

# BLACK HILLS

AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



The Black Hills Area Community Foundation went to Washington D.C. to discuss Black Hills housing needs.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022**







## A YEAR IN REVIEW

# **Annual Report 2022**

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 engage in, and lead 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.



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# CEO & Board Chair Message



Liz Hamburg, CEO  
Black Hills Area Community Foundation



Steve Helmers, Board Chair  
Black Hills Area Community Foundation

We could not be more grateful for our donors and nonprofit partners who are stretching to meet the needs of our region. Last year brought continued impacts from the pandemic as well as additional economic stresses of inflation. Through the year, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation continued to expand its presence, growing from \$46 million to \$53 million in assets and distributing over \$4 million in grants and scholarships in 2022.

Our Strategic Housing Trust Fund was established in 2020 to support our region's housing needs and was recognized in 2022 by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, awarding us the HUD Secretary's Award for Public Private and Philanthropic Partnerships. We were also honored to be the first recipient of Elevate Rapid City's nonprofit of the year award.

We are working to connect more with donors and organizations in the Northern Hills, adding a new part-time Community Connector, Deana Heisler. The first gathering of our Northern Hills By Choice giving circle met in fall of 2022 ,

with 15 memberships directing \$15,000 in grants to organizations in Meade, Butte and Lawrence Counties. It was a fun and philanthropic evening!

The core of Community Foundations is a focus on managing Legacy giving. These funds are created through an estate plan to support the charitable efforts a donor cared most about in their lifetime. Legacy gifts continue to honor these donors and their families as the charitable impact from these annual grants grow year after year. Please feel free to reach out to us to learn more about extending your philanthropy to benefit generations to come.

With this publication being distributed in 2023, we would like to share more good news. It is with great pride that we announce a transition in staff leadership for the Black Hills Area Community Foundation. At the end of 2023 Liz Hamburg will be retiring and Chris Huber, who has been our Director of Philanthropy for two years, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become the organization's new CEO. Our Board and staff are committed to the continuing success of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation as the philanthropic leader in our region.



BHACF Wins Elevate Award 2022

# Nonprofit of the Year

**The Black Hills Area Community Foundation invests in the people and solutions that positively impact the Black Hills area.**



The Black Hills Area Community Foundation was awarded Nonprofit of the Year by Elevate Rapid City in June of 2022.

The winners were chosen by a panel of business leaders throughout the region.

In a press release announcing the winners, Elevate Rapid City praised the Black Hills Area Community Foundation for its steadfast work to make our region a better place for all.

"The Black Hills Area Community Foundation invests in the 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," the release said. "They have not only taken a leading role in many traditional

community foundation sectors but have also helped solve some of the largest issues facing our region such as food security and affordable housing."

Other award winners were: George Award: Julio "Mutch" Usera, Granite Award: Black Hills Federal Credit Union, Small Business of the Year: Unify Home Lending, Large Business of the Year: VRC Metal System, Young Professionals Best Place to Work: Black Hills Energy, Diversity & Inclusion Award: Qdoba, Emerging Business of the Year: Cole-TAC, Beautification Award: Holiday Inn Rapid City – Downtown, and Business Expansion of the Year: Phase Technologies.



# BHACF Community Action Grant Awards

## WELLFULLY / ABBOTT HOUSE

*The \$50,000 grant will supplement the first three years of operational costs of their Jobs on Wheels program.*



A person's life is shaped by choices made during the teen years, and after-school hours are when youth are prone to risky behavior. Both WellFully and Abbott House provide after-school programs to help teens with trauma, generational poverty, and addiction.

BHACF awarded the two organizations a \$50,000 grant for their food truck program: "Jobs on Wheels," which will be a collaboration between WellFully and Abbott House. The program will provide youth the opportunity to develop life skills, work ethic, financial responsibility, and soft skills necessary for success in the workforce.

Jobs on Wheels employees will learn networking

skills and the importance of being involved with their community. As the program develops, Jobs on Wheels will partner with local organizations to provide food services. This includes partnering with Western Dakota Tech to learn more about hydroponic gardening and use the produce to supplement the main menu.

