

Strengthening Community Today and Tomorrow

# taos community FOUNDATION



**A Foundation for the Community  
by the Community**



Taos Community Foundation is an organization that helps make an impact on our community through charitable giving. Started in 1998 we are one of approximately 800 Community Foundations across the country. We partner with local and regional agencies, individuals, businesses, and families to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

Taos Community Foundation and our donors respond to complex and growing issues and needs affecting our region by making well-placed grants and bringing diverse groups together to identify solutions to specific community challenges.



# mission

The mission of Taos Community Foundation (TCF) is to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve by encouraging permanent charitable giving.

To fulfill that mission, the Foundation creates permanent funds, prudently invests those funds, and makes grants from the investments to non-profit organizations in Taos and western Colfax Counties.

## SPECIAL FEATURES OF TAOS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

***We give you personalized service.*** We make giving easy, flexible and effective, accepting a wide variety of gifts and providing donors the greatest flexibility. You can contribute cash, stocks, property, and bequests. You may establish an Unrestricted, Field of Interest, Designated or Donor Advised Fund in your name or in the name of a loved one. Your gift will gain maximum tax advantage.

***We have local expertise.*** Our professional staff has an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities and resources that shape our community. They monitor all areas of community need — including human services, education, the environment, health care, the arts and economic development. We can help you learn more about local agencies and programs that make a difference in areas you care about most.

***We are community leaders.*** We invest in the long term and bring people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. Our business is building community.

## Letter to the Community

Annual reports usually look back on the accomplishments of the past year. This report will do that, but it will also do much more. At TCF we certainly do want to celebrate our achievements, but do not want to rest on our laurels. We are constantly looking at what's next – what problems there are to solve, what issues to address and what programs to support or start.

In this report we will share with you updates on new funds, grants awarded, and activities of the past year and we will take a look ahead to what we hope to accomplish in the future.

Looking forward we recognize the importance of community leadership. Leadership is a common enough term in business and politics, but what does it mean in the context of community? For us, the key part of leadership is thinking long-term for our community, asking ourselves and community partners what needs to be strengthened or developed in order for our community to address the current and emerging challenges we face.

We seek to develop a community leadership model with the help of numerous community partners to address food security, out of school time, networks of service, leveraging resources and building endowments for community. This brings me back to a phrase I use regularly – **people working together do make a difference**. I invite you to learn more about Taos Community Foundation, come in and visit to learn how your community investment can make a difference!

Please learn more about Taos Community Foundation on the following pages.

Elizabeth Crittenden Palacios  
Foundation Director



Elizabeth Crittenden Palacios, Foundation Director; Traci Chavez McAdams, Office Manager and Donor Services; Jeff Jordy, Chief Financial Officer; and Lisa O'Brien, Grants and Program Director



# GIVING TO TAOS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

promotes the growth of organized philanthropy, which in turn enriches the quality of life in Taos and western Colfax counties.

Regardless of how you select to give we will work with you to choose the best giving structure and type of charitable account. Whichever type of fund you choose, you will receive regular statements detailing all account activity to help you keep track of the impact you collectively make.

## Highlights

### Since July 2009

- Granted more than \$400,000 in youth clothing and products
- Seven new funds established
- More than \$1.5 million raised
- Awarded 141 grants to 54 nonprofit or school-based programs totaling \$363,578

### Since we began

- Raised more than \$12.7 million
- Awarded more than \$7.3 million for grants and services
- Awarded \$73,500 in college scholarships
- Leveraged more than \$9 million in additional contributions to the community
- Continue to manage 88 funds for charitable giving totaling \$5.4 million in assets

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## Philanthropy

is the effort or inclination to increase the well-being of mankind, as by charitable aid or donations.

One can be a philanthropist in many ways. Often the greatest opportunities to make significant charitable contributions occur just when you are making other major business, personal or financial decisions. TCF helps individuals and families select the best options to meet their charitable giving needs.

For some, charitable giving goes beyond donating old clothes or writing the occasional check to support a favorite cause. It's a mission to be accomplished over a lifetime (or longer) and an integral part of one's investing plan. The knowledgeable staff of Taos Community Foundation are here to accommodate your philanthropic needs. Like so many of our donors, we invite you to discover how a fund at TCF can give you more flexibility and greater reach in your personal giving.

## Planning How You Give

We encourage you to plan your gift in ways that will yield the greatest benefit to you.

There are many sound options available, depending on your circumstances and the nature of your gift. You may also be surprised by the variety of assets that TCF accepts.

Gift planning can serve your needs as a donor and the charitable community by creating a gift with a predictable, beneficial impact for all involved. Most gifts can be designed to deliver significant financial benefits to you and your heirs. Timing is often a consideration, so some gifts are deferred while others are completed sooner.

We know that people do not make gifts through TCF just for the tax advantages. Still, our donors are often pleased to learn that they can give more than they thought possible by taking advantage of the incentives the government provides.

“By giving tangible gifts today you can protect your assets for tomorrow.”

### Think about getting benefits from your gifts while you are alive.



When you make charitable contributions, the amount you can deduct from your taxes is based on your income. Making a large donation in a year when your income is higher than normal will do the most good from a tax perspective. With your tax savings you may choose to purchase a life insurance policy for your loved ones.



