnison and Montrose counties): Serving a community of approximately 9,000 Coloradans, the association will use the grant as matching funds for a USDA Community Facility Grant to purchase communication equipment for ambulance crew members.
- [Mountain Roots Food Project](#) (Gunnison County): Mountain Roots cultivates a resilient food system by enhancing the connection between earth, food and community, and fosters knowledge, skills and opportunities that assure access to affordable, nutritious food that is regionally based and sustainably produced.

- [Maslow Academy of Applied Learning](#) (Montrose County): Founded in 2011, this nonprofit independent early-childhood and elementary school in Montrose focuses on developing the whole child, including social and physical skills as well as academic competencies.
- [PEER Kindness](#) (Montrose County): An acronym for “Positive Encouraging Empathetic Respectful,” PEER Kindness is a nonprofit organization with a mission to work in partnership with schools, youth programs, community organizations, business and community leaders, families, and youth to reduce bullying and foster a PEER stance.

September 2016, Copper Mountain Resort:

- [TESSA](#) (Teller County): TESSA offers confidential support and services for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault and their children, including a 24-hour crisis line; a safe house that provides emergency shelter, food and services; victim advocacy, and much more. The funds will help them continue to operate their programs as well as expand staff to the Woodland Park area.
- [Chaffee County Oral Health Program](#) (Chaffee County): The program helps community members connect with free or low-cost dental services and providers, as well as transportation to and from dentistry care. The funds will be used to help educate communities—specifically through the use of *promotoras*—on varying fluoride levels in the water.
- [Rocky Mountain Rural Health](#) (Park County): Working to improve access to quality health care in Park County, Rocky Mountain Rural Health will use the funds to increase outreach and communication with community members; identify and address health- and health care-related issues; and support community initiatives designed to improve the physical and mental health of the people of Park County.
- [Custer 2020, Inc./Club America WMV](#) (Custer County): The funds will be used to support the mission of Custer 2020, Inc., which is to provide an accessible, multi-purpose activity center for the community, and enhance the health and quality of life for Custer County residents and visitors. Club America is a local fitness and community center that offers sliding-scale membership fees, as well as low- and no-cost community events.
- [Community Partnership Family Resource Center](#) (Teller County): The center provides programs and education for adult and parent enrichment; early childhood and youth; healthy living; and health care coverage. The funds will be used to support their ongoing programming and community meetings.

June 2016, Haxtun and Holyoke:

- Akron Balanced Child Development Center (Akron): The only child care facility in Akron, the center serves children from birth to age 12. The grant will help pay for the center’s first computers, to be used primarily by older children.
- Bethel Community Center (Arriba): This is the only event space available for 40 miles in any direction, and is considered a vital community hub. The grant will help cover the cost of much-needed building renovations.
- [Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation](#) (Holyoke): The grant will help strengthen the hospital’s community outreach and development program to reach more Spanish-speaking households, and better support Holyoke’s Latino population.
- [Prairie Family Center, Inc.](#) (Burlington): The center will use the funding to support their Healthier Living Program, a 16-week curriculum focused on self-management of chronic health issues, as well as physical and social/emotional health.
- [Rural Communities Resource Center](#) (Yuma): The grant will help support and expand the center’s Estrellas program, which offers youth leadership development, opportunities and resources.

September 2015, Creede:

- Antonito Senior Citizens Association (Antonito): The association provides healthy meals, exercise and nutrition classes, regional field trips and ongoing social activities to local and home-bound seniors. The organization plans to use the funds to help provide legal support to seniors, as well as for general operating support.
- [Town of Saguache](#) (Saguache): The 500-resident town sits on the northern end of the San Luis Valley. The town plans to use the funds to spearhead a transportation survey for the town and surrounding area, to look at needs and possible solutions.
- [Move Mountains](#) (San Luis): Move Mountains empowers youth in San Luis and the surrounding area in civic engagement, community involvement and healthy living, including access to fresh food and outdoor activities. Programs include an after-school drop-in program, summer internships and leadership development. The organization plans to use the funds to buy gear and other supplies for youth outdoor activities.
- [San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group](#) (San Luis Valley): Formerly known as the San Luis Valley Community Mental Health Center, the organization has provided behavioral health services in the San Luis Valley for 35 years. It plans to use the funds for outreach, training and client advocacy.
- [Sargent Early Learning Center](#) (Sargent/Monte Vista): The center provides a developmentally appropriate program for preschool children, and early Head Start all summer. It plans to use the funds to help install an air conditioner to support its summer programming.

