

BLACK HILLS

AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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2021 ANNUAL REPORT

WHAT IS A **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?**

The common mission of every community foundation is to enhance the quality of life in the local area. Community foundations carry out this very broad mission by building permanent endowment funds and by supporting a variety of local nonprofit organizations through grants and special projects.

The purpose of a community foundation is:

- To grow an endowment that will continually benefit its defined area through grant-making and other charitable activities
- To serve those who donate to the endowment by helping them to accomplish their charitable goals
- Convene and collaborate to address community issues and maximize impacts

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS HAVE 3 SPECIAL FEATURES:

PERSONALIZED SERVICE



- Customize giving approaches to match personal interests and tax planning needs
- Facilitate complex forms of giving
- Provide grant-making expertise and administrative services
- Create personal legacies through named funds
- Option to give anonymously

LOCAL EXPERTISE



- Local organization with local staff and board members
- Keen knowledge of the issues surrounding our local communities as well as the opportunities
- Gather information and track local agencies and programs
- Direct grants and resources to appropriate areas

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



- Build endowments to ensure grants are always available to support the community
- Support high impact opportunities
- Govern through leaders with strong ties to our community
- Foster development of new collaborations and programs
- Re-direct funds as community needs change
- Act as a community catalyst

Community foundations are uniquely positioned within their local communities to address immediate needs and realize their communities' strengths, resources, and challenges, affording them opportunities to be highly effective in responding to crises. Many community foundations act not only as grantmakers and social investors, but also as community mobilizers, who work on identifying areas of greatest need to catalyze meaningful social change.



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\$2.6M
IN GRANTS
TO NONPROFITS

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

There was plenty of uncertainty at the beginning of 2021. The world was beginning to emerge from a global pandemic and the first vaccines were rolling out to the public. Early in the year, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation continued COVID-19 relief efforts through grants to nonprofits and through local vaccine incentive events funded by generous donors.

The Black Hills region has once again been discovered and we have experienced significant growth during the year with an influx of new residents to our area, new businesses and remote workers. Growth brings new challenges, increasing the needs in our already stressed housing market. Throughout the year, we continued leading conversations and developing new tools to address our region's housing and charitable food needs which were amplified by the pandemic.

As the year progressed, our locally focused foundation was agile. We added new staff and transitioned from disaster relief to focus on long-term charitable asset building through donor advised funds and estate gift planning as well as increasing endowment funds for nonprofit organizations. We returned to local grantmaking and learning events to build nonprofit organizational capacity. In June, we hosted our first in-person gathering in more than a year, bringing our Board and our giving circle donors together again at The Barn in Spearfish. It was a wonderful event and everyone who attended was thrilled to connect in person again.

Impact is often defined as the power to bring about a result in another. Our community foundation works to build long-term charitable assets to serve our region as well as engaging and leading conversations to address the needs of our area. The Black Hills Area Community Foundation continues to impact our region today and we are positioned to expand our presence and our impact for generations to come.

- Liz Hamburg
CEO, Black Hills Area Community Foundation

- Margaret Prah
2021 Board Chair, Black Hills Area Community Foundation



STORYBOOK ISLAND NAMED THE 2021 BHACF COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT RECIPIENT

AWARDED \$50,000 TO BUILD ALL-ABILITY PLAYGROUND

Children of all abilities will have a new playground to explore next summer at Storybook Island. The children's theme park received a \$50,000 grant to purchase its first all-abilities playground equipment. Storybook Island received the Black Hills Area Community Foundation's community action grant, which is presented annually.

Six pieces of playground equipment will be installed by the time Storybook Island opens for its summer 2022 season. The equipment will be wheelchair accessible and include sensory panels for children with autism and braille panels for children with vision impairments, according to Jackie Laws, Storybook Island Executive Director.

Laws said to her knowledge this will be the first entire all-abilities playground in Rapid City. The equipment is produced by Miracle, a company that specializes in manufacturing all-abilities playground pieces.

Black Hills Area Community Foundation presented the \$50,000 grant funds to Storybook Island in conjunction with the park's Adult Fun Night fundraiser.

"We're helping the capacity of Storybook Island to reach more children who can participate in their play area," Liz Hamburg, CEO of Black Hills Area Community Foundation. "It's something new for Storybook Island, which is a Black Hills icon. We are very Black Hills focused, so when we can work with an organization that makes us unique, it's always a plus," Hamburg said. "Every year, we're very proud to be able to have this kind of impact on local nonprofits. A lot of good work happens in the Black Hills."



THE 2021 BHACF CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT RECIPIENTS

INVESTING IN A CONNECTED, SUSTAINABLE AND EFFICIENT COMMUNITY!

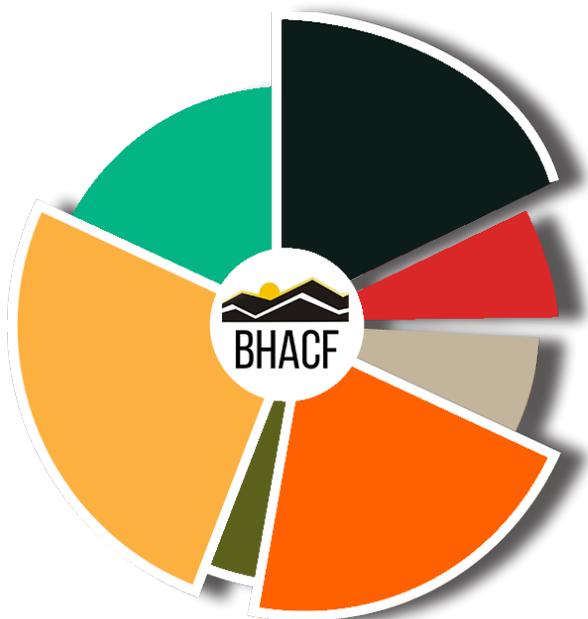
SPRING RECIPIENTS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Black Hills
Chamber Music Festival of the Black Hills
Crazy Horse Memorial
Ecotone Foundation/Black Hills Farmers Market
Girl Scouts-Dakota Horizons
Humane Society of the Black Hills
Passages, Women's Transitional Living Inc.
Sacred Purposes Inc-I.Am.Legacy
South Dakota Project Learning Tree
Sturgis Area Arts Council

