

**LIVE UNITED**



**Routt County United Way**

# **2021 GRANT IMPACT REPORT**

Advancing the Common Good in Routt County



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**\$500,000**

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### YOU + ROUTT COUNTY UNITED WAY = OUR IMPACT

In 2021, your donations resulted in \$500,000 invested back into Routt County. We provided tuition assistance to seven preschools, giving parents the opportunity to send their children to preschool to learn important social, emotional, and literacy skills before kindergarten. We invested in nine youth programs, such as Totally Kids in Hayden, so they can build resilient youth by supporting students in and out of the classroom. We took a stand on financial stability and granted funding to NW Colorado Health to provide additional home health services. And we invested in mental health and crisis services, such as Advocates of Routt County, to help individuals understand the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence and intervene in problem situations.

In our 2021 grant cycle, we invested in 32 local programs across Routt County supporting individuals and families in all walks of life. We couldn't do this without you, thank you.

### WHERE DID YOUR DONATION GO?

- **\$164,000** was invested in **Early Childhood Education**, giving children a strong start
- **\$195,800** was invested in **Youth Success**, providing youth a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment
- **\$34,225** was invested in **Financial Stability**, improving the financial opportunity of all Routt citizens in need
- **\$105,975** was invested in **Mental Health**, promoting access to critical mental health services





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**\$164,000**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### GIVING CHILDREN A STRONG START

We allocated \$164,000 towards early childhood education, spread between preschool tuition assistance, advancing teacher education, early literacy programs, and parent engagement.

Preschools provide critical childcare for working parents from 7:30am to 5:30pm, Monday through Friday, allowing families to work towards self-sufficiency. Some preschools provide special education services for students with learning, physical, and emotional disabilities. Providing tuition assistance prepares children with limited resources the ability to gain social, emotional, and literacy development opportunities before Kindergarten.

Early literacy development is important for a life of success. We support programs that provide education about early signs of dyslexia, we partner with The Dolly Parton Imagination Library so that every child from birth to age five in Routt County has access to a free, monthly, age-appropriate books delivered right to their door, and fund the Newborn Network program that help enhance parent-to-parent networking that assists in advancing their child's development.

### WHERE DID YOUR DONATION GO?

- Discovery Learning Center
- Family Development Center
- Hayden Valley Preschool
- Heritage Park Preschool
- Integrated Community
- North Routt Community Charter School (NRCCS)
- Soroco Preschool
- Steamboat Reading
- YoungTracks



"I HAVE SEEN ENORMOUS GROWTH IN THE PRESCHOOL SINCE MY SON ENROLLED THERE AT ONE YEAR OLD, AND HE IS NOW IN KINDERGARTEN. MY DAUGHTER IS THERE IN THE PRESCHOOL ROOM FOR HER THIRD YEAR IN THE PROGRAM, SO WE ARE HEAVILY INVOLVED AND INFLUENCED BY THE SUCCESSES OF THE NRCCS. THE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN NEED VIA TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HAS BEEN VITAL ESPECIALLY IN COVID TIMES AND THE TEAM THERE HAS MADE THIS A PRIORITY. "

- JENNIFER CLEMENTS, PARENT & BOARD MEMBER





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**\$195,800**

## YOUTH SUCCESS

### PROVIDING YOUTH A SAFE, HEALTHY, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

We allocated \$195,800 towards youth success, investing in after-school, mentorship, and bully-free programs.

We support programs that build resilient youth, support meaningful mentoring relationships, youth resiliency education programs, and teaching ways to be bully-free. We provide scholarships to low-income children so they have the opportunity to be in a safe, supervised environment when their parents are not home. We fund programs that engage young people in summer academic support, increasing literacy, and spending time in the outdoors. These programs inspire our youth to use their strengths and lead healthy, productive lives without the temptations to experiment with drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

We assist in providing a pathway to academic support, social skills, and acquiring vocational skills by funding the Community Cultivation Program with Yampa Valley Autism. We help ensure the best possible outcomes for Routt County youth with special needs as they transition into adulthood.

### WHERE DID YOUR DONATION GO?

- Boys & Girls Club of NW CO
- BookTrails
- Grand Futures Prevention Coalition
- NW Colorado Center for Independence
- Partners in Routt County
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
- South Routt Recreation
- Totally Kids
- Yampa Valley Autism



**FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, ELIZABETH HAS BEEN HANDLING HEALTH CONCERNS, SELF-ESTEEM, AND DEPRESSION. ELIZABETH'S MOM EXPRESSED THAT THE EXPERIENCE AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS (RMYC) HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT IN ALL AREAS OF HER LIFE. "SHE SHOWED MORE RESPONSIBILITY AND NEWFOUND SENSE OF SELF. SHE CAME HOME EVERY DAY SO PROUD OF HERSELF, HAD MADE NEW FRIENDS, FELT STRONGER AND ACCOMPLISHED. IT WAS A PERFECT SPRINGBOARD HEADING INTO HIGH SCHOOL WITH A NEWFOUND CONFIDENCE AND EMPOWERMENT."**

**- ELIZABETH'S MOM**



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**\$34,225**

## FINANCIAL STABILITY

### IMPROVING FINANCIAL STABILITY OF ROUTT COUNTY CITIZENS

We allocated \$34,225 to agencies and programs improving the financial stability in Routt County.

