



Creating Community Change:

5 years later

A background image showing a pair of hands cupping a small globe of the Earth. The hands are positioned as if they are gently holding and supporting the globe. The image is slightly faded to allow the text to be the primary focus.

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years ago we were *CREATED* with a wild idea that charities could fundraise together. Since then the Fun Run for Charities has netted \$1.9 Million. **5** years ago the Community *ESTABLISHED* the Foundation by providing direction: **C3-Creating Community Change**. We approached C3 with sheer willpower: developing and stretching ourselves through convening, listening and getting after it.

We've continually leveraged available, diverse resources to meet community opportunities by partnering with: AmeriCorps VISTA, Community Volunteers, Grants, local Government, For-Profit & Non-Profit, Citizens, Statewide organizations and Donors—all who believe in strengthening our community. In building these partnerships we didn't have any concrete, plans, just a deep belief in experimentation.

And Experimentation paid off! **5** years later, we've utilized networking and collaboration as a catalyst in every thing we do. You know what we've discovered? That true economic development, healthy community, affordable workforce housing, arts, culture, environment, transportation, connected youth and communication can only occur when all of the representative voices, from every sector, are at the same table. Working together on agreed upon outcomes with implementation plans that require something of every member.

How do we know this for sure? When you are in an initiative meeting, look around the room: Not **1** of us could accomplish the desired project scope on our own—it takes every person to get to the desired impacts. None of these efforts have failed—we *Learned* and we continue to learn together and move forward, making big impacts along the way. Networked Partnerships are making the difference. Take a look at the impacts in this annual report and know we got there because of **YOU!** **Thank you for that!**

Tracy Timmons, Executive Director

LEADERSHIP

Advocate for, learn from,
listen to, and collaborate
with our community.



Inclusively convened **71** community
conversations

Learned together at **14** trainings
and networking events

Listened through **8** surveys and
forums

Collaborated on **11** projects and
programs.

DONOR SERVICES

Connect donor's passions to
opportunities to support our
community in meaningful
ways.



Providing free and low cost world
class musical performances through
the Fringe Festival.

Streamlining fundraising and dona-
tion efforts by hosting the Fun Run –
allowing donors to support their
favorite charities or all charities with
one donation

Creating Donor Advised Funds like
Imagine If.. And Pro Cut Green Fund
to directly tailor giving to donor
passions to community needs.

GRANT MAKING

Funding projects that
strengthen our community.



Donor Advised Funds –**\$4,500**

Community Grantmaking –**\$7,000**

Youth Enrichment Fund –**\$5,102**

Senior Ark Fund –**\$2,943**

Educating Emerging Artists Fund –
\$429

Girls in Motion –**\$372**

Fun Run –**\$243,045**

Nonprofits –**\$17466**

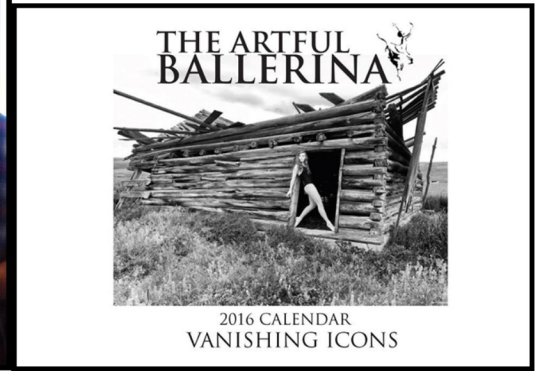
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PILLARS

Creating Community Change

Five years ago we asked the community to join us in answering one question: ***how could we work together to improve our community?*** After three input, brainstorming, and refining meetings we were able to collectively identify six areas, that with dedicated efforts, could truly improve our community. Across are the areas, what we've jointly accomplished, and what the future holds.