FALL RECIPIENTS

The Cave Collective
Belle Fourche Senior Citizen Center
Black Hills Works
Fork Real Community Café
Journey On!
Lost&Found
Main Street Square Inc.
Northern Hills Area CASA Program
One Rapid City
One Spirit
The Charm Farm

CAPACITY BUILDING IS A MULTIFACETED INVESTMENT



- Technology Needs / Assistance
- Staff Development / Retention
- Program Support
- Marketing and Donor Engagement
- Measurement and Evaluation
- Board Engagement and Development
- Partnership Development

BHACF CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

PASSAGES, WOMEN'S TRANSITIONAL LIVING

AWARDED \$5,000 TO SUPPORT PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT

Passages serves women over the age of eighteen that are coming from incarceration or homelessness due to drug and alcohol problems and/or a history of abuse. The women served come from the South Dakota State Prison, Pennington County Jail, ICIP program through Lutheran Social Services, Drug Court, Corner Stone Mission, WAVI and regional treatment centers. Most of the women coming through the doors have nothing and rely on charitable resources to obtain food, clothing and basic needs. The main objective for Passages and its stakeholders is to lower recidivism and help with relapse prevention.

In 2021 Passages applied for and was awarded a \$5,000 Capacity Building Grant. Their immediate goals were to retain volunteers, find new ways to keep these volunteers engaged, maximizing their volunteer involvement thoughtfully and deliberately with program activities and to continue a data-driven system for continuous improvement of this important component.

The Capacity Building Grant helped Passages to measure the impact of volunteers. The progress, retention and success of the women who go through the doors at Passages have a correlation with the quality of time they spend with mentors, teachers, and coaches, etc. Volunteer efforts also allow more time for the director to work on other case management and program projects.



BLACK HILLS TRAILS

AWARDED \$4,300 FOR TRAIL MAPPING

Black Hills Trails works to connect communities. They do this by building trails between communities but also by bringing communities together around trail planning and construction. Both the process and the end result directly influence the quality of life for volunteers, residents, and visitors.

Black Hills Trails has been working toward the completion of the Sturgis Trail System for more than seven years. Partnerships and funding have been established to mark the trail system on site and market the trail system in the community and on the internet. Black Hills Trails contracted the design of a map that can fill a large number of roles. The map needed to be large and extremely high-resolution so that it could be printed large and placed on trailhead kiosks.

Black Hills Trails applied for the Capacity Building Grant to help complete the map and the online systems necessary to share it.





I.AM.LEGACY

AWARDED \$5,000 TO RAISE AWARENESS

“Recovering Your Sacredness” is a key phrase used at I.Am. Legacy (abbreviation for “Indigenous American Legacy”). The importance of that phrase is grounded in the fact that their mission is to help criminal justice system-impacted Native American community members and their families recover their sacredness through the healing power of the Lakota culture.

I.Am.Legacy has been relying on their founders since their inception in 2019, to run the organization, seek donations and deliver their services. This was limiting their ability to grow. They needed to expand their marketing efforts to raise awareness of their organization, to seek collaborative opportunities to support delivery of their services and to increase fundraising capability - I.Am. Legacy applied for a Capacity Building Grant to assist them in hiring Innovative Nonprofit’s services, which will help them to address their current challenges and ensure they are moving forward with a sustainable plan to deliver their mission in the long term.

Black Hills Area Community Foundation has partnered with Innovative Nonprofit to provide our local nonprofits with numerous free resources and workshops.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

AWARDED \$4,000 TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF SERVICES

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills (BBBSBH) creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Like all nonprofits and businesses throughout our community, COVID-19 has turned their world upside-down. Now the organization is made up of 85% new program staff, and they want to use this staff-transition as an opportunity to grow. As a leader in the nonprofit community, Nicole Burdick, CEO of BBBSBH said she is constantly asking herself, “What don’t I know or have the capacity to accomplish on my own - that if I did - would improve the quality of services we provide to children, families, and volunteers?” This is why BBBSBH hired CM Consulting Group. CM Consulting Group has helped to provide program support services that will equip BBBSBH’s new staff with essential program best practices that they can utilize to move the agency forward.

The heart of the BBBSBH agency is their program staff and the passion they have for their mission. Investing in their training and education arms them with the necessary tools and confidence they need to better advocate for the children they serve, which results in strengthened programs for our community.

With the Capacity Building Grant from BHACF, they have been able to provide their organization with expert training, program evaluation, and education in three-areas: program reviews, quality assurance and program team training.



FOOD SECURITY 2021 INITIATIVE RECAP

Agencies that contribute to the Collective Impact Food Security Initiative in the Rapid City area came together for the 2021 Friends of Food Security Annual Meeting at Western Dakota Tech on Oct. 5.

Julie Oberlander, communications director for Collective Impact initiatives at BHACF, said participants in the Food Security Oversight Committee (FSOC) began meeting monthly starting in January 2017; the following March, Mary Corbine was tapped to be the initiative's first food security coordinator, a position housed at Feeding South Dakota.

That summer, the FSOC agreed to try a "shared" marketing strategy to promote the organizations that serve free summer meals to kids – a strategy they continue to use each year – and Corbine took on the data collection and mapping efforts that led to the FSOC naming 13 neighborhoods "priority areas" in need of increased access to nutritious food options.

Oberlander also noted the many grant projects funded by BHACF in the past five years, including start-up food pantries specifically serving low-income apartment complexes, meals for adults who accompany children to summer food sites, and cooking classes for families who rely on charitable food boxes for their meals. These projects encourage collaboration and innovation in addressing food security issues.

"I really don't know what we would do without philanthropy and a backbone organization to support these projects," Oberlander said. "The agencies are tasked with doing the work every day with limited funds. To try something new or different often takes money that isn't necessarily in the budget."

The bulk of that financial support came in 2020, when BHACF doled out more than \$200,000 in grant funds to support the agencies on the front lines of food security efforts during the first several months of the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 80 percent of the organizations in the Black Hills that were addressing food needs during the pandemic received at least one grant from BHACF that year.

Mary Corbine and Kip Harrington from the City of Rapid City's Long-Range Planning Department shared maps about the rates of poverty in Rapid City neighborhoods and distances to the nearest retail and charitable food sources. Corbine said all this information ultimately led to improved access and better food choices. "I'm proud of this group for looking outside the box and outside the norm," Corbine said, adding praise for participants who faced new challenges during the pandemic.



