

2016
ANNUAL
REPORT

NO GOAL TOO BIG
NO IMPACT TOO SMALL



**A MESSAGE
FROM THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

You know what really helps to make community strong and resilient? Each and every person who is actively living, working or playing here. The 2016 annual report reflects a wide variety of people's interests, methods and impacts: now reflected in our community.

With over 200 volunteers, the Foundation never works alone. Funding grew by 23%, we have more multi-year grants, and we received less than .03% in public funding. I am very thankful that our community supports our community, a truest form of resilience! Over half of the donations we received were re-granted to community projects, with the remaining funds supporting our active volunteer committees and their engagement of the larger community.

AmeriCorps VISTA presented us with an impressive number of assessments, facts and figures which our committees utilized to move forward to address root barriers and insights to build the right assets. Thank you for believing in community and making it important by taking the actions you do, every day.

In celebration of Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tracy Simmons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tracy" and last name "Simmons" clearly distinguishable.

WHAT DOES THE FOUNDATION DO?

CONNECTING PEOPLE AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

BY CATALYZING CHANGE AND SHARING RESOURCES TO BUILD A STRONG,
VIBRANT, RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY.

DONOR SERVICES:

**CONNECT DONOR'S PASSIONS
TO OPPORTUNITIES TO
SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY IN
MEANINGFUL WAYS.**

Leaving personal legacy's through
Donor Advised Funds.

Pooling assets to leverage impact
through Field of Interest Funds.

Accepting gifts of stock, IRA
rollovers, bequests, real estate,
livestock, in-kind, and cash.

LEADERSHIP:

**ADVOCATE FOR, LEARN
FROM, LISTEN TO, AND
COLLABORATE WITH OUR
DIVERSE COMMUNITY.**

New conversations like PEAK
(Providing Easily Accessible Care),
Age Friendly Community, Main
Street, Youth Internships.

5 Community assessments on
housing, health, school climate,
early childhood needs, and
Old Roosevelt.

10 Design focus groups for
community reuse of
Old Roosevelt.

GRANT MAKING:

**FUNDING PROJECTS AND
ORGANIZATIONS THAT
STRENGTHEN OUR
COMMUNITY.**

\$22,014 to support
Neighbors in Need.

\$8,640 through Community
Grants to Nonprofits.

\$11,663 granted through
Donor Advised Funds.

\$228,257 distributed through the
Fun Run.

\$90,146 Affiliated Grants.

\$4,794 granted to the community
Fiscal Sponsors.

WHAT WE FOCUS ON?



THRIVING NONPROFITS

Supporting organizations to achieve their missions –providing funding, hosting trainings, connecting volunteers to their causes, starting conversations, or creating spaces to meet.



RESILIENT COMMUNITY

Connecting people to resources, facilitating new opportunities, creating new assets, and serving those in need to strengthen the community.



ROBUST ARTS, CULTURE, & ENVIRONMENT

Catalyzing the community to fully develop and embrace its sense of place with regards to art, culture, economic opportunities, and the natural environment.



CONNECTED YOUTH

Connecting youth to the community through volunteerism, financial assistance for activities, leadership development, supporting a healthy school climate, and nurturing young families and their development.



\$25,000

**RAISED TO ESTABLISH
THE FIRST CITY POOL
ENDOWMENT**



10,046

**VISTA HOURS
DEDICATED TO THE
COMMUNITY TO
ELIMINATE POVERTY**



95

**GRANTS PROVIDED TO
NEIGHBORS IN NEED
IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**TOTAL MONEY RAISED
AS OF FUN RUN 13**



**OVER
\$2**

MILLION

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2016



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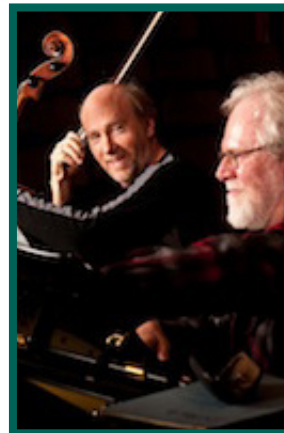
PROGRAMS

REVITALIZE OLD ROOSEVELT

TRANSFORMING THE OLD ROOSEVELT SCHOOL TO A COMMUNITY SPACE FOR CLASSES, CONFERENCES, STUDIOS, RECEPTIONS, AND PERFORMANCES TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

MUSIC FROM THE BEARTOOTH

PROVIDING DIVERSE, HIGH QUALITY MUSIC PERFORMANCES RANGING FROM FOLK TO CLASSICAL, ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY.