This workforce development program will work with the Department of Labor's Passport to Careers program to help expose youth to various careers. Jobs on Wheels will be an entrepreneurial experience that will be youth-run and adult-supervised, with a youth advisory board providing oversight of the operation.





## HISTORIC HOMESTAKE OPERA HOUSE

*The \$15,000 grant will support the education and outreach programs at the opera house.*

BHACF awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Historic Homestake Opera House (HHOH) to support its education and outreach programs.

There are two areas of focus that HHOH wants to address with their revamped programs. The first is the need to continue offering adult and children's theater programs free to locals, removing barriers towards connection with community members.

From Shakespeare to Hamilton, theater has been shaping culture and ideas for centuries and HHOH's free programs are essential to the preservation of that.

The second focus is reaching populations that are overlooked by the arts. "The COVID pandemic forced the Homestake Opera House to take a hard look at how we are fulfilling our mission to the arts and our community," said Christine Allen, Development Director at HHOH. To present the

arts and its inherent benefits to an increased number of community members, it was decided to pool the entire staff's skill set to create new educational programs for locals.

***"With our combined backgrounds in theater education, social work, mental health, and legal system instruction, we are proud to have started an education partnership with Lawrence County Teen Court. This is the start of our education programs that combine performance art skills, mental health benefits, mind and body movement activities, effective communication training, and positive life skill practice. We endeavor to bring these classes to previously underrepresented populations to help meet their specific needs in new and exciting ways."*** - Christine Allen, Development Director of HHOH

# Grants Awarded for Capacity Building

Often long-range planning for replacing computers or other equipment gets missed because a nonprofit may not have the funds to make these types of purchases or investments. However, training, consulting, and marketing are all things that can have a tremendous impact on that organization, especially when it comes to sustainability. For example, having a donor database is probably the single best way for an organization to receive continual support because a donor database can track donations, special notes about the donor, and contact information.

Marketing efforts are vital. If an organization doesn't invest in marketing, it is almost impossible for them to be visible in the communities they work in.

Capacity building is an important investment tool for nonprofits as it allows

them to grow in an intentional way and invest in strategies that look to the long-term sustainability of the organization while allowing them to stay mission focused.

## What Types of Projects Are Funded by the BHACF Capacity Building Grant?

- Measurements and Evaluation
- Partnership Development
- Strategic Planning
- Board Engagement/Development
- Marketing and Donor Engagement
- Technology Needs and Technical Support
- Staff Development/Retention

Requests must address the long-term sustainability of the organization.

Learn more at [bhacf.org](http://bhacf.org)





We are proud to be able to respond to our community's changing needs and offer support to the nonprofits that make our region a better place every day.



## **BHACF AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$100,000 IN CAPACITY GRANTS!**

### **SPRING 2022 CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT AWARDS:**

- Black Hills 4 Wheelers
- Black Hills Center for Equality
- Black Hills Farmer's Market
- Chamber Music Festival
- Humane Society of the Black Hills
- Matthews Opera House & Arts Center
- Northern Hills Sources of Support
- Oyate Networking / Oyate Teca Project
- Pine Ridge Girls School
- Sacred Purposes (dba I.Am.Legacy)
- South Dakota News Watch
- Working Against Violence Inc.

### **FALL 2022 CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT AWARDS:**

- Booth Society, Inc.
- Casting Vets
- Center of the Nation
- Custer Senior Center
- Historic Homestake Opera House
- Lost & Found
- SHIFT Garage
- South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children
- South Dakota Service Dogs Foundation
- The Scout Center
- Wambli Ska Okolakiciye



**24% of our BHACF grants were awarded to Native American organizations.**



# Affordable Housing Reaches New Heights

## Strategic Housing

” *“Housing is an intractable problem. The work is complex and time consuming. I believe the only way to move the needle is with broad-based, consistent support, persistence and new ideas.”*

*- Liz Hamburg, Black Hills Area Community Foundation CEO*



The Black Hills Area Community Foundation's affordable housing work accelerated significantly in 2022 with several new housing projects approved, historic funding secured, and a national award garnered.