The annual meeting wrapped up with a tour of Western Dakota Tech's aquaponics and hydroponics labs, led by Kelsey Murray, Ph.D., and Bryan Mitchell, co-directors of WDT's Controlled Environment Agriculture program. The hydroponics/aquaponics program is a teaching tool, but also a way to provide food. "There is a stigma around food insecurity, but it helps if they're producing their own food," Mitchell said. "It also keeps nutritious food more closely available."

STRATEGIC HOUSING

2021 INITIATIVE RECAP

Liz Hamburg, CEO of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation, welcomed approximately 125 people to the 2021 Building a Better Rapid City Housing Summit at the Hilton Garden Inn on Oct. 20.

The BHACF is the backbone organization for the Collective Impact Strategic Housing Initiative and home to the Rapid City Strategic Housing Trust Fund.

Tom Johnson, President and CEO of Elevate Rapid City, said Elevate hears from employers consistently who struggle to get or keep employees because of the housing shortage. "Somebody takes a job, they get here, and they can't find a house," he said. Johnson served as moderator for panel discussions throughout the summit, the first of which focused on policy and development.

At the city level, Rapid City long-range planner Sarah Hanzel discussed the challenges of limited resources – pointing out that Rapid City's building permit fees have not increased since the early 1990s – and the need to make "more efficient use" of existing and new neighborhoods. "If you're going to dig things up and put a pipe in, we need to get as many housing units there as possible," she said.

After conducting a feasibility study, CommonBond Communities decided the nonprofit could fill a gap in housing in Rapid City. CommonBond's first property of 42 units is slated for a neighborhood near the intersection of N. LaCrosse and E. Omaha streets, with 30 income indexed units with below market rents.

While talk of labor shortages and infrastructure challenges dominated much of the conversation, architect Patri Acevedo reminded the audience that efforts to work together have not been in vain.

"To say nothing great has happened is really unfair to our community," Acevedo said, citing productive conversations between city officials, developers, and other stakeholders, as well as changes to zoning laws as evidence of progress. "It takes a collective approach," she said.

The summit concluded with the announcement that the John T. Vucurevich Foundation has committed up to \$5 million in matching dollars for all public and private contributions to the Rapid City Strategic Housing Trust Fund. The commitment has the potential to make a \$10 million dollar impact on the trust fund and will help to kickstart projects to improve the local housing landscape.

JTVF's President and CEO, Alan Solano, included a call to action in his closing remarks, encouraging attendees to continue to engage in the work. "We need to be part of this solution together," he said. "We need to position ourselves to be a thriving community."

The Black Hills Area Community Foundation is raising millions to provide low-interest loans for developers to build affordable housing.

To donate to the Strategic Housing Fund:
<https://bit.ly/RChousingtrustfund>



2021 Scholarship Recipients



Isabella Cannon
Amanda Hoffmann
Smith Memorial
Scholarship



Jenna Jacobson
Arete Morsching
Scholarship in
Memory of Kevin J.
Morsching



Jenna Bohnenkamp
Arete Morsching
Scholarship in
Memory of Kevin J.
Morsching



Hunter Tillery
Arete Morsching Post
22 Scholarship in
Memory of Kevin J.
Morsching



Jada Bell
Deerfield Store
Scholarship
& Patterson
Scholarship



Dexter Carman
Elevate Rapid
City Workforce
Development
Scholarship



Tyler Kleinsasser
Elevate Rapid
City Workforce
Development
Scholarship



Cade Jacobson
Elevate Rapid
City Workforce
Development
Scholarship



Jacob West
Elevate Rapid
City Workforce
Development
Scholarship



Elizabeth Gray
Harold & George
"Elbert" Newton
Memorial Scholarship



Jocelyn Konechne
Hosie Main Memorial
Scholarship



Cole Sorenson
Hunter J. Lewis
Memorial
Scholarship



Lana Nielsen
Joyce Bedingfield
Memorial Nursing
Scholarship



Rachel Woods
Julia Beth Jacobson
Memorial Scholarship



Samuel Furse
Lloyd Aman Workforce
Development
Scholarship



Elly Storm
Sarah Stevens
Memorial Scholarship



Elise Flachs
South Dakota
Engineering Society
Scholarship



Kassidy Kitzmiller
South Dakota
Engineering Society
Scholarship



Vivian Valadares
The Walt Award
Scholarship

The Black Hills Area Community Foundation partners with families and businesses to provide support to students looking to attain a higher degree of education. We are incredibly proud of our youth and all that they have done, and will do, to honor those whose legacies that created these opportunities.

Amanda Hoffmann-Smith Memorial Scholarship Award: \$5,000
Isabella Cannon

Hunter J. Lewis Memorial Scholarship Award: \$1,000
Cole Sorenson

Arete Morsching Scholarship in Memory of Kevin J. Morsching - St. Thomas More Awards: \$1,500 each
Jenna Jacobson | Jenna Bohnenkamp

Joyce Bedingfield Memorial Nursing Scholarship Award: \$1,000
Lana Nielsen

Arete Morsching Scholarship in Memory of Kevin J. Morsching - Post 22 Award: \$1,000
Hunter Tillery

Julia Beth Jacobson Memorial Scholarship Award: \$1,000
Rachel Woods

Deerfield Store Memorial Scholarship Award: \$1,000 (per yr /4 yrs)
Jada Bell

Lloyd Aman Workforce Development Scholarship Award: \$1,000
Samuel Furse

Elevate Rapid City Chamber - Workforce Development Scholarship Awards: \$2,000 each
Dexter Carman | Tyler Kleinsasser | Cade Jacobson | Jacob West

Patterson Scholarship Award: \$2,500
Jada Bell

Sarah Stevens Scholarship Award: \$500
Elly Storm

Harold & George "Elbert" Newton Memorial Music Scholarship Award: \$2,500
Elizabeth Gray

South Dakota Engineering Society, Black Hills Chapter Scholarship Awards: one \$2,000 & one \$500
Elise Flachs \$2,000 | Kassidy Kitzmiller \$500

Hosie Main Memorial Music Scholarship Award: \$1,000 (per yr /4 yrs)
Jocelyn Konechne

The Walt Award: \$1,000 (per yr /4 yrs)
Vivian Valadares

DAVID LUST MEMORIAL FUND

After graduating from Dartmouth in 1990 with a B.A. in political science, David worked for an international consulting firm for three years, traveling throughout Europe and South America. He then earned his J.D. from the University of South Dakota in 1997, placing second in his class. Thrilled to be back in his home state, he moved with his wife Becky to Rapid City to clerk for Judge Richard Battey, thus beginning his residence in and love for the Black Hills.