FUNDS

PRO CUT GREEN FUND

SUPPORTS ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS SEEKING TO CREATE GREEN SPACES AND IMPROVE OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WITH GRANTS AND IN-KIND SERVICES.

EDUCATING EMERGING ARTISTS

EMPOWERING ARTISTS TO PURSUE THEIR DREAMS AND DEVELOP THEIR CRAFTS BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SUPPLIES, CLASSES, AND OTHER ARTISTIC OPPORTUNITIES.

WHAT'S COMING!

PRO CUT GREEN FUND IS PARTNERING WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL GREEN TEAM TO SUPPORT MORE PROJECTS AND DEVELOP YOUTH AS GRANTMAKERS.

ALMOST ½ WAY TO OUR GOAL OF \$400,000 TO BEGIN REVITALIZING OLD ROOSEVELT SCHOOL!

FUNDING NEEDED:

\$200,000 BUILDING PURCHASE

\$100,000 STAFFING

\$100,000 CONTINGENCY FUND

IMPACTS

5 CONCERTS BROUGHT TO THE COMMUNITY BY MUSIC FROM THE BEARTOOTH.

CREATION OF THE ALPHABET GARDEN AT THE CHILDREN'S CENTER AND THE EDUCATION PAVILION AT THE YELLOWSTONE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY FUNDED BY PRO CUT.

\$1,903 GRANTED TO 8 ARTISTS.



CONNECTED YOUTH

Connecting youth to the community through volunteerism, financial assistance for activities, leadership development, supporting a healthy school climate, and nurturing young families and their development.

PROGRAMS

FUTURE OF MONTANA: VOLUNTEER CORPS

ENGAGING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM AND RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

LUNCH IN THE SUN

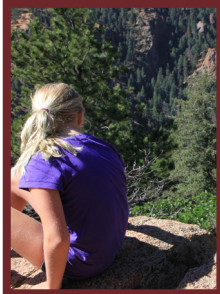
A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY EFFORT TO PROVIDE FREE AND NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO KIDS DURING THE SUMMER IN OUR PARKS.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

EMPHASIZING AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS, FROM PRENATAL TO 8 YEARS OLD.

SCHOOL CLIMATE

SUPPORTING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S CLIMATE TO ENHANCE THE EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT OF STUDENTS AND CONNECT THEM TO THEIR COMMUNITY.



WHAT'S COMING!

DEVELOPMENT OF PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO EXPLORE CAREERS.

CREATION OF 'SPACES TO LEARN' RADIO LAB AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MONTHLY 'PARENTING WITH CONFIDENCE' INFORMATIVE GATHERINGS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0-8.

FUNDS

YOUTH ENRICHMENT FUND:

FOR YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CLASSES, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, OR OTHER SERVICES THAT SUPPORT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND:

FOR EDUCATIONAL, DEVELOPMENTAL, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-8.

GIRLS IN MOTION FUND:

TO SUPPORT GIRLS IN THEIR ATHLETIC PASSION, REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL BACKGROUND OR ABILITY LEVEL.

IMPACTS

**2,475 HOURS
VOLUNTEERED
IN 2016 BY HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD
FUND GRANTED
\$1,043 FOR
CHILDCARE.**

**\$7,052 TO
SUPPORT 46 KIDS
THROUGH THE
YOUTH
ENRICHMENT FUND.**

**OVER 800 FREE
MEALS SERVED TO
HUNGRY KIDS IN
THE SUMMER.**

**\$901 DISTRIBUTED
THROUGH GIRLS IN
MOTION FUND.**



RESILIENT COMMUNITY

Building strong connections that support the community to identify opportunities and develop them into assets by working together.

PROGRAMS

HEALTHY COMMUNITY:

PROVIDING RESOURCES TO CONNECT COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO HEALTH-RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS THROUGH PROGRAMS LIKE PEAK (PROVIDING EASILY ACCESSIBLE CARE).

ELIMINATING POVERTY:

CONNECTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO MEET BASIC NEEDS WITH RESOURCES LIKE THE CARBON COUNTY RESOURCE DIRECTORY, THE SUPPORT NAVIGATORS, THE CARBON COUNTY JOB BOARD, AND THE FREE FIREWOOD PROGRAM.

WORKFORCE HOUSING:

CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH HOME BUILDS, SERVICES, PROGRAMS, TRAINING, AND EDUCATION.

COMMUNITY CONVENING AND LEADERSHIP:

FACILITATING A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY AND TURNING THE IDEAS INTO ACTION AND ASSETS.