2010: Identified	2011-2015: Accomplished	2016 & on: What's Next
Sense of Place: supporting community identity	Emerged into Robust Arts, Culture , & Environment and Developed A Place for Our Arts, the Fringe Festival, Educating Emerging Artist Fund, and a reuse plan for Old Roosevelt. Partnered with the City to develop an endowment for the operations of the City Pool.	Fully develop Old Roosevelt and create the Red Lodge School of Music in addition to continuously supporting local artists.
Youth: connecting and encouraging kids	Created Future of Montana Volunteer Corps, added community service HS grad requirement, Roosevelt Mentoring Program, Youth Enrichment and Girls in Motion Funds, and leadership events.	Further develop leadership camps, internships, expand mentoring program, empower youth in nonprofits and government, expand volunteerism, and school climate funding.
Poverty: helping neighbors in need	Created a Carbon County-online job board, Resource directory, the Navigators program, began a Workforce Housing program, started Senior Ark Fund, hosted Lunch in the Sun, had Toy drives.	Continue sustainable and innovative support of neighbors in need through existing programs and development of new ones, like the new Veteran SERVE grant and Healthy Community.
Mobility: safe and healthy transportation	A grassroots effort, Active Transportation Planning Group, has taken on the Mobility section.	Provide assistance and support to their efforts.
Business & Economic Development: a thriving downtown	Assisted the Branding & Leadership efforts, regrouping of the Economic Development Corporation, Main Street Montana, spearheaded the revitalization of Old Roosevelt School, and Identified employer/employee needs through the Business Needs Assessment.	Continue to support economic development efforts through a collaborative approach. Move forward with revitalizing old Roosevelt and the Pea Factory.
Communications: informed and engaged citizens	Strengthened our presence on the inside and outside chalk walls, newsletters, Facebook, CCN, flyers, social media, and our website as well as developed a Centralized Events Community Calendar.	Increase our reach with inclusive and effective communication to the larger community through dedicated paid staff hours.

ROBUST ARTS & CULTURE



Left to right: A group of local kids visit the Tippet Rise Center to create stickworks with artist Patrick Dougherty, AmeriCorps VISTA member Alex Albright won the artwork for Red Ants Pants Music Festival, our first successful Kickstarter campaign put local dancers in rustic Montana landscapes for a calendar sold locally.



Fringe Festival brought:
free/low cost world class
performances to Red Lodge



Raised over
\$50,000 to
complete:

FEASIBILITY,
ARCHITECTURAL, &
ECONOMIC STUDIES

ENGAGED &
ESTABLISHED

4 PUBLIC FORUMS
6 COMMUNITY SURVEYS
5 COMMITTEES

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Move forward with the purchase of Old Roosevelt , fundraising efforts, and reconstruction with the goal of an Arts and Cultural Center by 2018.
- Develop the Red Lodge School of Music to connect and engage students with musical instruction.
- Fringe Festival has a new name, Music from the Beartooths, and will continue to bring diverse, world class musical performances to Carbon County .
- Continue supporting local artists through the Emerging Artist Fund and through collaborative efforts with A Place for Our Arts.



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Support the growth and development of our youngest citizens through collaborative efforts focused on **early childhood education**.
- Help prepare all students for college and careers through tours, internships, job shadowing, and leadership.
- More of the good stuff like mentoring, volunteering, and financial support!

MENTORING



VOLUNTEERING IS IMPORT.
JUST ASK THE **102**
STUDENTS WHO
VOLUNTEERED



1744 HOURS IN 2015.
(calendar year)



FOR **34**
DIFFERENT
ORGANIZATION



Look closely.
This isn't a stock photo.
These are Red Lodge kids
volunteering for a Getty
Images photo shoot - proving
that volunteering IS fun!



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KIDS

**YELLOWSTONE
ASSOCIATION
LEADERSHIP CAMP**

64

FAMILIES BENEFITTING
FROM THE TOY DRIVE

543

FREE MEALS
AT LUNCH IN THE SUN

Funding projects that make a difference!



Supporting diverse community groups and programs like feeding hungry Conservation Corps members, snowshoe nature walks, learning how to start a fire, and helping to insulate the recycling center.



Training &
Networking
Events



SHARING RESOURCES

408 meetings, 13 bulk mail permits, & 23 equipment rentals

“Andy is a charismatic and engaging speaker who challenged us to think of fundraising as not only raising funds but nurturing friendships. I brought the lessons back to my Board of Directors and walked through several activities to reduce the fear and anxiety around fundraising. Thank you to the RLACF for bringing such valuable training and accomplished trainers to our community!”

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Provide opportunities for community leaders to develop and thrive.
- Engage a Nonprofit Advisory Council to advise in our nonprofit support efforts.
- Engaging and connecting community volunteers with rewarding positions with local groups .