While in Rapid City, David joined the Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson and Ashmore law firm, where he worked as a business attorney for over 22 years, earning countless awards and accolades. In 2006, he embarked on his political career with his election to the South Dakota State Legislature. David served 11 years, including two terms as majority leader.

Yet, David's greatest impact may have come through his volunteer work. He served on many boards, among them the Rapid City Economic Development Partnership, the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, and the Big Brother/Big Sister Foundation, as well as dedicated many hours to his church and the community. David was particularly committed to his work with Elevate Rapid City and its mission to promote economic development in Rapid City.

David led the BHACF Collective Impact Housing Initiative from 2018 - until his passing. Much of the foundation for the Strategic Housing Trust Fund was built by David. He is missed. His family established a memorial fund at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation to honor him.



JAMIE ZEPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jamie Zepp started his career with KOTA. After working in Iowa he returned to the Black Hills as the sports director of KEVN before stepping down in 2018. After that, Jamie took on the journey of a lifetime by hiking the Appalachian Trail.

Sadly Jamie died in March of 2020. After previously covering sports Hall of Famers, Jamie became one himself in 2021. But that isn't the only way his legacy will live on.

KOTA night anchor Alicia Garcia published *Modern Odyssey*, a book Jamie wrote about his adventure hiking the Appalachian Trail. She also set up a scholarship to continue the legacy Jamie brought to countless people.

"I think Jamie would appreciate the scholarship," added Garcia "I want to continue the good he was doing."

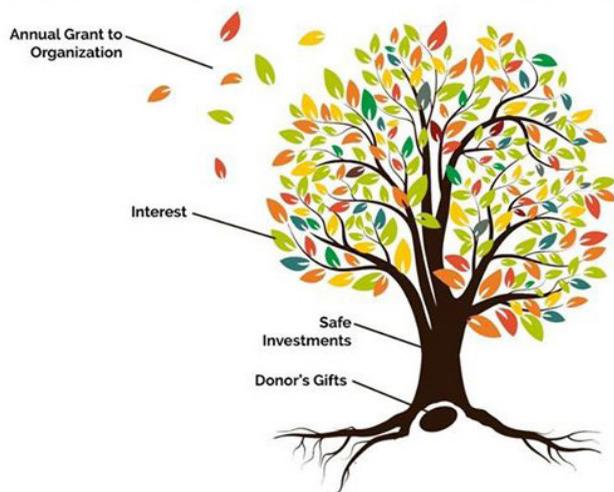
The Jamie Zepp Memorial Scholarship will help a Rapid City Central High School senior attend college. Jamie spent his life gathering knowledge and experiences and then eagerly shared the wisdom he gained with others. His positivity and 'up-for-anything' attitude was infectious and he brought out the best in those who were lucky enough to call him a friend.

All net proceeds from his book "*Modern Odyssey: My Appalachian Trail Experience*," as well as net proceeds from fundraisers, will go toward funding this scholarship. It will be a continuing effort to populate the leaders of the next generation with Jamie Zepp's view of life: that EVERY day is a chance to be a better person and to bring out the best in others.

THE POWER OF ENDOWMENT

“The greatest thing this generation can do is lay a few stepping stones for the next generation.”

~Charles F. Ketterling



Nonprofit organizations play an important role in maintaining the health and vibrancy of the Black Hills region. We believe in their work and we are committed to helping them be successful.

The Black Hills Area Community Foundation maintains a solid commitment to build a strong network of local nonprofits who help us to learn about community needs. We provide opportunities for funding, and also facilitate collaborations and connections that help nonprofits maximize their impacts and reach their goals.

When an agency fund is established with the Black Hills Area Community Foundation, an annual source of support is created for the organization. We manage many funds established to provide perpetual support for local nonprofits. Nonprofits place their endowment funds with community foundations for a variety of reasons, including investment expertise, efficiencies, and access to planned giving advice and services. All agency funds enjoy the benefits of our professional administration and investment oversight.

2021 ENDOWED ORGANIZATION FUNDS

Abbott House Foundation Fund (2019)
Big Brothers Big Sisters (2006)
Big Brothers Big Sisters Operations (2017)
Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity (2016)
Black Hills Christian Academy Fund (2021)
Black Hills Community Theatre (2017)
Black Hills Parks and Forests Fund (2021)
Black Hills Raptor Center (2016)
Black Hills Trails (2021)
Black Hills Works Foundation (2016)
Boy Scouts of America Black Hills Area Council (2018)
Canyon Lake Activities Center (2016)
Central States Fair Foundation (2016)
Chamber Music Festival (2011)
Chapel in the Hills (2009)
Children's Home Foundation (2007)
Children's Home Society Advocacy Center (2017)
Cold Springs Historical Society (2019)
Custer County Historical Society (2019)
Dakota Choral Union (2010)
Deadwood History Fund (2021)
Diabetes, Inc. (2010)
Fall River County Historical Society (2008)
Feeding South Dakota (2012)
Fork Real Community Café (2020)
Friends of the Rapid City Public Library (2018)
Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting (2007)

Front Porch Coalition (2011)
Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons (2010)
Helpline Center Inc. (2021)
Historic Homestake Opera House (2012)
HOPE Center (2015)
Humane Society of the Black Hills (2010)
Izaak Walton League, Rapid City Chapter (2017)
Landon Fund for Black Hills Playhouse (2016)
LifeScape for the Hills (2019)
Lifeways (2013)
Little White Church (2021)
Love INC. (2016)
Main Street Square (2021)
Make-A-Wish South Dakota (2016)
Mammoth Site of Hot Springs (2008)
Meals On Wheels Western South Dakota (2021)
National American University Foundation (2016)
Nemo Cemetery Association Fund (2019)
OneHeart Fund (2021)
Pennington County 4-H Leader's Association (2018)
Pennington County Search and Rescue Fund (2021)
Rapid City Arts Council (2009)
RCAC Advanced Art (2017)
RCAC Arts Acquisition (2017)
RCAC Arts Education (2017)
RCAC Ardath D Rypkema Memorial Fund (2017)
RCAC Performing Arts (2017)