# WAYS TO GIVE

## A planning tip for charitable gifts

If your income is unusually large in any one year—you receive a bonus, a taxable windfall, proceeds from sale of business or the like — OR you have highly appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds that you’ve held over a year, consider opening a fund or donating them to an existing fund at Taos Community Foundation.

### Consult your advisors

We encourage you to consult with qualified counsel regarding your plans and options for financial, tax, and estate planning before making a gift. State laws govern many of these principles, and TCF does not offer legal, financial, or tax advice.

### Investment strategies

The TCF Investment Committee oversees our investments. They are guided by our Board-approved Investment Policy. Vanguard actively manages our investments offering us lower fees and regular communication with our investment manager. Our current allocation of endowment dollars target a 60 percent equity and 40 percent bond allocation. Our investment advisors work with us to select a group of funds that meets our criteria in each fund pool.

We believe this gives us the balance of growth and security that is prudent for permanent endowment funds.

### Charitable Remainder Trust:

**Benefit from a contribution today and keep a regular stream of income.** A charitable remainder trust is a private fund that you set up. This provides you or your selected beneficiaries with taxable income for a certain number of years, or for life. Money that’s left over—the “remainder”—passes tax free to one or more charities of your choosing. You benefit today by receiving a tax deduction for your gift and tomorrow by knowing your legacy gift will make a difference long into the future.

### Charitable Lead Trust:

**Donate the income to your selected charity and pass the principle along to your heirs.** Charitable lead trusts are viewed as opposite of a charitable remainder trust. You transfer property to a lead trust, which pays a percentage of the value of trust assets, usually for a term of years, to your selected charity. At the end of the trust term, remaining assets and any growth realized are passed to

your heirs. This is one of the few transfer devices currently used that can discount the value of original assets and result in little or no taxes. At the same time, charitable desires are met. You benefit today by knowing you are supporting community and tomorrow by knowing your heirs will receive an income free of gift and estate taxes.

### Through Your Will:

People who care about Taos and western Colfax Counties may name TCF in their will or estate plan. Even though the gift will mature later, the donor is honored and asked to join our Legacy Society. This is what we call painless giving. You benefit today by knowing your gift will benefit the causes you care about. You can leave tangible property, houses, land, art, and jewelry.

### Cash Gift:

We welcome gifts of all sizes and all such gifts qualify for an immediate and maximum income tax deduction. Cash gifts can be directed to areas of focus or specific funds.

### Stocks and Securities or Real Estate:

Gifts of appreciated securities and real property may provide important tax advantages to donors who have held assets for a long period of time.

### Life Insurance:

TCF may be named as the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy. The donor receives an immediate deduction, which is usually approximately equal to the policy’s cash surrender value.

### Individual Retirement Accounts:

Donors may designate TCF as the beneficiary of their Individual Retirement Account (IRA). This is an excellent way for donors to make a gift to charity of the asset that is usually the most heavily taxed.

### Tangibles

We accept many different types of gifts. If you have jewelry, art, collectable objects, or furniture you would like to donate please contact TCF. Your gift is a gift for community.

# Leave a Charitable Legacy

Donors who include TCF in their estate plans provide a gift that lasts forever. Leaving a legacy through a bequest will support areas of community that you care about most, and will honor your memory this year, next year and through future generations ~ even if an organization originally receiving grants ceases to exist in the future.



## Plaza de Legado

The Legacy Society of Taos Community Foundation was created to recognize and honor the legacy of a vision for community. Our Legacy Society recognizes those who have made a gift to the Community Foundation in their will or estate and are willing to make the commitment publicly as inspiration to others. We thank them for their generosity and commitment to the future of Taos and western Colfax Counties.

### Members of Taos Community Foundation's Plaza de Legado:

Maggie Evans and Aaron Rael  
Ursula and Barney Berkowitz  
Betty Doshier Backer  
Betty Kennaugh  
Billie Blair  
Charlene Tamayó  
Leonard Lecht  
Clark Funk  
Edy and Charles Anderson  
Elizabeth and Oscar Palacios  
Barbara Brenner  
Francy and John Speirs  
Polly Raye and Bill Christmas  
Sy and Phyllis Hotch  
Wes Patterson  
Marcia Oliver  
Julia Young  
Jakob Rosing  
John Farr



**Steve Craig** retired in 1996 after practicing law for more than 35 years. Steve and his wife Bette moved to Taos. Steve painted, skied adaptively, and was a volunteer visiting at the local nursing home. Steve had a love of life, an indomitable spirit and a willingness to take action. Through his understanding of the power of philanthropy, he and Bette established a fund at TCF to support emergency prescription vouchers. During his last year, Steve volunteered in our office and more than once his dry sense of humor had us all laughing to tears.