1133 Participants

831 Donations

60 Sponsor & Match Donors

61 Benefiting Charities

\$234.045

RESILIENT COMMUNITY



MAKING A SPASH! The community came out for our first City Pool Endowment fundraiser to help raise \$3,500! Total, we've raised \$5,000. The little gal on the left was an avid pool goer and donated her piggy bank!

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Launch a community design contest to determine possible reuses for the Pea Factory.
- Build a committee of pool advocates to assist in building the City Pool Endowment.
- Convene necessary community meetings that are open, inclusive and progressive.
- Further develop our Workforce Housing Initiative into an active and accomplished program.
- Continue to develop Old Roosevelt School.
- Work across sectors to develop a rounded approach to healthy communities.
- Continue supporting our neighbors through innovative and sustainable programming.



**EACH PROGRAM WITHIN OUR 4
INITIATIVES IS MADE UP OF
ENGAGED CITIZENS, GOVERNMENT
ENTITIES, AND NONPROFITS.
WE NEVER GO IT ALONE.**

1934 hours volunteered by community
members in our program areas.
VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

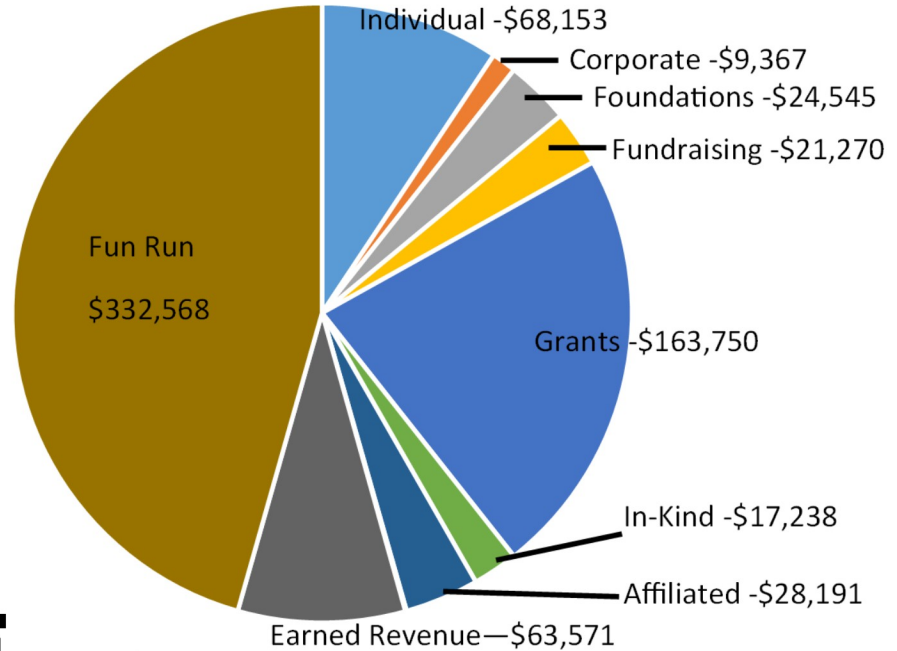


2015 COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

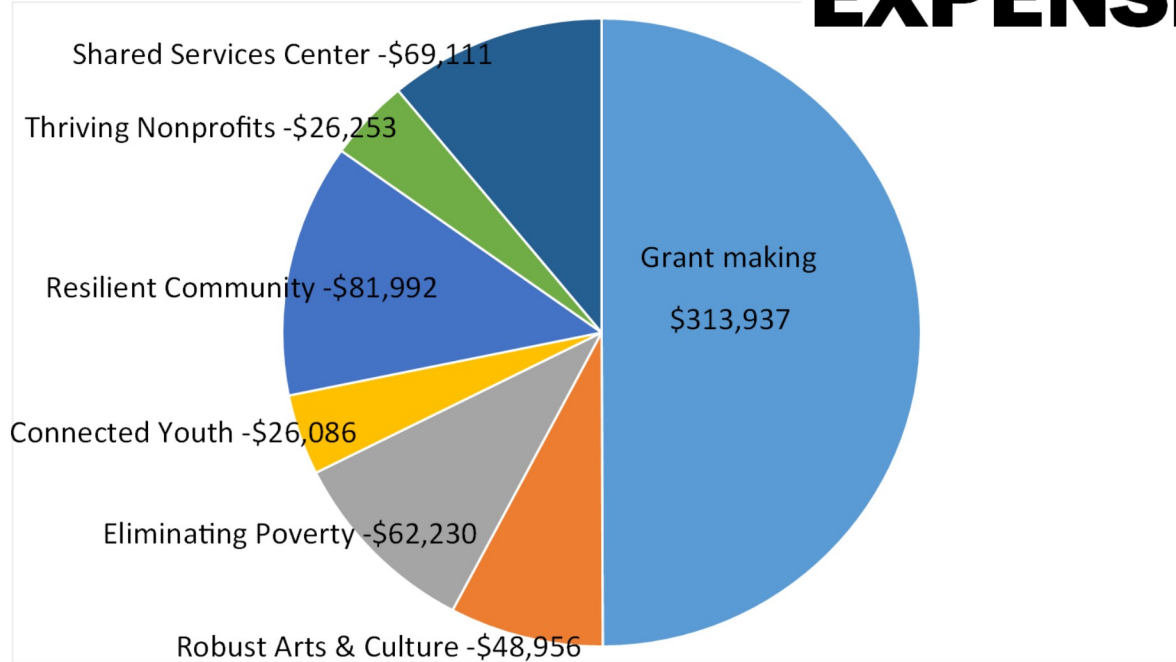
**MENTORING
REVITALIZE OLD
ROOSEVELT
WORKFORCE HOUSING
LUNCH IN THE SUN
A PLACE FOR OUR ARTS
CITY POOL ENDOWMENT
FUN RUN FOR CHARITIES**

\$729,153

INCOME



EXPENSES



\$628,565

VOLUNTEERS

In 2015, we streamlined our efforts to support and recognize volunteers who give their time and talent to our diverse programs. In March 2015, we conducted our first Volunteer Appreciation event, a special luncheon complete with trivia quiz to celebrate the impact these volunteers have throughout the community.