RCAC Thurston Family (2017)
Rapid City Club for Boys Foundation Fund (2021)
Rapid City Library Foundation (2007)
Re-Member (2015)
Rural America Initiatives (2016)
Saab Heritage Museum USA-Sturgis (2020)
Sequel Fund (2021)
South Dakota Humanities Council (2016)
St. Francis Foundation (2012)
Storybook Island Inc (2019)
Sturgis Rally Agency Fund (2021)
Sturgis Area Arts Council (2019)
Sturgis Public Library (2019)
The Storehouse (2017)
Working Against Violence, Inc. (WAVI) (2007)
Western Dakota Tech - Contractors of SD Bldg. Scholarship (2017)
Western Dakota Tech Foundation (2007)
WDT - Gary Solaas Memorial Scholarship
WDT - Ryan McCandless Memorial Scholarship
WDT- Sigman Scholarship
WDT - William & Lois Pierce Scholarship
Wellspring, Inc. (Wellfully) (2008)
Western Resources for Independent Living (2008)
YMCA-Roger and Eileen Gallimore Agency Fund (2021)
Youth & Family Services (2006)

AN ENDOWMENT FUND THAT **WILL BENEFIT THE YMCA** **FOR YEARS TO COME!**

Roger Gallimore was with the YMCA for a very long time. But when asked about the changes Roger saw over the last half century he says the mission has remained the same.

Gallimore said "The similarities between the Y in 1976 and today include the mission, our focus on strengthening the community and the great staff, volunteers, members and donors. Otherwise, we went from a small association in a downtown single-level building to a downtown campus with branches in Custer and Edgemont, a 54-acre day camp site and programs held at 28 locations with about 300 staff and hundreds of volunteers, reaching about 25,000 different people each year."

Speaking about some accomplishments that stand out Gallimore said "Most all of my favorite memories are about people. I've had the rich privilege of working alongside the finest of board volunteers, amazing staff, such generous donors and community-minded partners. I really like how the Y has emerged to be a part of the very fabric of the community. And I'm most grateful for the myriad of lives changed for the better."

And when it comes to the future Gallimore said "I have no doubt that the Y will continue to be immersed in the community. In the short-term we are opening up childcare at OneHeart and are breaking ground with our friends at the Liberty Center facility that the Y will be operating."

To honor Roger and his wife Eileen, the YMCA created the Roger & Eileen Gallimore Endowment Fund at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation, to benefit the youth in Rapid City for years to come. You can help support the Roger & Eileen Gallimore Endowment Fund for the YMCA of Rapid City, and their goal to raise \$100,000.



To donate visit: <https://bit.ly/rcymca>

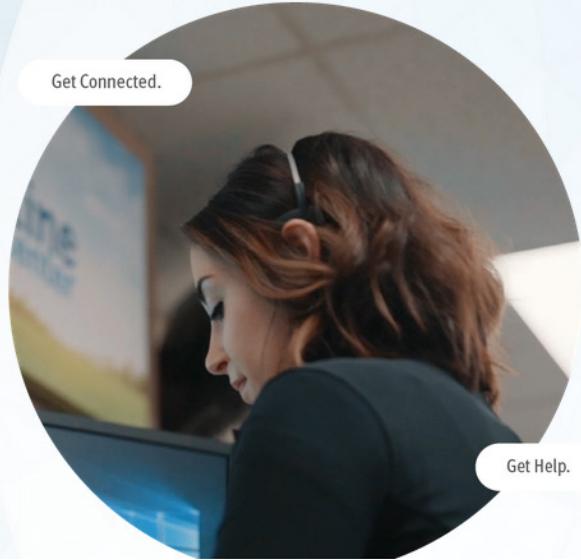




Get Connected. Get Help.

You are not alone. Every day people turn to 211 for information and support – whether financial, family, health, or disaster-related. The call or text is free and confidential.

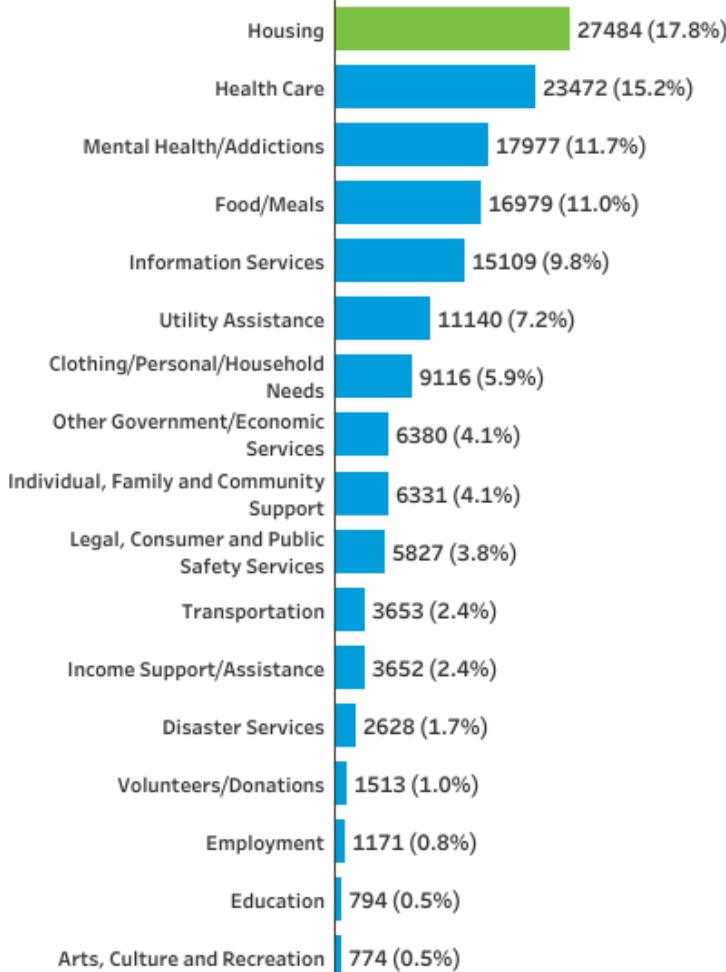
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AN ENDOWMENT FUND THAT **WILL BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA!**

211 callers identified **154,000** needs between 1/1/2021 and 12/31/2021. Some individuals may have expressed more than one need during a contact.