June 2015, Rifle:

- [Reach Out Colorado](#) (Rifle, Parachute): "The ROC" provides emergency assistance to people in Rifle and Parachute, including food, rent payment, lodging, gas and transportation. It also provides healthy meals to children in Rifle at the end of the school week and during the summer. The ROC hopes to grow its network of volunteers to reach more community members.
- [SOS Outreach](#) (Eagle, Grand, La Plata, Lake, Routt and Summit counties): SOS Outreach serves at-risk youth using year-round, outdoor sports to engage underserved students in long-term mentor-based relationships. Its curriculum integrates outdoor experiential learning, character development, community service, values-based leadership development, social justice advocacy and peer mentoring. SOS Outreach served 4,569 youth during its 2013-14 program year.
- [The Family Learning Center](#) (Edwards): The center is dedicated to the healthy growth and development of all children, by providing continuing support from birth to age six. Its principles include universal access to high-quality child care, strong parental involvement and more. The Family Learning Center is the only Early Head Start child care provider in the Eagle Valley, and 78 percent of its students are considered low-income and receive financial aid in order to attend.
- [The Youth Foundation Parent Mentor Program](#) (Avon, Eagle Valley, Gypsum and June Creek elementary schools): The program gives parents the chance to be heard, gain education, become leaders, develop advocacy skills and build capacity to enrich the community. Parents of children enrolled in Eagle County Schools apply to become volunteers in a classroom at their child's elementary school. Last year, 24 parents graduated and 23 are returning to the schools this year, along with a new class of parent educators. They worked with more than 600 students, and hope to double that number over the next three years.
- [Ute Springs Experiential Learning Center](#) (Eagle County): USELC works with students ages 7-17 in every school in Eagle County. The center strives to bring increased self-awareness,

social awareness, responsible decision-making and leadership skills to students while connecting them to the places they live through an adventure-based curriculum. USELC offers after-school programs, curriculum enrichment, a transition program for people with developmental disabilities ages 18-21, and a day and overnight summer camp program. Scholarships are available, and USELC hopes to expand its outreach in minority communities.

September 2014, Trinidad:

- Bent County/Las Animas Community Center (Bent County): to provide an after-school program for youth ages five to 18 in Las Animas.
- Crowley County Substance Abuse Coalition (Crowley County): to address drug and alcohol abuse by making presentations at schools and hiring counselors to continue educating youth on substance abuse.
- Fishers Peak Soup Kitchen (Las Animas County): to provide weekday meals, food baskets and meal delivery to area residents and cover vehicle maintenance and operating costs.
- Trinidad Community Farmers Market (Las Animas County): to provide access to affordable, healthy food options by expanding the market beyond summer months and providing outreach and education around fresh food.
- Two Peaks Fitness (Huerfano County): to assist individuals of all income levels in achieving fitness goals by subsidizing memberships for low-income members.

June 2014, Pagosa Springs:

- Archuleta County Veteran Services Office (Archuleta County): to assist veterans and their family members with Veterans Affairs benefits.
- Hospice of Montezuma (Montezuma and Dolores counties): to provide support for people with terminal illnesses.
- La Plata Family Centers Coalition (La Plata County): to create partnerships that strengthen families and improve community health.
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe (La Plata County): to provide diabetes treatment, diabetes prevention and healthy lifestyle education for Native Americans living on or near the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.
- TARA Historical Society at Navajo Lake (Archuleta County): to provide programs and services for the rural communities of Tiffany, Allison, Rosa and Arboles.

September 2013, Winter Park Resort:

- Community Agricultural Alliance (Routt County): to support availability of local foods to enhance healthy eating for all residents.
- Grand County Council on Aging (Grand County): to fund medical transportation to seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Reaching Everyone Preventing Suicide (Routt and Moffat counties): to support hospital-based suicide prevention, group therapy, crisis support and community education.
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (Routt County): to engage youth in the outdoors, teaching responsibility, teamwork and service.