And we began regularly interviewing volunteers in private conversation, so they can give candid feedback on how programs are going and how we can make them more successful. These findings have led to specific improvements in how we do business!

We especially appreciate volunteers who become Champions, people who step up to "own" their programs and make the extra effort to get other community members excited and engaged.

Randy Dragon -Youth Mentoring
Mike Schoenike -City Pool
Kelly Heaton -Nonprofit Leadership
Sue Logan -A Place for Our Arts
Brad Hauge -Business Grant Making
Myrna Rue -Workforce Housing
John Fitzgerald -Solutions for Old Roosevelt
Amy Hyfield -Early Childhood Education
Cheri Mondragon & Diane Dimich -Navigators
Tiffany Poore & Fran Graham -Youth Volunteers

OUR BOARD, STAFF, AND AMAZING VOLUNTEERS WANT TO SAY

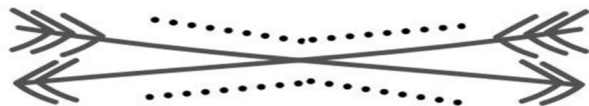
THANK YOU!



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IT'S YOUR SUPPORT -TIME, TREASURE, & TALENTS- THAT MAKE OUR COMMUNITY STRONGER. EACH PAGE OF THIS REPORT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU.

JOIN THE AWESOMENESS



BE A MEMBER

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| ☺ Student \$10 | ☺ Supporter \$250-499 |
| ☺ Individual \$25 | ☺ Advocate \$500-999 |
| ☺ Household \$50 | ☺ Sustainer \$1,000-2499 |
| ☺ Nonprofit \$50 | ☺ Champion \$2,500-4,999 |
| ☺ Business \$100 | ☺ Futurist \$5,000-9,999 |
| ☺ Emerging \$150-249 | ☺ Visionary \$10,000 + |

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Why Foundation Directors are Members!

Makes your **Dreams** of community come true.

Enhances the Quality of **Life**.

Pro-actively meets community **Needs**

Supports the **Work** of the Foundation.

One way to be a **Donor**.

Effective allocation of **Resources**.

Provides infrastructure to **Grass Roots** groups.

Excellence as an **Incubator**.

To have a **Say**.

Unifies the **Voice** of community initiatives.

Supports the shared services **Center**.

Holds hope for **Ideas**.