BHACF is thrilled to work with 211 Helpline as their philanthropic partner. See this data (and more) on their dashboard at helpline.org



January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Total Contacts: **88,191**

Total Calls: **86,367**

Total Emails: **544**

Total Texts: **1,280**

Housing

Summary of identified needs **

Rent Payment Assistance	17759 (64.30%)
Homeless Shelter	2520 (9.12%)
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	1181 (4.28%)
Housing Related Coordinated Entry	1057 (3.83%)
Housing Search and Information	1014 (3.67%)
Rental Deposit Assistance	986 (3.57%)
Tenant Rights Information/Counseling	563 (2.04%)
Mortgage Payment Assistance	477 (1.73%)
Emergency Related Eviction/Foreclosure	318 (1.15%)
Crisis Shelter	261 (0.95%)

** To preserve anonymity, any category with fewer than 5 responses is reported as ≤5.

DONORS STEP UP FOR VACCINE INCENTIVES

ONE-DAY CLINIC AND VAX TO THE MAX RESULT IN HUNDREDS OF BLACK HILLS COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

As COVID-19 continued to spread across the area, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation worked with local donors to set up multiple programs that would incentivize more Black Hills residents to get the vaccine.

On Aug. 19, 2021, Stanford Adelstein, former member of the South Dakota Senate, turned 90 years old. In celebration of his birthday, he sponsored \$100 gift cards for those getting their COVID-19 vaccine for the first time. BHACF partnered with Monument Health to set up a one-day vaccination clinic.

“My hope is that this vaccination clinic will save lives,” Adelstein said. Stan stated that he wanted to help incentivize people to get vaccinated after reading media reports about a study from the University of California Los Angeles that found 34% of vaccine hesitant people would be incentivized to get the shot for \$100.

After the success of the one-day vaccine clinic, Dr. Roger and Janice Knutsen donated more funds for an effort titled Vax to the Max. The Knutsens’ donation and additional donations from Stan Adelstein, Dave Davis and the American Family Insurance Dreams Foundation, allowed for more than \$20,000 in gift cards incentives. The Vax to the Max challenge urged residents to speak with their primary care physician about getting the vaccine and also featured several public service announcement videos from physicians across the Black Hills.



from physicians across the Black Hills.

“We’re very fortunate to live in a place with generous donors and to have health care providers that are willing to partner with us on these vital projects to help keep our community safe,” said Chris Huber, Donor Relations Manager at BHACF.

BY THE NUMBERS - 2021 FINANCIALS

BLACK HILLS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

\$15,473,321

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$3,857,393

TOTAL GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & PROGRAMS
FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT

\$46,704,087

TOTAL ASSETS

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED 2020 AND 2021

GRANTS & COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRIBUTIONS	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021
Grants to Other Organizations	2,510,813	2,578,534
Scholarships	31,500	58,160
Fiscal Sponsorship & Program Expenditures	1,898,419	1,113,089
Nonprofit Endowment Distributions	(474,152)	(399,089)
Operations for Community Benefit	442,605	506,699
TOTAL	4,409,185	3,857,393

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,548,852	4,493,323
Prepaid Expenses	3,865	1,369
Investments	28,597,010	41,299,467
Mortgage & Interest Receivable	280,315	264,325
Cash Value Life Insurance	82,682	94,347
Deposits	1,700	500
Loan Receivable	-	550,000
Property & Equipment, Net	3,827	756
TOTAL ASSETS	30,518,251	46,704,087

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2021
Accrued Expenses	9,448	20,229
Amounts Held for Others	8,614,527	13,290,567
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,623,995	13,310,795
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	21,066,510	32,727,084
With Donor Restrictions	827,746	666,207
TOTAL NET ASSETS	21,894,256	33,393,291
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	30,518,251	46,704,087

*Excludes operating lease \$15,059 in 2020; \$47,915 in 2021

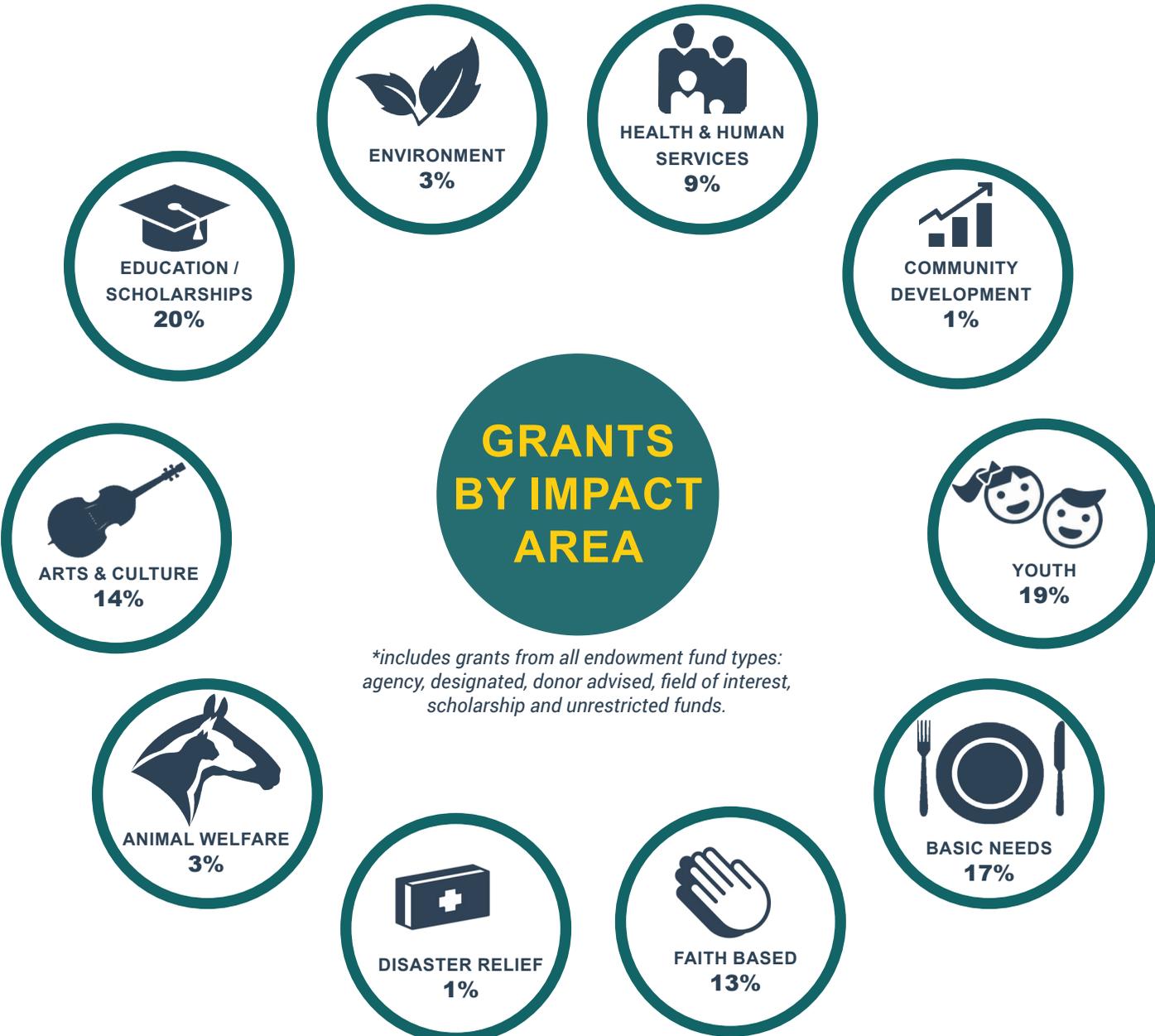
Audited financial report for 2021 will be available by request after July 31, 2022.