June 2013, Ouray:

- All-American Families (Delta County): to fund mentors, community support and training to help children build a healthy future free from addiction, poverty, violence or trauma.
- The Center for Mental Health (Montrose County): to support day treatment for children with behavioral health issues living in extreme poverty; a peer-based program; and suicide prevention program.

- Confidential Advocacy Center (Gunnison and Hinsdale counties): to fund confidential safety needs and direct advocacy services for individuals whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault.
- Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (Mesa County): to assist low-income seniors, mothers and children with access to over-the-counter medications.
- Haven House (Montrose and Delta counties): to provide shelter, support services and enrichment programs for homeless families and individuals.

September 2012, Salida:

- Chaffee County Public Health (Chaffee County): to support a nurse-home visitation program and workforce training for its Early Childhood Council's breastfeeding program.
- Custer County Community Sharing Center (Custer County): to help the food bank offer a larger quantity of food at a higher nutritional value.
- Full Circle Restorative Justice (Chaffee County): to provide alternative dispute resolution for high-risk youth by expanding their youth program, including education about compassion communication and alternatives to drugs and alcohol.
- Senior Services Solutions Plus (Fremont County): to support volunteer recruitment to expand assistance to homebound seniors, cancer patients and people with disabilities.
- Valley to Valley Senior Care Center (Chaffee County): to purchase a van to transport seniors to medical appointments.

June 2012, Morgan County:

- Baby Bear Hugs (Yuma County): to support administration of programs for families with children from newborn up to three years old.
- Community Caring Hands, Inc. (Logan County): to build wheelchair ramps, hand rails and make minor home repairs for seniors and people with disabilities.
- Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center (Morgan County): to expand their in-home services for chronically ill patients.
- Freedom to Cowboy Up (Washington County): to cover general operating costs associated with their therapeutic riding center.

September 2011, Saguache:

- La Puente Home (Alamosa County): to provide access to health and social services for homeless individuals.
- Boys and Girls Club of the San Luis Valley (Alamosa County): to support healthy after-school programs to youth.
- Center School District (Saguache County): to support school-based mental health services at Center High School and Skoglund Middle School.
- San Luis Valley Mental Health (Alamosa County): to support the Nurturing Parenting Program that provides healthy meals and educational activities for families suffering from substance abuse and mental health problems.
- San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center (Alamosa County): to support the Limited English Proficiency Speakers program to help train speakers to navigate health care services, and educate health care personnel about the unique language needs of their community.

June 2011, Edwards:

- The Buddy Program (Pitkin and Garfield counties): to support both individual and family mental health counseling for at-risk youth.

- Doctors Plus (Eagle County): to plan and implement the ReadyAccess cost-effective care delivery project.
- High Country RSVP (Garfield County): to support the Medicare Assistance Program, which assists seniors, disabled and low-income individuals in understanding Medicare.
- Mt. Evans Hospice and Home Health Care (Clear Creek and Gilpin counties): to provide access to in-home health care for uninsured and underinsured citizens.

September 2010, La Junta:

- Arkansas Valley Community Center (Otero County): to provide programs and services for individuals with disabilities.
- Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center (Otero County): to aid community outreach education in health promotion, prevention, chronic disease and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- Bent County Health Care Center (Bent County): to improve patient safety through training programs.
- Walsh Ambulance Service (Baca County): for emergency medical and pre-hospital services for stroke and cardiovascular events.

June 2010, Mancos:

- Mancos School District (Montezuma County): to plan a five-county regional school-based health program.
- Pagosa Mountain Hospital (Archuleta County): to develop a patient-centered medical home model.
- Silverton Ambulance (San Juan County): to provide professional certification and training of first-responders.
- Community Connections (Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties): to provide family support services and vocational assistance to children and adults with developmental delays and disabilities.
- Pagosa Springs Youth Center (Archuleta County): to provide a safe and supervised tobacco-, alcohol- and drug-free gathering place for youth.