The Community Foundation is the backbone organization for Collective Impact Black Hills and the Strategic Housing initiative. The Community Foundation also holds the Rapid City Strategic Housing Trust Fund, a revolving loan fund that provides low-interest loans to developers to help build multi-family affordable housing.

### **Current Housing Trust Fund loans will create 260 affordable units**

Started in 2020 with the assistance of consultant David Lust, the Rapid City Strategic Housing Trust Fund has now approved three loans that will result in more than 260 affordable housing units in Rapid City. The first loan was made to CommonBond Communities out of St. Paul, Minnesota for an apartment complex named The Radiant. There were over 70 potential tenants in less than a week. Construction is slated to be completed by Summer of 2023 with 30 units being below-market rate. CommonBond Communities also provides wrap-around services to help residents with issues like computer access, transportation, and job loss. The Radiant is located near Omaha and Lacrosse streets.



The other two projects approved are slated to break ground in 2023. One will be located just east of downtown Rapid City and will be a 180-unit complex. The other will be located near Stumer Road in South Rapid City and will be 41 units. That project will have several units that will be affordable for families making less than \$20,000.

## **Bush Foundation awards \$3 million for affordable housing work**

After receiving several large donations in 2021 through Rapid City Vision Funds and the John T. Vucurevich Foundation the Community Foundation received another major investment from the Bush Foundation to bolster this housing work to support for 4 years..

The Bush Foundation has committed more than \$3 million to BHACF, with a \$1 million grant to support the Strategic Housing Initiative, a \$2 million program-related investment to help capitalize the Rapid City Strategic Housing Trust Fund, and a \$150,000 grant to evaluate, report, and strategize around BHACF's affordable housing work.

"We are so excited to continue to work with the Bush Foundation through our Housing Initiative," said Liz Hamburg, CEO of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation. "This is a long-term investment from the Bush Foundation that helps us continue the work of the Strategic Housing Initiative and spread the local housing trust fund model across the region."

This award is the Bush Foundation's largest program-related-investment in South Dakota, and it will have a significant impact on affordable housing issues in Rapid City.

"The Bush Foundation is excited to increase our investments in the collective work of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation to create more affordable housing. The Rapid City Strategic Housing Trust Fund is an innovative public-private partnership, that we believe can have great long-term impact for the Rapid City community – while inspiring other communities in South Dakota and beyond," said Jen Ford-Reedy, Bush Foundation President.





# Affordable Housing Reaches New Heights **Strategic Housing**

## **BHACF wins national Housing and Urban Development award**

The Black Hills Area Community Foundation was also nationally recognized in June by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Council on Foundations for their work to help create more affordable housing through public-philanthropic partnerships.

“We are so excited to be one of five foundations in the nation to be recognized for our work addressing housing needs,” Hamburg said. “The City of Rapid City, Elevate Rapid City, the John T Vucurevich Foundation, and so many stakeholders have contributed to this recognition. We are honored to work with so many engaged and invested partners.”

During a virtual ceremony, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation CEO Liz Hamburg accepted the award from U.S. Department of HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge. This is the tenth year the U.S. Department of HUD and the Council on Foundations have partnered to give out the HUD Secretary’s Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships.

“There is a lot of great work being done and I applaud each recipient,” Sec. Fudge said during the virtual event. “It is my hope that by uplifting the creative and stellar initiatives here today, we will encourage more foundations to work with us and support the work you are doing to provide more people access to stable, affordable and safe housing.”





## A model that can be replicated

With the success of the Rapid City Strategic Housing Trust Fund, more communities in South Dakota are interested in utilizing this model to help with their community's housing needs. Working closely with Sioux Falls Thrive, the Community Foundation has shared best practices and originating documents so Sioux Falls can create an affordable housing trust fund.



BHACF also hosted a call with Black Hills communities to introduce them to this concept. More than 45 people from 14 Black Hills communities participated in that call.