FUNDS

SENIOR ARK FUND:

**SUPPORTING SENIORS AND
DISABLED COMMUNITY
MEMBERS WITH EPISODIC
FINANCIAL NEEDS.**

FIREWOOD:

**PROVIDING FREE
FIREWOOD TO FAMILIES
IN NEED, TO HEAT HOMES
THROUGH THE WINTER.**

CITY POOL ENDOWMENT:

**FUNDING TO COVER
OPERATING COSTS OF THE RED
LODGE CITY POOL.**



WHAT'S COMING!

**FIRST BUILD FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING IN EARLY SUMMER
2017, PROVIDING PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOMES TO
LOCAL HOUSEHOLDS.**

**THE NEW AND IMPROVED HEALTHY COMMUNITY SERVICES
WEBSITE FOR AREA HEALTH PROVIDERS AND
CITIZENS.**

**BASED ON THE AGE FRIENDLY PANEL DISCUSSION, A STEERING
COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED TO GAIN DESIGNATION AS AN
AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.**

IMPACTS

**20 HOUSEHOLDS HEATED THEIR HOMES THROUGH THE
FIREWOOD PROGRAM.**

**\$11,020 DISTRIBUTED TO SUPPORT 13 SITUATIONAL
EMERGENCIES FOR SENIORS.**

**5 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS TO IDENTIFY HOUSING,
HEALTH, SCHOOL CLIMATE, EARLY CHILDHOOD, AND SENIOR
NEEDS THROUGH 10,046 AMERICORPS VISTA VOLUNTEER HOURS.**



THRIVING NONPROFITS

Helping organizations achieve their missions –providing funding, hosting trainings, connecting volunteers to their causes, starting conversations, or creating the spaces for them to meet.

PROGRAMS

THE FUN RUN FOR CHARITIES:

AN ANNUAL EVENT WHERE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATE TO FUNDRAISE AND RAISE AWARENESS TO THEIR MISSIONS AND IMPACTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

NONPROFIT CAFE:

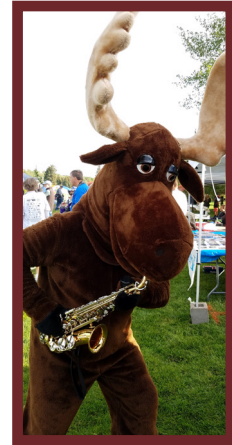
NETWORKING AND RELEVANT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS, BOARDS, AND STAFF OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO STRENGTHEN DIVERSE AREAS OF THEIR PROGRAMMING.

SHARED SERVICE CENTER:

PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS INCLUDING SHARED ASSETS, MEETING SPACES, WORK SPACES, AND ESSENTIALS TO ACHIEVE THEIR MISSION.

BACK OFFICE SERVICES

A WIDE VARIETY OF TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL DESIGN ASSISTANCE FOR SHARED SERVICES CENTER MEMBERS.



IMPACTS

**AWARDED \$8,640 TO 14 LOCAL CHARITIES
IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES,
SHAPING OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS, AND
ELIMINATING POVERTY.**

**HOSTED 4 FREE TRAINING AND NETWORKING
EVENTS FOR CHARITIES.**

**PROVIDED SPACE FOR 445 MEETINGS FOR
COMMUNITY GROUPS.**

**SHARED EQUIPMENT 19 TIMES AND THE NONPROFIT
BULK MAIL PERMIT 12 TIMES.**

**\$228,257 AWARDED TO 58 LOCAL CHARITIES
TOTALING OVER \$2 MILLION IN 13 YEARS!**

FUNDS

COMMUNITY GRANTMAKING:

**ANNUAL FUNDING THAT SUPPORTS A
DIVERSE ARRAY OF PROJECTS AND
PROGRAMS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF
DEVELOPMENT. A SPECIAL EMPHASIS IS
ON EFFORTS THAT ARE COLLABORATIVE,
ENGAGE VOLUNTEERS, AND HAVE A
VISION FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY.**

FUN RUN FOR CHARITIES:

**PROVIDES ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR
NONPROFITS AND GRASS ROOTS
EFFORTS WHERE THE DONATIONS ARE
MULTIPLIED BY THE MATCH FUND.
CHARITIES FUNDRAISE TOGETHER, WORK
TOGETHER, AND STRENGTHEN
PARTNERSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

WHAT'S COMING!