An important component of becoming financial stability is having resources to be self sufficient. We fund two programs in our community that aim to provide financial stability of all Routt County residents in need. While our tuition assistance scholarships for seven preschools could fall within this category, we focus on two programs making strides to provide independence and care to our senior community.

We fund Northwest Colorado Health's Home Health program, providing home health services in Routt County. We also fund Meals on Wheels, a program through Routt County Council on Aging, that improves the financial stability of the county's seniors by ensuring seniors have adequate and healthy food resources in their homes on a regular basis.

### WHERE DID YOUR DONATION GO?

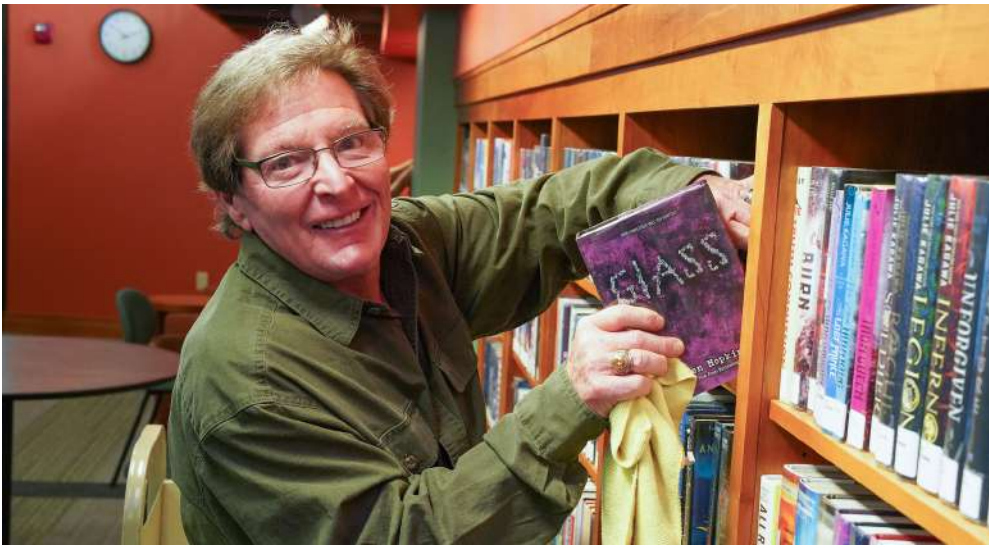
- NW Colorado Health Home Health
- Routt County Council on Aging



**"AN ACTIVE AND WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY RECENTLY BECAME ILL WITH PNEUMONIA AT 88 YEARS OLD. UP UNTIL BECOMING ILL SHE LIVED INDEPENDENTLY IN HER HOME. AFTER SHE WAS HOSPITALIZED, HER FAMILY DECIDED TO GIVE HOME HEALTH A CHANCE. TODAY, THIS PATIENT IS HEALTHY AND INDEPENDENT AGAIN. WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MEDICATION MANAGEMENT ONCE A MONTH AND IN-HOME ASSISTANCE WITH NON-MEDICAL TASKS TWICE WEEKLY ENSURING HER BASIC NEEDS ARE MET AND SHE CAN REMAIN INDEPENDENT IN HER HOME AS LONG AS POSSIBLE."**

- NW COLORADO HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE





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**\$105,975**

## MENTAL HEALTH & CRISIS SERVICES

### PROMOTING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH & CRISIS SERVICES

We allocated \$105,975 toward mental health services and resources.

In 2020 our Mental Health partners reported a 70% increase in the services they provide. Routt County sees one of the highest suicide rates in the state of Colorado. Providing access to mental health services and supporting those in mental health crisis is critical for the health of our community.

We support crisis intervention programs, such as Integrated Community's 24/7 Crisis Interpretation program that removes linguistic barriers to emergency resources. We fund Mind Springs Health and their Crisis Transportation program, making inpatient treatment more accessible. We invest in REPS programming, aimed at suicide prevention by intervening in a mental health crisis and providing programming to middle and high school youth. These agencies and programs are critical mental health resources right here in Routt County.

### WHERE DID YOUR DONATION GO?

- Advocates of Routt County
- Integrated Community
- Mind Springs Health
- NW Colorado Health
- Reaching Everyone Preventing Suicide (REPS)
- The Haven



**"WITH SUPPORT FROM RCUW, ADVOCATES OF ROUTT COUNTY HAS DRASTICALLY EXPANDED ITS SOCIAL CHANGE PROGRAM, NOW COMPOSED OF INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS, AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS, EVENTS, AND SPECIAL PROJECTS. ADVOCATES HAS PRODUCED A FULL SUITE OF INTERACTIVE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS TO SERVE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND MORE ACROSS ROUTT COUNTY."**

**- ADVOCATES TEAM MEMBER**