**Thank you, Steve. It is an honor for TCF to host the Field of Interest Fund for Emergency Medicines.**

**Manuel and Fillie García** lifelong residents of Taos owned and operated García Funeral Home for 40 years. Mr. García, a veteran of WWII, was an outgoing person that loved people and traveling with his wife Fillie, until his death in 1987. Mrs. García, a member of Las Taosenas, was always very generous, quietly making gifts to many not for profits in our community. Fillie's mother Mrs. Anita Mares, a school teacher, instilled in her the value of education. The family lost their son Manuelito when he was a teen to an auto accident. This anchored their desire to make a permanent gift to create educational opportunities for the youth of Taos. **Taos Community Foundation is proud to host the Manuel and Fillie García Hispanic Scholarship Fund for students of Taos.**

## WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY.

If you are considering including the Taos Community Foundation in your will, we can assist you and/or your advisor with language and suggestions for structuring your bequest. If you have included TCF in your will please let us know as we would like to honor you through membership in Plaza de Legado.



### Thank you to our past Legacy Donors

Douglas Smith  
Jonathon Taintor  
Orrie Friedman  
Marty Melzner  
Shirley Butts  
Manuel & Fillie García  
Steven Craig  
Hal Davis



## non profit partners

TCF partners with community organizations to host endowments that are expressly for the purpose of providing a source of permanent, ongoing support to their organizations.

**Amigos Bravos Friends of the Wild River**

[www.amigosbravos.org](http://www.amigosbravos.org)

**Dream Tree Project**

[www.dreamtreeproject.org](http://www.dreamtreeproject.org)

**Friends of the Taos Youth and Family Center Fund**

[www.taosyouth.org](http://www.taosyouth.org)

**Golden Willow Retreat Center**

[www.goldenwillowretreat.org](http://www.goldenwillowretreat.org)

**Holy Cross Hospital**

[www.taoshospital.org](http://www.taoshospital.org)

**Lama Foundation**

[www.lamafoundation.org](http://www.lamafoundation.org)

**Music From Angel Fire**

[www.musicfromangelfire.org](http://www.musicfromangelfire.org)

**Taos Center for the Arts**

[www.tcataos.org](http://www.tcataos.org)

**Taos Jewish Center**

[www.taosjewishcenter.org](http://www.taosjewishcenter.org)

**Taos Land Trust**

[www.taoslandtrust.org](http://www.taoslandtrust.org)

**Taos Milagro Rotary Fund**

[www.taosrotary.org](http://www.taosrotary.org)

**Think New Mexico**

[www.thinknewmexico.org](http://www.thinknewmexico.org)

**Taos School of Music**

[www.taoschoolofmusic.com](http://www.taoschoolofmusic.com)

# Taos Property Foundation Give the Gift of Real Estate

Taos Community Foundation formed a separate Foundation for the specific purpose of accepting real estate contributions for community. Through the Taos Property Foundation (TPF), the Community Foundation is able to handle complex charitable transactions with ease. The TPF's dedicated board of directors has more than 20 years of expertise evaluating, marketing and selling real estate for charitable purposes.

Like many people, you may have a large percentage of your assets invested in real estate. Yet the complexity of donating real estate to charity may have been holding you back from pursuing this path, particularly if you want to benefit more than one charity with your gift.

The Taos Community Foundation and Taos Property Foundation, make donating your property much easier by managing the transaction of the sale while you enjoy the freedom to cultivate your philanthropic dreams. Your real estate donation could be:

- A house or condominium
- An apartment building
- Farmland or undeveloped land
- A vacation home
- A commercial building

## BENEFITS

Gifts of real estate entitle you to receive multiple tax benefits. You will be given the maximum tax deduction allowed by law based on the real estate's full fair market value, avoid capital gains tax, avoid potential future estate taxes and in some cases receive a lifetime income stream.



## HOW DO I MAKE MY DONATION?

The first step is to discuss the specifics of your potential gift with us. We can help you and your advisors evaluate the timing of the gift and the type of giving vehicle that will help you meet your philanthropic and financial goals. Once your property is sold, the proceeds of the gift will be placed in your fund at Taos Community Foundation and directed toward causes you care about.

The TPF actively markets the property, carefully manages it during the sale process and seeks the highest possible price. Once your property is sold, you can begin enjoying the many rewards of your charitable gift.

# Charitable Funds Support Community Today and Tomorrow



## Unrestricted

### Endowment Funds:

Domatila Romero Fund  
Enchanted Circle Fund  
Funk Family Legacy Fund  
TCF Endowment Fund  
The Healy Fund  
The Mayer Fund  
The Raye Fund  
The Speirs Family Fund  
The Totally Wiard Fund

### Donor Advised Funds:

Backer Family Fund  
Benam Russage Fund  
Brandenburg Brenner  
Heritage Fund  
Cid's Food Market Fund  
Enrichment of Children  
Through Art Fund  
Evening Shade Fund  
Making It Fund  
Peoples Bank Growing  
Green Fund  
Pleasure Mountain Fund  
Porcupine Fund  
Reservoir Fund  
Rose Zaring Fund  
Skygazer Funds 1 & 2  
Tao Fund  
The El Salto Fund  
The KE Fund  
The Waye Fund  
van de Werff Family Fund  
Wells Family Funds 1 & 2  
Winter Family Fund  
Yale and Barbara Jones Fund

### Scholarship Funds:

Youth in Philanthropy  
Friedman Family Scholarship  
Ernie Blake Memorial  
Scholarship  
Manuel and Fillie García  
Hispanic Scholarship Fund

## New Funds at Taos Community Foundation

### Jakob Rosing Fund for Children and the Arts

“When I first approached TCF about charitable giving they answered all of my questions in plain English without a hint of pressure. From the information I received I made the decision to establish a donor-advised fund at TCF and to include my fund in my will. This will insure funding for children and the arts which were passions of my late wife. I look forward to learning about the many programs in Taos which address the fund’s focus.”