**WEBINARS THROUGH THE NONPROFIT CAFE INCLUDING "SELLING SPONSORSHIPS" ON APRIL 12TH.
FUN RUN 14 IS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND.
COMMUNITY GRANTS OPEN IN APRIL 2017.**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE
THE FOUNDATION
OF THE
FOUNDATION!**

**THANKS TO ALL THE
VOLUNTEERS THAT**

**WORKED 3,379 HOURS
TIRELESSLY SUPPORTING**

**FOUNDATION AND
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**



**WE ALL KNOW THE TERM
“CHAMPION” MEANS WINNER.
AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE WE
ARE HONORING ARE
WINNERS IN OUR EYES. THERE
IS A SECOND DEFINITION OF
CHAMPION RELEVANT TO US
TODAY:**

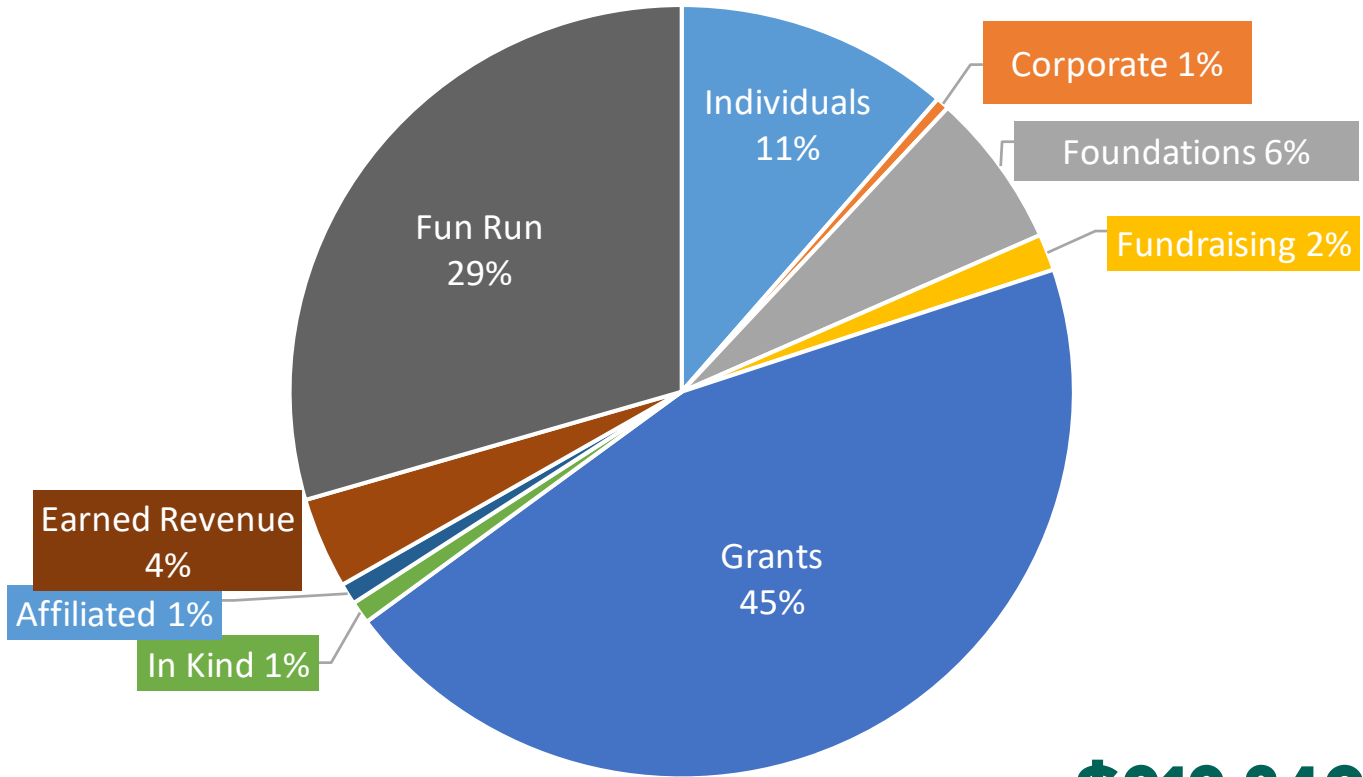
**“SOMEONE WHO WORKS
HARD FOR A CAUSE IN THE
BEST INTERESTS OF
OTHERS.”**

SPECIAL CHAMPION
DR. ESTELLE TAFOYA
**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT!**

VOLUNTEER CHAMPIONS!