“Nearly every community in South Dakota has some sort of affordable housing issue but no two are the same,” Director of Philanthropy, Chris Huber said. “This housing trust fund model can give these communities a tool that is locally controlled and flexible enough to react to specific needs of a community for generations of impact.”

Huber also presented at the National Conference for Growing Community Foundations in Wichita, Kansas in October. That presentation had more than 50 participants and focused on the work of the housing trust fund and how other community foundations could create their own.

In February of 2023, BHACF CEO Liz Hamburg and Director of Philanthropy Chris Huber joined Scott Landguth from South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority in Washington DC to talk Black Hills housing needs and the Rapid City Strategic Housing Trust Fund. They met with Senator John Thune, Representative Dusty Johnson and Senator Mike Rounds' staff.





# Leaving a **Legacy**

*A legacy gift of land, and  
philanthropy forever.*

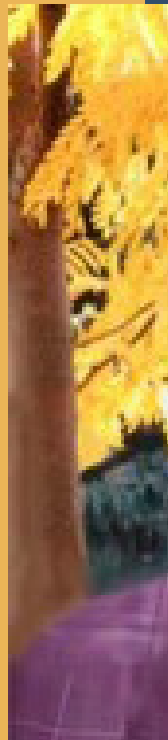
## **Legacy land donation creates generational impact**

A generous donation of land was made by the late Laverne Eich to the Black Hills Area Community Foundation to create a fund that will provide a lasting impact on our community and its residents.

Before his passing in October of 2022, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation worked with Mr. Eich to create the Laverne and Myrtle Eich Fund through a legacy agreement that would be capitalized via donation of farmland in eastern South Dakota. Working with the Community Foundation, Mr. Eich spelled out his wishes to create a charitable fund that would support five area nonprofits through an annual distribution.

After his passing, the Community Foundation took possession of the land and sold it to capitalize this fund. Because the fund is endowed, those nonprofits chosen by Mr. Eich will receive a distribution each spring, starting in 2024, in the name of the Laverne and Myrtle Eich Fund. This type of gift makes sure those nonprofits are supported via donations in the Eichs' name in perpetuity.

Laverne and his wife Myrtle were leaders in the home construction and development industry in the Black Hills. Their developments helped thousands of Black Hills residents achieve their dream of homeownership. The Eichs' were known for their generosity and charitable giving. In his obituary, Mr. Eich was quoted as saying, "You can't outgive God, but we can do as much as we are able to give to our community."







## The Eichs were known for their generosity and charitable giving.

One of the causes supported with the new fund will be the creation of a scholarship for second-year students pursuing a construction degree at Western Dakota Technical Institute. This scholarship will not only ensure that decades of students have the necessary resources to succeed in their education but will also help close the gap for a critical workforce need in our area.

This legacy donation is a testament to Mr. Eich's commitment to the Black Hills community and its residents. We are honored to carry on his legacy through this charitable fund and the support it will provide to those in need.



## Interested in leaving a legacy?

Contact Chris Huber at 605-718-0112 or via email at [chris@bhacf.org](mailto:chris@bhacf.org)



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# Endowments

## Endowment matching campaign continues

Thanks to a generous grant from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation, BHACF was able to extend our endowment matching campaign through 2022 and into 2023. The endowment matching campaign allows nonprofit organizations a chance to earn up to \$20,000. Matching dollars are allocated at a 4-to-1 rate when the nonprofit sets aside at least \$10,000.

This program is an excellent way for nonprofits to secure a stable recurring revenue source into the future by setting aside money now, and allowing it to grow over time.

Endowments at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation are held in perpetuity and invested in the market. Nonprofits are able to take a distribution from their endowment of up to 5% of the total value. Endowment distributions are calculated on a 16-quarter rolling average to avoid large market fluctuations.

In 2022, eight nonprofits started new endowments with the Black Hills Area Community Foundation. Several others added to existing endowments and also received matching dollars. Matching dollars are still available but are first-come, first-served.