BHACF 2021 audit conducted by Ketel Thorstenson LLP.

Accounting services for BHACF are provided by Casey Peterson LTD.



Through our grant & scholarship processes we aspire to support opportunities for positive impact in the Black Hills - the place we call home.



GIVING CIRCLES | THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE PHILANTHROPY



In addition to hosting funds at Black Hills Area Community Foundation, another philanthropic instrument we offer is the giving circle. A giving circle is a form of giving through which groups collectively donate money to support organizations or projects of mutual interest. A critical aspect of their work is that together they research issues and potential grantees and reach a collective decision about where to direct their support.

On November 17, 2021, we gathered in the home of Dale Christensen and Mary Burns, having just enjoyed some delicious dinner and socializing - we were now ready to get down to the “business” of choosing our grants. And although it is fun business it can be hard work. Thankfully, due to the generosity of the members of the giving circle, we were able to award grants to 10 nonprofit organizations that night. After reviewing the process the group enjoyed voting and we gave a big “hooray” as we announced the \$37,000 in grants.

The Southern Hills by Choice giving circle is making an impact for local nonprofits and their communities. This giving circle started as a small group of individuals in 2019, and has quickly grown to 22 members and counting, giving out more than \$107,500 to date.

Our Black Hills by Choice giving circle formed in 2013, and has awarded \$239,979 to date to nonprofits throughout the Black Hills. And our newest giving circle (formed in early 2022) is Northern Hills by Choice with the focus of providing grants specifically in the Northern Hills.

The “giving circle” model is simple but powerful: groups ranging in size from fewer than 10 to more than 1,000, pool their charitable dollars to make grants to nonprofits together. The impact of the model is profound, both for the nonprofit organizations that receive increasingly scarce funding but also for the groups’ individual members.

Most importantly, giving circles build social capital in communities and create new leaders in philanthropy. And the Southern Hills by Choice giving circle is no exception! They really enjoy coming together annually to socialize and discuss their giving for the year. They are deeply invested in bettering their communities.

Members of the giving circle also participate in organizational visits to follow up on past grants, so they can see how the grant dollars are used and learn about ongoing needs. Doing this also helps to facilitate relationships



between the givers and the organizations. A member of SHBC, said “this giving circle set in the southern hills is an opportunity to combine our funds, knowledge and information about various local organizations and make a ‘BIG’ difference. Lots of fun as well.”

Giving circles offer a powerful catalyst for changing how we think about community engagement, who is a philanthropist, and what every member of a community brings to the table.

Mary Burns stated “I really enjoy these gatherings and feel that it is a tremendous opportunity to make a positive impact within our community. Gaining an understanding and appreciation of various local organizations, their mission, their challenges, their end game. Being a spoke in the wheel in moving forward to MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

All in all, giving circles represent a method for “everyday philanthropists,” to have a direct impact in our communities and give to causes close to our hearts. We do not have to wait for the large foundations or wealthy individuals to make the gift; we can come together and do it ourselves as a collective and have a good time doing it.

GENEROSITY, IMPACT, CONNECTION, AND FUN – A WINNING COMBINATION AND A WAY FORWARD FOR PHILANTHROPY.



THE GIVING CIRCLES OF BLACK HILLS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Socialize & learn with a community of givers!



Make grants together, that support the nonprofit organizations in our region.



Educate people about the philanthropic work of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation.

BLACK HILLS BY CHOICE



BHBC Giving Circle Members enjoying western themed event at the Stuck Barn.

68 MEMBERSHIPS

73 GRANTS

\$239,979 IN GRANTS AWARDED TO DATE

BHBC 2021: \$61,979 Grants Awarded to:

- Black Hills Playhouse
- SD Kids Belong
- Rapid City Club for Boys
- YMCA Partnership (WAVI)
- Black Hills Trails
- Black Hills Raptor Center
- Black Hills Works
- Chautauqua Craftsmen and Artisans
- Literacy Council of the Black Hills
- Bear Butte Creek Historical Preservation
- Passages Women's Transitional Living
- Artemis House
- Chamber Music Festival
- Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity
- Lifescape for the Hills

SOUTHERN HILLS BY CHOICE



SHBC Giving Circle Members gathered in the home of Dale Christensen & Mary Burns.

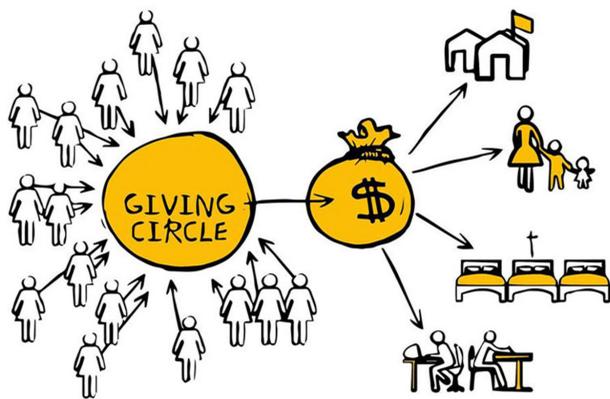
22 MEMBERSHIPS

46 GRANTS

\$107,500 IN GRANTS AWARDED TO DATE

SHBC 2021: \$37,000 Grants Awarded to:

- Western SD Senior Services / Meals on Wheels
- All Relations United
- Re-Member
- Casting Vets
- Battle Mountain Humane Society
- Red Cloud Indian School
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Black Hills
- Custer County Historical Society
- The Mammoth Site
- Operation Black Hills Cabin



“As a member of a Giving Circle you will be joining with friends to support the Black Hills Area Community Foundation and charitable causes that matter.”

