



# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2022



The Yellowstone Club Community Foundation (YCCF), founded in 2010, connects Yellowstone Club Members and the greater Big Sky Community through programs that promote philanthropy, volunteerism, and capacity building for local organizations that are addressing the area's greatest needs.

**OUR VISION:** Thriving communities in the greater Big Sky region.

**OUR MISSION:** Foster philanthropy, volunteerism, and capacity building for local organizations that are addressing the greatest needs in the areas of livability, health & wellness, environment, arts and education.

TOTAL INVESTED SINCE 2010

\$26,214,618

## DEAR COMMUNITY,

It is our true honor to share the work that our donors and volunteers make possible in our community with all of you. This year's report highlights the people whose lives we are impacting.

We recognize that what makes greater Big Sky so unique is the community of people we are surrounded by and the beauty of this wild landscape. Our work over this past year has stayed focused on these community values by bringing people together through philanthropy, volunteerism, and community building. We expanded our integration into our community, not only increasing our grantmaking, but also growing our programming to bring a community thrift

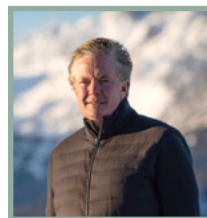
store and social impact hub co-working environment to the people we serve.

Thank you to everyone involved in our impact across the greater Big Sky region. Our work is only possible with your trust, investments, volunteer time, and support. It is our pleasure to share with you throughout this report a snapshot of the faces, quotes, and investments that tell the story of the lives we are impacting together. Enjoy!

In Gratitude,



Ciara Wolfe  
VP of Philanthropy



Sam Byrne  
Board President



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# INITIATIVES

IN 2022, THE FOUNDATION INVESTED **\$4.9M** INTO THE GREATER BIG SKY REGION THROUGH THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES.



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## BIG SKY THRIFT

Big Sky Thrift provides an affordable, accessible, and eco-friendly shopping option to the Big Sky community. The volunteer-run store which opened in December 2022 collects and sells donated goods with proceeds used to support local nonprofit organizations.



## ELEVATE BIG SKY

A collaborative impact framework that brings our community together to tackle our greatest issues collectively. Elevate Big Sky's focus areas are livability, behavioral health and environment in the greater Big Sky community. In 2023, Elevate Big Sky partners are looking to invest collaboratively in affordable housing and childcare projects.

## BIG SKY SOCIAL IMPACT HUB

The Social Impact Hub opened its doors in December of 2022 and now supports Big Sky's nonprofits with affordable office space and unique opportunities for collaboration, resource sharing, and community building.



## COMMUNITY GRANT MAKING

In 2022, The Foundation gave over \$2.3M to nonprofits in the greater Big Sky region through grants and sponsorships. The Foundation supported the following focus areas: environment, livability, health & wellness, arts & culture, and education.

# FOCUS AREAS



## ENVIRONMENT

Drawn by its abundant wilderness, miles of river, and snow-capped peaks, we came to Big Sky for the beauty and outdoor opportunities. The Foundation is proud to support local nonprofits working to protect this wild and wonderful place and make Big Sky sustainable for generations to come.

### SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Big Sky Community Organization, Big Sky Sustainability Network Organization, Center for Large Landscape Conservation, Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance, Gallatin River Task Force, Jack Creek Preserve Foundation, Madison River Foundation, Montana State University

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*“We are incredibly grateful for YCCFs support of our efforts to ensure reliable sources of water for drinking and to support a healthy fishery in the Gallatin River. Big Sky aspires to set the bar to the highest standard of responsible water use. Achieving this vision requires proactive planning and everyone in the community actively participating in water stewardship. Thank you, YCCF!”*

**Kristin Gardner** - Chief Executive and Science Officer, Gallatin River Task Force



## LIVABILITY

Working individuals and families are the heartbeat of Big Sky. As the local cost of living climbs, the Foundation provides funding to partners who help solve critical issues and provide valuable resources to the community in the form of affordable housing, childcare, transportation, scholarships and more.

### SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Big Sky, Big Sky Community Food Bank, Big Sky Community Housing Trust, Big Sky Community Organization, Gallatin Valley Food Bank, Gallatin Valley YMCA, Greater Gallatin United Way, Inc., Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, Montana Legal Services Association, Morningstar Learning Center, Inc., One Valley Community Foundation, South North Nexus World Language Initiative Montana

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*“We are so very thankful for the many ways that YCCF has supported the work of the Big Sky Community Food Bank over the years, and for your broader support of the Big Sky workforce residing throughout Gallatin County. YCCF is positively impacting hundreds of lives this year; thank you!”*

**Big Sky Community Food Bank Advisory Committee**



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Montana is consistently one of the top states in the nation where rates of depression, substance abuse and suicide are the highest. When we normalize struggles, we can create new ways of connecting with one another. The Foundation provides critical funding to partners creating a culture of care with increased counseling services, referral pathways, recreational opportunities as alternatives to party culture, and no cost barriers to accessing care in the greater Big Sky region.

### SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Arts Council of Big Sky, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County, Big Sky Community Organization, Big Sky Discovery School, Big Sky Futbol Club, Big Sky School District, Big Sky Skating & Hockey Association, Big Sky Ski Education Foundation, Big Sky Skijoring Association, Big Sky Youth Empowerment, Big Sky Medical Center, Bozeman Cutthroat Rugby Club, Bozeman Health Foundation, Bridger Ski Foundation, Bridgercare, Cancer Support Community of Montana, Civil Air Patrol, Eagle Mount Bozeman, Gallatin Ice Foundation, Gallatin Valley Food Bank, Gallatin Valley YMCA, Mental Health America of Montana, Montana Hope Project, Montana Mindfulness Project, Montana State University, Morningstar Learning Center, Inc., Professional Ski Instructors of America, Rimrock Foundation, Roots Family Collaborative, Southwest Montana Bike Association, Suffer Out Loud, The Help Center, Thrive, Wavetrain Kayak Team, Wellness In Action, Windhorse Equine Learning, Women of Winter



## ARTS & CULTURE

The Foundation is proud to support programs that promote the arts and culture as a means for individuals to engage in shared experiences, form connections, celebrate diversity, express themselves creatively, and cultivate a sense of pride and belonging among those who live, work and visit Big Sky.

### SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

American Indian Council, Arts Council of Big Sky, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, Random Acts of Silliness, Dia De Los Muertos, Verge Theater, Warren Miller Performing Arts Center

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*“I joined BASE Community Center three weeks after moving to Big Sky, and once I entered the community center, I never wanted to leave! I visit BASE almost every day because I love connecting with the staff, fitness instructors, and new friends I’ve made at BASE. I found my community at BASE, and it’s given me the confidence and motivation to pursue my fitness goal of training for a marathon”*

**Margaret** - BASE Community Center pass holder

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*“With support and collaboration from YCCF, the American Indian Council (AIC) is excited to host the 47th Annual AIC Powwow. The AIC looks forward to welcoming friends, family, and community members to celebrate one of Gallatin Valley’s largest vibrant cultural events.”*

**Lisa Perry** - Director of American Indian/Alaska Native Student Success Services, Montana State University

## EDUCATION

The Foundation invests in the future by providing local students with scholarship opportunities and funding organizations that prioritize quality education in safe learning environments for our youngest community members.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### COREY C. GRIFFIN

Awarded **three \$5,000 scholarships** to high school students from the Gallatin Valley, who most closely exemplify Corey’s passionate support and leadership for causes in which he believes, along with his philosophy, and having the courage to create change.

### RIESCHEL FAMILY STEM SCHOLARSHIP

This **\$5,000 scholarship** was awarded to a high school senior in Gallatin Valley pursuing education in science, technology, engineering or math.

### FRIENDS OF BIG SKY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

One Lone Peak High School student received **two \$3,000 scholarships** for their freshman and sophomore years of college.

### BIG BALD DAVE SCHOLARSHIP

The Foundation is proud to honor the memory of “Big Bald Dave” Mueller and his love for outdoor adventure by awarding one extraordinary summer adventure to a Big Sky student in grades 8th-12th. This trip was generously supported and coordinated by Adventures Cross Country.



### SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

Bear Hug Cattle Company, Belgrade Community Library Foundation, Big Sky Parent Teacher Organization, Big Sky School District, Friends of Big Sky Community Library, Friends of Big Sky Education, Friends of the Avalanche Center, Gallatin Gateway School Foundation, Gallatin, Gateway Youth Group, Gallatin Valley Farm to School, Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming, Montana Wilderness School, MSU Alumni Foundation, Prospera Business Network, University of Montana, West Yellowstone Foundation

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*“We are grateful YCCF identified early education as a priority and stepped up to fund this pilot 4k program. We have received significant positive feedback from families with children enrolled in the 2022-2023 4K program. We hope this program will grow and serve as a model for other communities, especially as childcare costs continue to rise.”*