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for more  
information on  
Endowment  
Funds**





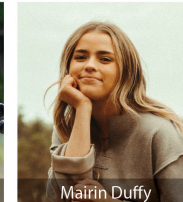
# BHACF Scholarships



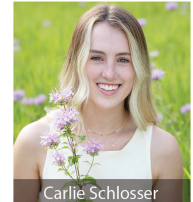
## 2022 Scholarship Recipients



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Smith Memorial  
Scholarship



Arete Morsching  
Scholarship in  
Memory of Kevin J.  
Morsching



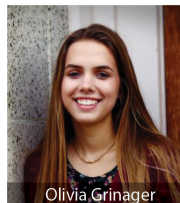
Arete Morsching  
Scholarship in  
Memory of Kevin J.  
Morsching



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



Deerfield Store  
Scholarship



Elevate Rapid  
City Workforce  
Development  
Scholarship



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Scholarship



Harold & George  
"Elbert" Newton  
Memorial Scholarship



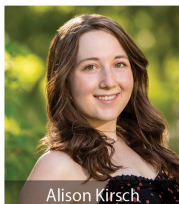
Hosie Main  
Memorial  
Scholarship



Hunter J. Lewis  
Memorial Scholarship



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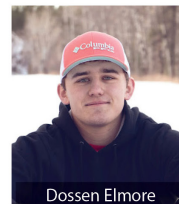
Jamie Zepp Memorial  
Scholarship



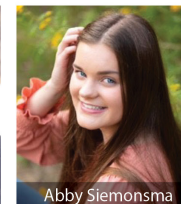
Joyce Bedingfield  
Memorial Nursing  
Scholarship



Julia Beth  
Jacobson Memorial  
Scholarship



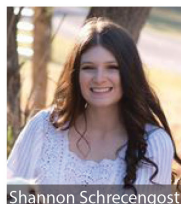
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Workforce  
Development  
Scholarship



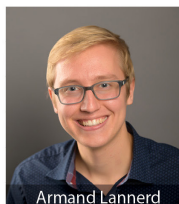
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Scholarship



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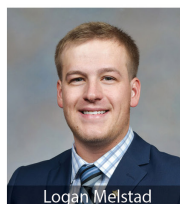
Sarah Stevens  
Memorial Scholarship



South Dakota  
Engineering Society  
Scholarship



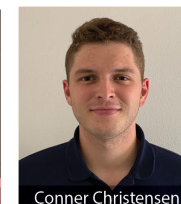
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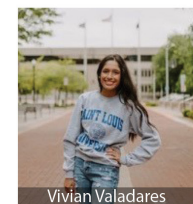
SDM Triangle Alumni  
Legacy Scholarship



SDM Triangle Alumni  
Legacy Scholarship



SDM Triangle Alumni  
Legacy Scholarship



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 who have created these opportunities.

# 2022 BHACF Financial Report

**\$17,359,898**

TOTAL GIFTS

**\$5,681,201**

TOTAL GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & PROGRAMS  
FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT

**\$53,430,728**

TOTAL ASSETS

## GRANTS & COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRIBUTIONS

	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2021
Grants to Other Organizations	3,964,418	2,578,534
Scholarships	68,721	58,160
Fiscal Sponsorship & Program Expenditures	1,855,199	1,113,089
Nonprofit Endowment Distributions	(456,235)	(399,089)
Operations for Community Benefit	249,098	506,699
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,681,201</b>	<b>3,857,393</b>

## ASSETS

	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2021
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,809,245	4,493,323
Prepaid Expenses	1,369	1,369
Investments	50,685,998	41,299,467
Mortgage & Interest Receivable	244,934	264,325
Cash Value Life Insurance	106,515	94,347
Deposits	500	1,869
Loan Receivable	550,000	550,000
Property & Equipment, Net	680	756
Right of Use Asset - Operating Lease, Net	31,487	47,915
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>53,430,728</b>	<b>46,752,001</b>

## LIABILITIES

	YEAR 2022	YEAR 2021
Accrued Expenses	40,141	20,228
Loan Payable - Bush Foundation	2,000,000	-
Amounts Held for Others	13,194,291	13,290,567
Lease Liability - Operating Lease	31,487	47,915
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>15,265,919</b>	<b>13,358,710</b>

## NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	36,554,586	32,727,084
With Donor Restrictions	1,610,223	666,207
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>38,164,809</b>	<b>33,393,291</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>53,430,728</b>	<b>46,752,001</b>
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Audited financial report for 2022 will be available by request after July 31, 2023. The BHACF 2022 audit was conducted by Ketel Thorstenson LLP. Accounting services for BHACF are provided by Casey Peterson LTD.