### Holy Cross Hospital Endowment

Taos Health Systems chose to work with TCF in the establishment of a permanent endowment to guarantee, forever, an independent base of financial stability for Taos Health Systems to be able to provide for the preventive, curative and acute health care needs of the communities in north-central New Mexico. HCH's Planning and Community Services Department works closely with TCF through a partnership supporting Taos Health Systems' commitment to quality and community.

### Red River Community Fund

This Fund was established to provide ongoing funding to the many and diverse charitable activities in Red River and surrounding area. The new Fund offers area residents, who share a common value of caring for and improving the quality of life in the community of Red River, while also allowing the opportunity to make philanthropic giving as easy and effective as possible.

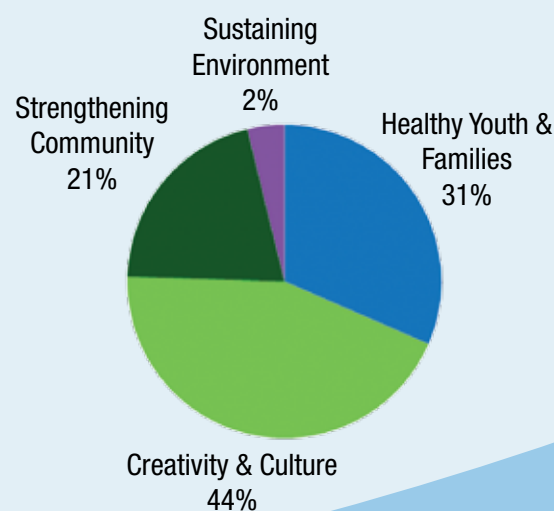
### Animal Welfare Fund

Upon receipt of a matching grant, TCF was able to setup a much needed fund focusing on the care for and protection of animals and pets in our communities. This fund will be the beneficiary of two estates and seeks to grow. It offers you a place to invest in a permanent source of funds for animal welfare groups in our communities.

### Golden Willow Retreat Fund

This fund seeks to support safe and compassionate retreat sanctuary for those who have experienced grief or loss. These losses may include death, divorce, health issues, addiction, and other transitions of life. Golden Willow Retreat offers a path of education, healing and spiritual growth that supports individuals, families and community while serving to guide in the recovery process.

## 2009/10 Grants by Focus Area





# Field of Interest Funds

Animal Welfare Fund  
 Child Rite Fund  
 Earl Stroh for the Arts Fund  
 Emergency Medicines Fund  
 Food Security Fund  
 Jackrabbit Emergency Relief Fund  
 La Plaza Legacy Fund

LGBT Equity Fund  
 Martin Legacy Fund  
 Music for Children Fund  
 Taos Public Education Fund  
 Red River Community Fund  
 TCF Foundation Services  
 The Women and Girls' Circle Fund

“I am thankful every day that there is a program like this to help me be the person I want to be and live the life I deserve to have. I cannot imagine what my life would be without it. Please keep it going for all those whose lives are so much better for it.”

Recipient of Emergency Prescription Assistance

“It was very helpful that I could spend my personal money on other classroom needs this year since the (item) costs were covered by the grant.”

Teacher and Grant Recipient through TPEF funding

**Child Rite Fund:** The fund ensures that the mission and vision of the original organization Child Rite will live. Honoring donors that generously supported Child Rite for over two decades this fund will carry forth their intent. With a newly appointed Advisory Committee in place **the first grant was awarded to Team Pride, Inc.** for at-risk youth in martial arts training. This leadership program will focus on life skills, leadership skills, physical skills and safety skills including non-violent conflict resolution.

**Emergency Medicines Fund:** Since its inception in 2001, the Emergency Medicines Fund has extended grants to local non-profits to assist community members who need medications on a one-time basis, or to assist them until enrollment in other prescription assistance programs has occurred. By granting to **Holy Cross Hospital and Taos Pharmacy's Total Health and Wellness Center** partnership we have been able to strengthen prescription assistance for the entire community. This created an opportunity to leverage federal prescription dollars into community.

**Youth in Philanthropy:** The motivation behind this initiative is simple – to inspire youth engagement in activities in our community, especially in those areas where they are directly affected. The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is made up of local high school students. YAC oversees all aspects of grant-making from identifying important youth concerns in our community to recommending grants. This past year, the Foundation hosted two student interns from Southern Methodist University, who elected to work on a new initiative for the Foundation, a **Youth Micro-Loan Project.** After researching micro-loan and entrepreneurial models of best-practice, the application and partnership guidelines were established and presented to business leaders through the Taos Entrepreneurial Network. Centinel Bank of Taos, as our partner, will provide the framework for the loans to be administered with the recommendation of YAC members. Community youth may request loans up to \$500 for start-up or expansion of business ideas.