- Ev Hoyt, BHBC Giving Circle Member



COMING SOON - 2022

Northern Hills by Choice (NHBC) hosted their first introductory event May 2022 and will host a grantmaking event in the fall of 2022. We are excited to see the impact this giving circle has in the Northern Hills as it evolves.

WHAT ARE THE MEMBER BENEFITS? You will be invited to exclusive events each year. These social events will provide opportunities to learn as well as to mix & mingle with other members. Annually, each group will choose to fund grants for nonprofit organizations in the Black Hills.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN? It is a fun way to give and to learn about the work being done to serve the needs of our area. Working together, we grow philanthropy throughout the Black Hills.

HOW DO I GET STARTED? A membership requires an annual unrestricted minimum gift to the BHACF. To join the BHBC the minimum gift is \$1,000 (couple or single) and SHBC & NHBC are a minimum of \$500 per individual membership. These funds will be used to grow philanthropic efforts of our Foundation as well as providing Giving Circle grants each year to local nonprofits! BHACF will remind you annually when your membership is due.

YES! I/we would like to join Black Hills by Choice, Southern Hills by Choice and/or Northern Hills by Choice.

Enclosed is my unrestricted gift in the amount of:

\$ _____

Black Hills by Choice is \$1,000 per couple/individual minimum donation to join.

\$ _____

Southern Hills by Choice is \$500 per individual minimum donation to join.

\$ _____

Northern Hills by Choice is \$500 per individual minimum donation to join.

PLEASE LIST YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL FOR UPDATES: _____

PHONE: _____

Mail donation and contact information to: Black Hills Area Community Foundation, PO Box 231, Rapid City, SD 57709 or online at bhacf.org

MEET OUR PEOPLE

Like you, we love the Black Hills. That is why we came to work for the Black Hills Area Community Foundation or serve on its Board of Directors. We are dedicated to making an impact in the Black Hills.

BLACK HILLS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STAFF



LIZ HAMBURG, Chief Executive Officer

Liz became the CEO of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation in July 2015. She is committed to taking care of our Black Hills Region - our people and our place. Bringing her varied life and work experiences to the table with the Black Hills Area Community Foundation, she applies her skills in communications, managing and developing resources, program and talent development, and grant writing. With years in volunteer leadership with the United States Tennis Association, she is the current National Delegate of the Northern Section Board of Directors representing North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and part of Wisconsin. Liz serves on the City of Rapid City's Community Investment Committee, the Black Hills Energy Citizen Advisory Council, the Monument Health Rapid City Advisory Council, and the Elevate Rapid City Board of Directors.



BARB KEENE, Operations Manager

Barb is a vital part of the BHACF team! As Operations Manager, she works closely with the CEO and oversees the internal and external daily operations for the Foundation. She brings over 20 years experience in banking and administration. Barb keeps our work moving forward with her attention to detail and thorough organization - all with high-energy and enthusiasm!



CARRIE ROBLEY, Programs Manager

Carrie Robley is the Programs Manager for the Black Hills Area Community Foundation and oversees the grant and scholarship programs, as well as working on the foundation initiatives of food security and affordable housing. Carrie has 30 years of experience working in the human services nonprofit sector, primarily in youth development. She has also served on several committees and advisory boards during her career giving her the opportunity to advocate for important issues and causes. Carrie's experience working in the nonprofit sector, both in direct service and administration, brings a different viewpoint to the conversation as she understands the challenges that come with doing such important work.



KARABETH BORRESEN, Marketing Manager

As a strategic marketing and graphic designer, Karabeth brings over 17 years of experience in marketing and design. She strives to understand the specific needs of the Foundation and its programs to determine the best suited media mix for getting the message out. Her primary focus is the daily oversight of the website, social media, and deliverables of both BHACF and Collective Impact Black Hills. Her career includes more than a decade of corporate communications, marketing, and public relations experience in both for-profit, nonprofit, and consulting services. She and her family enjoy arts and culture, camping, and spending time outdoors in the beautiful Black Hills.



CHRIS HUBER, Donor Relations Manager

After more than a decade in the journalism industry, Chris switched to a career in philanthropy to help make a diverse impact on the region he loves. While at the Monument Health Foundation he led the capital campaign to expand the Cancer Care Institute and was a graduate of Leadership South Dakota. In 2021, he took a position at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation.

As Donor Relations Manager, Chris works closely with donors and nonprofits to help connect their passions to needs throughout our region and ensure their impact will last for generations. He strives to help secure a vibrant, equitable and prosperous future for the entire Black Hills area. Chris spends his free time enjoying the outdoors with his wife and their two children. They love to hike, trail run, snow ski, mountain bike and rock climb.

BLACK HILLS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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OUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS GOVERNED BY A VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY. THEIR LEADERSHIP IS KEY IN MAINTAINING THE FOUNDATION'S MISSION AND VISION.

“The community work that the Black Hills Area Community Foundation is embarking on is critical to the future health and economic vitality of our city and region.” - Steve Flanery, BHACF Board Secretary

“A community foundation is an opportunity to make a difference. By providing a platform to promote philanthropy, we are investing in a future for our community. The seeds that are planted through a community foundation will impact both the current community and future generations.”

- Frances Becker, BHACF Board Member

“When people come together for the greater good, good things happen. The Black Hills Area Community Foundation is an action-based organization with long-lasting effects in this special place. I am grateful to be a part of the BHACF and be of service to the place I call home.”

- Terry Hermann, BHACF Board Member

YOUR DONATION HELPS TO
IMPROVE LIFE
IN THE BLACK HILLS

bhacf.org



We are the local leader in philanthropy, working to improve the quality of life in the Black Hills.



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OUR MISSION

To invest in people and solutions that positively impact the Black Hills area by guiding philanthropic education, growing philanthropic capital, investing in charitable work and managing select community initiatives.

- GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS
- FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
- DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
- FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS
- LEGACY GIFTING
- AGENCY FUNDS
- ENDOWMENTS