# GRANTS & Impact

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



## GRANTS BY IMPACT AREA



\*includes grants from all endowment fund types: agency, designated, donor advised, field of interest, scholarship and unrestricted funds.

Fiscal Sponsorship

# Remembering the Children Memorial

*The government took our children – to force them to forget who they were*

*This memorial is for them – so they know we never forgot who they are*

*This memorial is for us – so we never forget what they did*

\*\*\* Remembering the Children \*\*\*    \*\*\* Wakhányeža Wichakiksuyapi \*\*\*



The memorial, which is set for construction this fall with completion in May 2024, will be a place of prayer, gathering and remembrance for those who attended and died while attending, traveling to or from, or trying to escape the former Rapid City Indian Boarding School. Input was gathered from the families of the deceased, descendants of survivors, community members, tribal leaders, elders, and spiritual advisers for the design.

Unmarked graves of children who were taken from their homes and brought to the school to live and work have been discovered on the property. The memorial is designed to honor all of the children who were brought to the school, but especially those who died and were buried without even a mention of their names.

It will include a memorial walking path with history boards along the route, individual boulders with the names of each of the children who died, and four sculptures of traditional burial scaffolds for children.

More than \$2 million in grants have been received for the project, which is being held and managed by the committee's fiscal sponsor, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation.

"The foundation has been an amazing partner and has provided much needed support. We are grateful for the added capacity and guidance we have received from Liz and her team," stated Amy Sazue, Executive Director of the Remembering the Children Memorial.





## Lunch & Learn

During 2022, the BHACF partnered with colleagues and friends to host nonprofit luncheon workshops. Topics covered included: applying for grants, strategic planning, board engagement, and marketing. A huge thank you to our friends at Innovative Nonprofit and Sanford Underground Research Facility Foundation for your partnership! Through the workshops, we were able to reach nonprofits all over the Black Hills area, to share our expertise and insights free of charge.

The goal of the partnership with Innovative Nonprofit was to connect and foster community among nonprofit leaders while providing quality education and training on a variety of topics that are critical to capacity building and sustainability. Giving nonprofit professionals a chance to network and share experiences and resources can be the bridge that many need to navigate the challenges that come with this incredibly important work.







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# GIVING CIRCLES

*As a member of a BHACF Giving Circle you will join with friends to support the Community Foundation and charitable causes that matter.*



## Black Hills by Choice

**\$281,679** in grants  
to date. Since 2013

### 2022 Grants:

- Rapid City Club for Boys
- Pennington County Search & Rescue
- Fork Real Community Café
- Black Hills Raptor Center
- Youth & Family Services
- Love Inc.
- Remembering the Children Memorial
- Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting



## Southern Hills by Choice

**\$144,990** in grants  
to date. Since 2017

### 2022 Grants:

- Keep Hot Springs Beautiful
- Custer Volunteer Fire Department
- Battle Mountain Humane Society
- Custer Economic Development Foundation
- Operation Black Hills Cabin





## Northern Hills by Choice

**\$15,000** in grants  
to date. Since 2022

### 2022 Grants:

- Artemis House
- Northern Hills CASA
- Matthews Opera House
- Sturgis Library
- Northern Hills Recreation Center (Handley Center)
- Pathways Spiritual Sanctuary
- Sturgis Adventure Park



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 BHACF.

### 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 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 provide Giving Circle grants each year to local nonprofits! BHACF will remind you annually when your membership is due.