**Dustin Shipman** - Superintendent-Big Sky School District



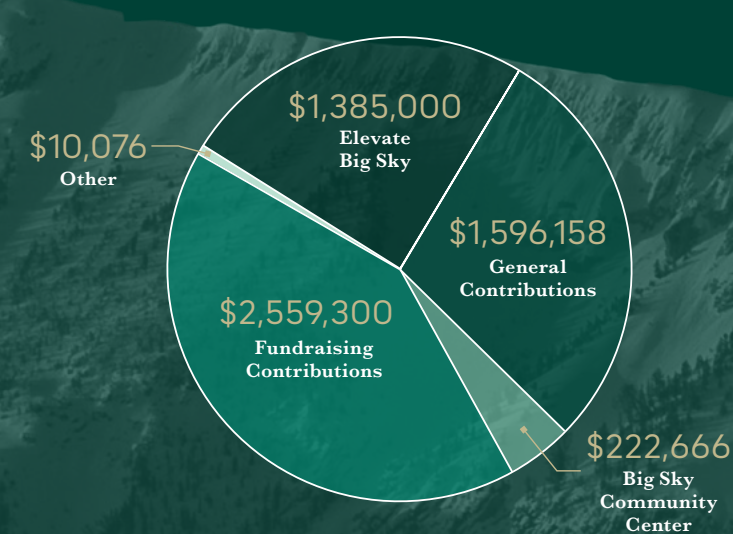
## CONTRIBUTIONS

	2022*	2021**
General Contributions & Interest	\$1,596,158	\$1,599,891
Big Sky Medical Center	---	---
Big Sky Community Center	\$222,666	\$1,272,823
Fundraising and Events	\$2,559,300	\$378,675
Behavioral Health	\$1,022	\$143,566
Big Sky Relief	\$9,054	\$4,789,368
Elevate Big Sky	\$1,385,000	\$210,000
<b>Total Contributions and Support</b>	<b>\$5,773,200</b>	<b>\$8,394,323</b>

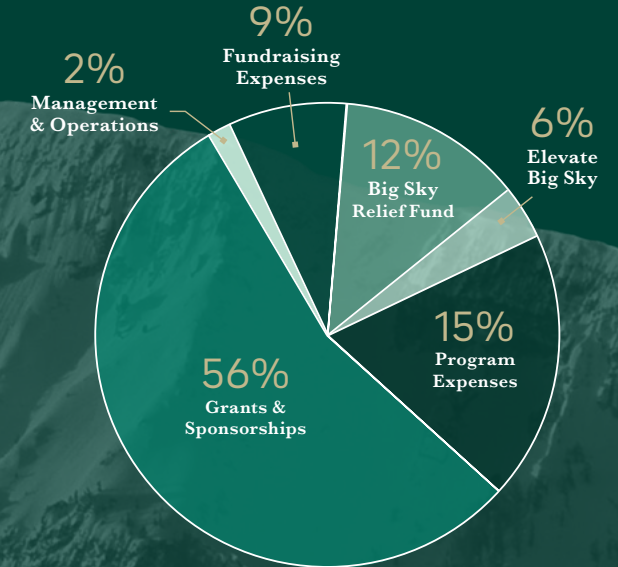
## GRANTS & EXPENSES

Annual Fund Grants, Sponsorships, & Scholarships	\$2,320,918	\$1,054,175
Big Sky Medical Center Fund	\$300,000	\$1,573
Big Sky Community Center Fund	\$439,029	\$1,129,467
Fundraising Expenses	\$518,786	\$154,981
Management & Operations	\$100,291	\$90,456
Thrift Store	\$72,434	---
Livability Fund	\$151,502	---
Environmental Fund	\$199,350	---
Behavioral Health Fund	\$388,806	\$208,285
Big Sky Relief Fund	\$662,181	\$5,958,642
Elevate Big Sky Fund	\$351,387	\$102,405
<b>Total Grants &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,504,683</b>	<b>\$8,699,983</b>
Management & Operations as a % of Revenue	1.9%	1.1%

## TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

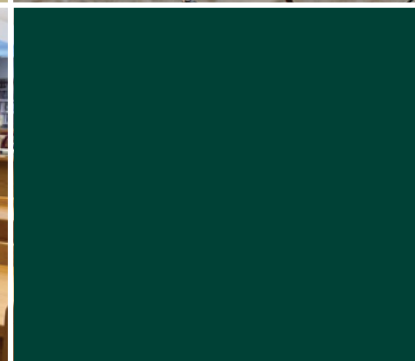
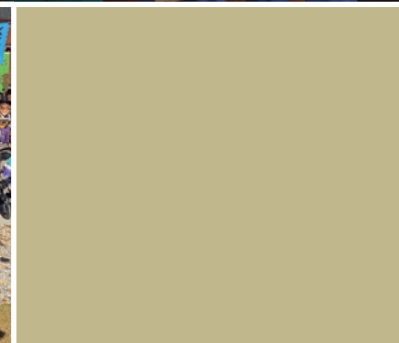
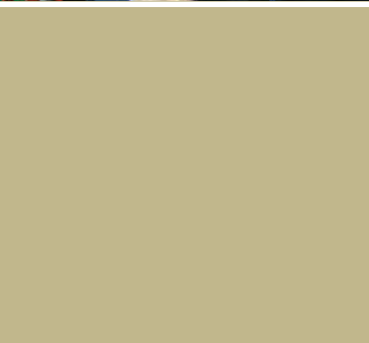


## DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS & EXPENSES



\* 2022 data represents unaudited 12 month period ended 09/30/2022. \*\* 2021 data represents audited 12 month period ended 9/30/2021. 2021 audited financial statement and IRS Form 990 may be obtained by contacting [yccf@yellowstoneclub.com](mailto:yccf@yellowstoneclub.com)





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