**Taos Public Education Fund (TPEF):** TPEF is dedicated to enhancing and improving the education of every student in the Taos public schools. The vision of TPEF is that every student in the Taos Municipal Schools will graduate from high school with the tools necessary to succeed as a productive citizen. At TCF's award presentation, 42 grants were extended this year to seven Taos public and charter schools as well as the Taos Detention Center. Projects were awarded in three key areas: Professional Development for Educators, Academic Enrichment/ Curriculum Support, and Parents as Education Partners. Funded projects included supplemental curriculums, art supplies and books as well as projects that “jump-started” replication in other classrooms. Final grant reports indicate that 4,170 students were directly impacted last year.





### **LGBT Equity Fund:**

Recognizing the importance of all members of our community, the LGBT fund is committed to the belief that LGBT issues are everyone's issues. TCF promotes a greater understanding of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues of diversity, inclusiveness and acceptance of difference. This past year, TCF awarded start up funds to **PFLAG- Taos (Parents, Friends & Family of Lesbians and Gays)**, to support the educational, advocacy and support services of this newly chartered group and core support to **"Gay Pride Taos – 2010"**, a weekend celebration for all members of the community, that was held in Kit Carson Park in August, 2010. Focus this coming year will look at supporting safe school climates and ongoing educational outreach to the community.

### **Music for Children Fund:**

Creating the "I can" to music, this fund's mission is to enhance music and performing arts opportunities for students. This fund creates access to performances as well as opportunities for students to participate in rhythm/movement exploration. Grants this year supported **"Music for Powerful Classrooms,"** an interactive teaching curriculum to assist elementary teachers in making learning and classroom time more fun and support for the **"Taos Kids Sing"** choral program, that brought vocal exploration to 200 third grade students in four schools in Taos. This was an innovative program that brought five UNM-ABQ Music Education students, along with a faculty member, to work in small classroom groups. The third project funded was Soundscapes **"Shall We Dance,"** a three day interactive music/dance workshop for one elementary school site.

### **Women and Girls' Circle Fund:**

The mission of this circle fund is to broaden the awareness of and response to issues affecting women and girls through the power of collective giving and informed grant making. Through our partnership with *Unidos – Funders Allied with Youth*, we supported programs addressing reproductive health and teen pregnancy prevention efforts. During our three year partnership we awarded \$144,000 to local non-profit programs, including Community Wellness Center, First Steps, and Taos Men Engaged in Nonviolence, Taos Middle School's Girls Circle Project, and Rocky Mountain Youth Corps. The W&G Fund also sponsored **"Estate Planning for Women"** held in March.

### **Scholarships**

**Friedman Family Scholarship Fund** awarded new scholarships to 2010 scholars, Cheyenne Wooldridge (Southwestern University) and Zia Rutledge-Martínez (Occidental College).

**Ernie Blake Memorial Scholarship Fund** awarded a scholarship to 2010 scholar Cheyenne Wooldridge (Southwestern University).



Cheyenne Wooldridge



Zia Rutledge-Martínez

# Special Projects

Special Projects focus on supporting emerging and short-term programs in community. We seek to support these projects fiscally and by offering our management and development expertise. Many of the projects become stand-alone 501(c)3s or complete their work and disband. We also develop special projects to coordinate funding pools that create overarching understanding of emerging community issues and needs.

**Red Willow Center** (RWC) is the manager/operator of the 3.3-acre innovative sustainable agriculture and renewable energy site located at Taos Pueblo's Red Willow Education Center. Its purpose is to model and promote the integration of traditional and sustainability practices for the community of Taos Pueblo. RWC produces fresh, healthful foods in (1) heated and unheated greenhouses that are powered by a host of renewable energy systems, and (2) fields and gardens. Using cold storage, RWC hosts two direct-to-consumer fresh produce and value-added product markets throughout the year.

**Northern New Mexico Resources** – We developed Phase I of a searchable website of social service organizations and community services. These groups each have a page describing their services, client profile, and community connections with a link to their websites. This site creates the opportunity for community volunteers to connect with diverse organizations, where their particular talents and interests may be matched. It also provides individuals access to services for which they qualify. Please visit [www.northnmresources.org](http://www.northnmresources.org)

**KIDS Clothing Project** facilitates donations of new clothing, shoes, toys, juvenile products and other items to benefit all children of Taos, Questa, Peñasco and Taos Pueblo. We receive shipments from businesses that include Osh Kosh B'Gosh, Warner Brothers, Carter's, Gymboree and other national manufacturers. One shipment brought in brand new high chairs to families just days before Christmas. This year we shared \$400,000 in products to our communities, bringing our total to just under \$2.5 million in product value since 2003!

**Taos Youth Summer Camp** was made possible through TCF's partnership with the Town of Taos and Taos Municipal Schools. The five-week day camp held at the Taos Youth and Family Center gave participating youth the opportunity to make new friends, strengthen character, and learn valuable life skills. From reading to orienteering and swimming to arts and crafts the kids had a blast and we demonstrated that public private partnerships can result in very positive outcomes.