**To learn more, become a member and donate scan this QR Code >>> or complete the form below.**



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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**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

# Food Security



*For the third consecutive year, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation awarded more than \$14,500 in grant money to projects that addressed the identified gaps in food service in Rapid City.*

## Rapid City Area Schools

RCAS knows that hunger does not stop once school is out, the Summer Food Service Program bridges the gap between the first and last days of summer so that students return in the fall physically ready to learn. With this grant RCAS was able to provide an all-time high number of lunches.

## Rapid City YMCA

In order to continue combating food insecurity and serving a record breaking number of children - The Summer Food Service Program at the YMCA provides free breakfast and lunch for children 18 years old or younger and any adult who accompanies the children that qualify.

## Rapid City Club for Boys

Kids need food for proper development just as much as they need it for growth. Mark Kline, Assistant Executive Director at The Club for Boys, says they are grateful for a grant from the Black Hills Area Community Foundation which allows meal sites to feed parents bringing in their kids as well.

## Youth & Family Services

With the grant from BHACF, YFS provided free meals for parents or caregivers who brought children to eat breakfast and/or lunch at the YFS Monroe Street Head Start Center as a way to increase child participation. Parents and guardians appreciate that they could eat the meals with their children.





# Youth Philanthropy

## Engaging the next generation

Youth Philanthropy is a partnership between the Black Hills Area Community Foundation and the Rapid City Youth City Council. Youth Philanthropy is a youth-led project that is comprised of high school students who want to make the world a better place by supporting nonprofit organizations that focus on the wellbeing of youth in our community through their own grantmaking process. The Youth Philanthropy Fund Advisors designed the

granting process from beginning to end and made the decision to focus on programs that support youth, with priority given to applications that addressed issues around mental health and overall mental wellness.

The 2022 grantees were the Black Hills Center for Equality, receiving a grant award of \$2,100 and Wambli Ska who received a grant for \$2,100.



“Working with this inspiring group of young people gives me a tremendous amount of hope for the future. One thing is very clear, they have genuine interest and passion towards the causes that affect their peers. I have no doubt they will go on to do great things in this world.”

- Carrie Robley, Youth Philanthropy Adult Advisor

# BHACF STAFF



**LIZ HAMBURG,**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

- Brings 10 years of experience in banking; managed \$1.2 billion in bank card assets and customer-facing staff while serving as a Vice President of Security Pacific Bank.
- Experience in resource, program, and staff development; managed the Partnership Office for Rapid City Area Schools for seven years.
- Serves on the Elevate Rapid City Board of Directors, Rapid City Community Investment Committee, Black Hills Energy Citizen Advisory Council, and the Monument Health Rapid City Advisory Council.



**CHRIS HUBER,**  
**Director of Philanthropy**

- Brings over 10 years of experience in journalism; served as Editor of the Rapid City Journal and launched the Black Hills Business magazine with Elevate Rapid City.
- Led a capital campaign for the Monument Health Foundation.
- Graduated from Leadership South Dakota, the John T. Vucurevich Foundation Emerging Leaders Program, and received his MBA from Dakota Wesleyan University.



**BARB KEENE,**  
**Director of Operations**

- Brings 18 years of experience in banking, commercial lending, and private banking customer support.
- Brings five years of experience in mortgage lending support.



**CARRIE ROBLEY,**  
**Director of Community Impact**

- Brings over 30 years of experience in human services with a focus on prevention and youth development.
- Managed all COVID relief grantmaking throughout our BHACF region, leading with a focus on food distribution.



**KARABETH BORRESEN,**  
**Director of Marketing**

- Brings over 17 years of experience in marketing, public relations, and graphic design, including more than a decade in corporate communications.
- Experienced in digital marketing, website management, and social media.



**DEANA HEISLER,**  
**Northern Hills Connector**

- Brings 20 years of experience in higher education in teaching and administration, 15 years in corporate soft skills training, and nonprofit expertise including donor development, fundraising, event planning, and grant writing.



**NICOLE SCHLABACH,**  
**Operations Associate**

- Brings three years of experience in growth operations, including CRM management and email marketing, along with experience in journalism, SEO writing, and technical editing.




















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