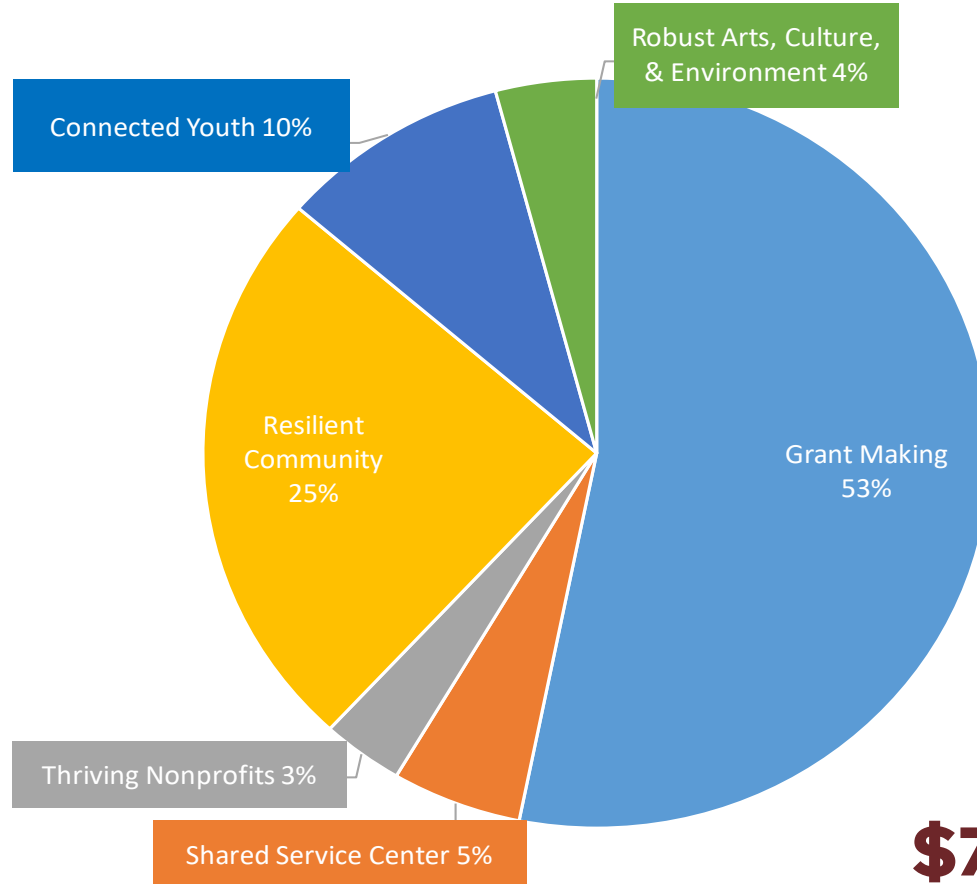
PETER ITALIANO-
RESILIENT COMMUNITY-WORKFORCE HOUSING
RAND HERZBERG-
THRIVING NONPROFITS-NONPROFIT SHARED
SERVICES CENTER
GERALD DAVIDSON-
ROBUST ARTS & CULTURE-MUSIC FROM THE
BEARTOOTH
KATHY SOMMERFELD-
CONNECTED YOUTH-LUNCH IN THE SUN
RUTH BILYEU AND SARAH EWALD-
RESILIENT COMMUNITY-SENIOR ARK
DON REDFOOT AND KATHY KENYON-
RESILIENT COMMUNITY-AGE FRIENDLY
COMMUNITY
BRIAN LANGLIERS-
ROBUST ARTS & CULTURE-OLD ROOSEVELT
SCHOOL

INCOME



\$919,342

EXPENSES



\$738,702

OUR
BOARD MEMBERS,
STAFF, AND
AMAZING
VOLUNTEERS WANT
TO SAY

THANK
YOU!

WITH A SPECIAL THANK
YOU TO OUR SPONSOR



MAKE YOUR IMPACT TODAY

BECOME A MEMBER!

<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Business \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer \$1,000-\$2,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Emerging \$150-\$249	<input type="checkbox"/> Champion \$5,000-9,999
<input type="checkbox"/> Household \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporter \$250-\$499	<input type="checkbox"/> Visionary \$10,000+
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocate \$500-\$999	

MAKE AN ADDITIONAL GIFT

PICK A PROGRAM AREA

Robust Arts, Culture, and Environment	\$ _____
Resilient Community	\$ _____
Thriving Nonprofits	\$ _____
Connected Youth	\$ _____
Unrestricted	\$ _____

DESIGNATE A SPECIFIC PROGRAM

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Amount Total (Membership and Gift):	Name: _____	Phone: _____
	Address: _____	
	Email: _____	
	Credit Card #: _____	Exp: _____ CVS: _____
	Signature: _____	

Checks can be made payable to RLACF