## Current Projects

- D. H. Lawrence Ranch
- KIDS Project
- Northern New Mexico Resources
- Old Spanish Trails
- Ranchito Retiro
- Red Willow Center
- Taos Art and Architecture
- Taos Arts Orchestra
- Taos Youth Summer Camp
- Youth Micro Loan Fund

**Taos Festival of Art and Architecture** celebrates the creative spirit through artistic expression and form. This year the project celebrated art and architecture of sacred places through a series of presentations at Saint Francis de Assisi Church in Ranchos de Taos and other regional churches.

**D.H. Lawrence Ranch Project** works with UNM to carry forward the ranch's legacy. Friends of the Ranch will move forward with others committed toward the goals of ranch preservation. Steps must be taken to develop the relationships, raise awareness, and funds. The challenge faced is that 100 years of weathering has resulted in deterioration of many of the historical structures.



# GRANT MAKING AND MOVING FORWARD

Taos Community Foundation awards grants with an overall philanthropic strategy and intentionality to be more responsive to the needs of our area. Effective grant making promotes social capital and supports the value of our community. We seek to impact systemic change and increase opportunities for people to overcome economic, political and social barriers. The Foundation supports community programming through a broad and expansive lens. Often there are times in grant making when funding should take on a narrower focus, particularly when new and critical areas of need emerge within a community, or when some areas of community are calling out for strengthening. In our work throughout community, both in grant-making and convening, we are always listening for those emerging trends.

## Grants are awarded in four main focus areas:

Healthy Youth and Families

(including Basic Needs, Education, and Youth)

Creativity and Culture

Strengthening Community

Sustaining Environment



## applying for a grant

Taos Community Foundation awards grants through various means throughout the calendar year. Some grants are reviewed through posted competitive applications, some by direction of Foundation fund-holders and some upon invitation to apply by either Field of Interest Fund Committees or the Core Grants Committee.

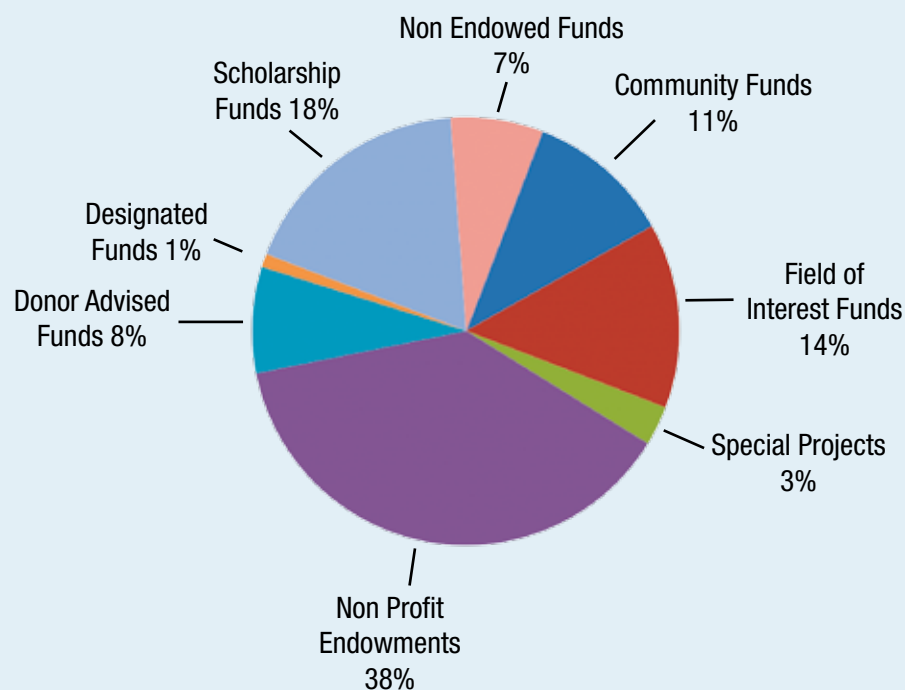
Application materials are available online at [www.taoscf.org](http://www.taoscf.org) as competitive cycles are opened. There is also information on how to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) during periods in between. Organizations will only be permitted to submit one LOI during a FY cycle (July 1 – June 30).

Organizations applying should have tax exempt 501(c)3 status and serve the people and communities of Taos and western Colfax counties. Programs that have not applied for funding through TCF previously, are encouraged to call the Foundation's Grants Director, Lisa O'Brien at 575-737-9300. Agencies and individuals may also subscribe to the Foundation e-list, which will send out both funding announcements as well as other important postings relative to non-profit and community services. Please access the Foundation website for this subscription link. [www.taoscf.org](http://www.taoscf.org).

“Thank goodness someone is doing this.”

Family caregiver; Chesed Alzheimer's Support Group

### TCF FUNDS



All information is on your computer screen!

Visit the Taos Community Foundation website at [www.taoscf.org](http://www.taoscf.org)

For complete grant information and guidelines.



## TCF Community Needs Survey

In June non profit agencies participated in a TCF Community Survey to collect the “best thinking” and insights, in terms of new “windows of opportunity” and interesting trends that might be leading toward new practices, as well as current barriers and identifying missing elements of infrastructure. The survey was designed with guiding questions as an attempt to gather the “big picture” with the intent of using the information to further guide the foundations Grants Committee. This aided them in setting funding priorities as well as understanding areas of need. It also enabled TCF to share the results with fund-holders and potential donors.

