



## WINTER FUND FEST – RAISED \$100,000!

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Ben Myers Ridge a Thon we sought to launch a new winter festival event that would take our commitment to support our community to new heights. We launched the Taos Community Foundation Winter Fund Fest as part of a three-year ramp up program that would serve as the umbrella for several fun winter activities – designed to develop stronger relationships and significant financial support for local nonprofits in our community.

This year seven nonprofit teams participated along with independent skiers and boarders each raising funds supporting community health. Every organization received a 50 percent match through a grant from TCF.

Demonstrating their dedication to support Taos Community Foundation as the premier facilitator of philanthropy in our community, Taos Ski Valley and Chevron served as our major sponsors. They were joined by Cid's Food Market, Volkl, Mogul Medicine, and more than 20 individual challengers, and 50 business sponsors. In our first year, the event broke even; we raised match dollars and prizes. It was amazing.

Thank you!



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**OUR VISION IS OF A COMMUNITY**  
*where all have the opportunity to thrive. We have three pillars, which serve as overarching themes for our work.*

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

We are clear about our goals, while remaining open to unforeseen, emerging opportunities and to feedback. We evaluate investments of grants and social capital by asking, "what's working, what changed, what can we learn, and what do we see?"

#### **DONOR VALUE**

We are a trusted philanthropic advisor, in all respects, to our donors and community at large. We have a commitment to the highest standards of service, the usefulness of information provided, and the reliability of execution.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY**

To thrive we must have top-of-mind awareness for our roles in the community we serve by committing to consistent and reliable sources of funding, ongoing availability and expertise of board and staff, and strong community relationships.



# CHANGE

The inevitable surrounds us in every moment. Change comes in many forms. External... things stemming from our environment. Internal... growth from within ourselves that are a result of our choices.

**CHANGE** can be invigorating and expansive.

**TAOS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION is connecting people and opportunities which generates resources to build a more creative, caring, and thriving community.**

## OUR WORK IS ANCHORED WITH THE CORE VALUES OF:

- **TRUST** – assurance that honesty, effectiveness, ability, and integrity are threads throughout the organization.
- **TOLERANCE** – assurance that respect and regard for diverse ideas, opinions and practices will be upheld.
- **TRANSPARENCY** - assurance that through open exchange, rules and reasons behind policies and procedures are fair and clear to all.



## CHANGES AT TAOS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

As you may or may not have already heard, after much deliberation, I have announced my retirement effective June 30, 2016. I have been with TCF for nearly 15 years and have loved every moment of it, especially the wonderful people I've had the pleasure of working with. Together we have built a fiscally solid organization with the capacity to support our community today and long into the future.

I take solace and comfort in honoring the magnificent things of which the organization is capable of and what we have accomplished from building a legacy pool of \$35 million to giving out almost \$1 million a year in grants and scholarships. A national CEO search will begin shortly, and I will remain in an advisory capacity until the new person is selected. In the meantime, Lisa O'Brien will take the helm as Interim Director. I know I leave the organization in good hands.

As we look to the future, please take time to thank yourselves for participating with us and being a huge part of the results we've accomplished.

So I invite you, as I have done many times over the years, to take a moment to celebrate, dance around the room, or sing because of the wonderful gift our community has in Taos Community Foundation. Thank you for your continued support of our ongoing commitment of connecting people and opportunities, generating resources to build a more creative, caring, and thriving community.

From my heart to yours,

Elizabeth Crittenden Palacios

## SINCE JULY 2015:

- 180 GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TOTALING \$404,000
- \$1 MILLION RAISED FOR OUR COMMUNITY
- 116 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TCF MANAGING THEIR FUNDS
- \$12 MILLION PLEDGED IN LEGACY GIFTS