**The survey brought some valuable information to the forefront, which was coalesced into the following three key areas of need:**

**Network Development** – facilitating collaborations with local governments, especially around policy and investment; facilitating interagency work and helping to establish stronger partnerships

**Capacity Building** – affordable space, including offices, structures and community venues; the deepening of technology including broadband, software and computers; and comprehensive public relations, or specifically, assistance with messaging, promotions and increased community visibility

**Development of Social Capital** – namely strengthening our community’s social capital, such as a quality and stable workforce; as well as strengthening volunteer opportunities and facilitating cross-cultural engagement.

This guidance will frame grant-making decisions as we move forward in the upcoming year.

**The following areas have been identified as key areas of focus and attention for upcoming community work:**

### **Basic Need / Food Security Systems**

– Anti-hunger programs, food banks, charitable organizations and the “safety net” of nutrition assistance programs work very hard to combat the worst effects of poverty. Increasingly, we have come to realize that these programs also need to empower the individuals they serve if we truly want to lift large segments of our communities out of poverty and need.

Taos Community Foundation is a partner in the *New Mexico Collaboration to End Hunger*, a public/private collaboration to tackle hunger issues in our state through policy change and heightened public awareness. Though we have moved the hunger index positively our state still reports that one in five children do not know where their next meal will come from. Our commitment to this partnership is to also look deeper into our own community to learn more about where we can be mobilize our leadership and granting focus.

The results of a TCF study completed in July demonstrated that Taos has a unique opportunity to develop its food system and its food sovereignty (see full report on our website). We recognize the opportunity we have to coalesce our community to apply collaboratively for national funding and further connect with statewide food security initiatives. On the ground, **we are funding** community gardens, development of portable growing spaces and a children’s weekend food program. Through this we facilitated the delivery of 2700 food filled backpacks for children participating in the summer breakfast programs at 13 neighborhood and school sites.

### **Out-of-School Time Community**

**Network** – The Foundation has been involved in convening community stakeholders in deepening the discussion around youth programming that goes beyond just after school hours – the hour before school, school breaks and summer vacations. The discussion has brought many sectors of the community to the table to discuss out of school time services. We know there are many civic, volunteer and non-profit programs providing a wide array of youth programming, but that often there are challenges with not having a central point of access, both for programs as well as families. Research has shown that out of school time is a critical time to engage youth and maximize on the mentoring/academic enrichment needs of students. As a first-step responding to the isolated community programs we are developing an Out-of-School Network to oversee the development of an alliance/membership model for the community of Taos.



# Grants Awarded in 2009/10

## Healthy Youth and Families

Artesanos de Questa  
Kids Clothing Distribution Project  
Boys and Girls Club of Northern NM  
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Bridges Project for Education  
Core Support  
Community Against Violence  
Core Support  
Kids Clothing Distribution Project  
Dream Tree Project  
Core Support  
dZi Foundation  
Core Support  
Equine Spirit Sanctuary  
Core Support  
First Steps  
Kids Clothing Distribution Project  
Kids in Distressed Situations  
Kids Clothing Distribution Project  
Knighthawks Chess Club  
Core Support  
Lambi Fund of Haiti  
Core Support – Disaster Relief  
Nepalese Youth Opportunity Foundation  
Core Support  
Northern New Mexico Midwifery Clinic  
Core Support  
Picuris Penasco Community Coalition  
Kids Clothing Distribution Project  
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps  
Core Support  
Secular Franciscans  
Kids Clothing Distribution Project  
St. James Food Pantry  
Core Support  
Sustainable Global Leadership Alliance  
Core Support  
Taos Charter School  
Early-Intervention Balance Boards  
Response Software for Math and Science  
Literacy Materials  
Algae Bio-Fuel Production  
Podcasting for Writing  
Taos Feeds Taos  
Core Support  
Taos Gymnastics Boosters Club  
Youth Leadership Program  
Taos Men Engaged in Non Violence  
Core Support  
Client Case Management Support  
Taos Municipal School District  
Arroyos del Norte  
– Xeriscape Garden Project  
– Stern Structural Math Materials  
Chrysalis  
– Physical Ed. Expansion Support  
– Experiential Art Library  
– Weekly Therapeutic Girl's Circle  
Detention Center  
– Healthy Choices Curriculum  
Enos García

– Gifted Learners Student Portfolios  
– Award Books for Exemplary Behavior  
– 1st Grade Scientific Method Project  
– Materials for Student Portfolios  
– 1st Grade Listening Center Materials  
– School Art Library Materials  
– 2nd Grade Listening Center Materials  
Ranchos  
– iPod Nanos for Solar System Project  
– Science Lab Replication Project  
– Microscopes for 5th Grade Science  
– Classroom Literacy Materials  
– 1st Grade Art Project  
– Art Supplies  
Taos High School  
– Culinary Arts  
– Advanced Placement Text Books  
– Health Occupation Students of America Club  
– Poetry Team  
– Art Supplies for Exceptional Programs  
– DVD materials for Exceptional Programs  
– Nintendo Wii for Exceptional Programs  
Taos Middle School  
– Band/Choral Program Support  
– “Read Right” Program  
– “Character Counts” Program  
– Science Club  
– Tennis Program  
– Life Skills Food Project  
– Life Skills Portfolio Equipment  
– Science Fair Projects  
– Colcha Embroidery  
Taos Middle School Wellness Center  
Girls Circle Project  
Summer Bridge Backpack Program  
Taos Pueblo Day School  
Horseback Riding Camp  
Taos Youth and Family Center  
Core Support  
UNM Literacy Center  
Student GED testing  
UNM Taos  
Student Support Services  
United World College of the SW  
Student Support Services

## Creativity and Culture

Harwood Museum of Art  
Neighborhood Art Project  
Millicent Rogers Museum  
Core Support  
Open Hearth  
“Art of the Song” Support  
“Music for Powerful Classrooms”  
Teacher Training Curriculum  
Soundscapes  
“Shall we Dance” Youth Project  
Taos Artist Organization  
2010 Youth Mural Project  
Taos Center for the Arts  
Acoustical Improvements  
Core Support

Taos Chamber Music Group  
Core Support  
Taos Children's Theatre  
Core Support  
Taos Historic Museums  
Core Support  
Taos Mountain Film Festival  
Core Support  
Taos School of Music  
Core Support  
Taos Youth Music School  
Core Support  
“Taos Kids Sing” Project

## Strengthening Community

Holy Cross Hospital  
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Unit (SANE)  
KRZA  
Core Support  
KUNM  
Core Support  
Lama Foundation  
Core Support  
Lions Club of Taos - Kids in Need Fund  
Core Support  
PFLAG (Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays)  
Core Support  
Rotary International  
Guatemala Water Project  
Santa Fe Community Foundation  
Unidos Partnership for Pregnancy Prevention  
Stray Hearts Animal Shelter  
Core Support  
Taos Coalition to End Homelessness  
Core Support  
Taos County Economic Development Center  
Core Support  
Taos Entrepreneurial Network “TEN”  
Core Support  
Taos Feral Feline Friends  
Core Support  
Taos Jewish Center  
Core Support  
Taos Milagro Rotary Club  
Core Support  
Taos Youth and Family Center  
Community Garden Support  
Taos Youth Summer Camp 2010  
Core Support  
Vista Paz  
Gay Pride Taos 2010

## Sustainable Environment

Amigos Bravos  
Core Support  
Taos Land Trust  
Core Support



## Events

**Crystal Ball 2010** a formal dinner dance supporting Taos Public Education Fund, was held at El Monte Sagrado Resort. The evening was clear. The energy abounded as guests came together in support of public education. Through the generosity and excitement of the group, \$40,000 was raised to support grant making for education. Sponsors included: Holy Cross Hospital, DMC Broadcasting, and Southern Wine and Spirits.

**2010 Ridge a Thon** raised \$22,600. This is an exciting one-of-a-kind extreme ski event held in March at Taos Ski Valley to raise money for the Emergency Medicines Fund. Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, it has become a popular fundraiser attracting skiers from all over the Southwest. The 2011 event will be held March 25-26. Sponsors included: Cid's Food Market, Mogul Medicine, Taos Restaurant Group, Vokl, TSV Inc., 999 Dine, Belgium Brewing Co., K2, Scott, and Coca Cola.

**Taos Winter Wine Festival** silent auction of rare wines benefits Taos Community Foundation. As part of the Grand Tasting at Taos Ski Valley Resort Center the auction features more than 75 different wines from 30 participating wineries and tastes from ten of Taos and Taos Ski Valley's finest restaurants. Is there a better way to end a great day of skiing on one of the world's best mountains? This year's auction will be held **Friday, January 28, 2011.**

**Estate Planning Series** offered four sessions on Estate Planning. The sessions were well attended and addressed the following topics:

- Long-term Care and Special Needs Trusts,
- Non-Traditional Family Estate Planning,
- Real Estate Preservation, and
- Estate Planning For Women.

The sessions informed the participants about the important role charitable gifts can take in the plans and what charitable instruments are available. The sessions were presented by Nell Graham Sale of Pregoner, Baysinger, Wildman and Pale P.C. and sponsored by Peoples Bank, Heritage Trust, The LGBT Fund, El Monte Sagrado Resort, Taos Land Trust, Taos County ARC, and the Women and Girls Circle Fund.

## Gatherings

Taos Community Foundations hosts informational and celebratory gatherings throughout the year. The gatherings are fun and informal. They create an opportunity for you to share your passion about community and learn more about how you can engage as a philanthropist.

This year we thank Faye Wells, John and Peggy Hamilton, Polly Raye and Bill Christmas, Linda and Ted Calhoun, Doug and Page Patterson, Cid and Betty Backer, Nita and Henk van der Werff, and BT and Pam Coleman for their generosity and commitment to furthering Taos Community Foundation's mission.

If you would like to host a gathering for Taos Community Foundation please contact us!

## Funders Forum

In June we brought together regional funders and donors for the first in a series of forums designed to explore giving. Our topic was the difference between philanthropic investment, charity, giving circles, pooling donations toward specific focus areas, and venture philanthropy. We presented the results of our not-for-profit survey and discussed leveraging philanthropy in Taos County.

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