

**MOONLIGHT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

# Annual Report



MOONLIGHT COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

Fostering and supporting opportunities for education,  
youth development and conservancy that benefit the Big Sky Community.

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE MCF BOARD

Stronger than ever, in 2016 the Moonlight Community came together to support numerous endeavors throughout the Big Sky area. From arts to education, trail and community building projects, members of the Moonlight family have shown their desire to get involved, offering both man-power and funding to create a bigger and better Big Sky.

The success of the projects outlined in our annual report simply would not have been possible without your support. We encourage you to reach out to us and share with us issues and topics that are important to you. Working in partnership with you, as owners, members and contributors we can collectively increase our contribution to enhancing our community.

*We sincerely thank you for your continued investment in our Moonlight Community.*

Warmest regards,

THE 2016 MOONLIGHT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD

Heather Morris, **CHAIRPERSON**

Robin Sheehan, **VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Sandy Fountain, **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Ania Bulis, **DIRECTOR**

Jody Conophy, **DIRECTOR**

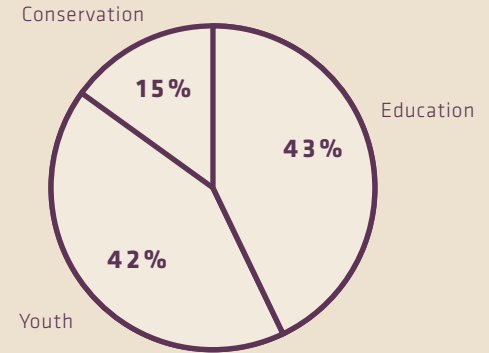
Kathy Dudley, **DIRECTOR**

John Geisler, **DIRECTOR**

Kevin Germain, **DIRECTOR**

Larry Landry, **DIRECTOR**

Over the last 2 calendar years our grant making spread **\$152,449** over our **three focus areas** as follows:



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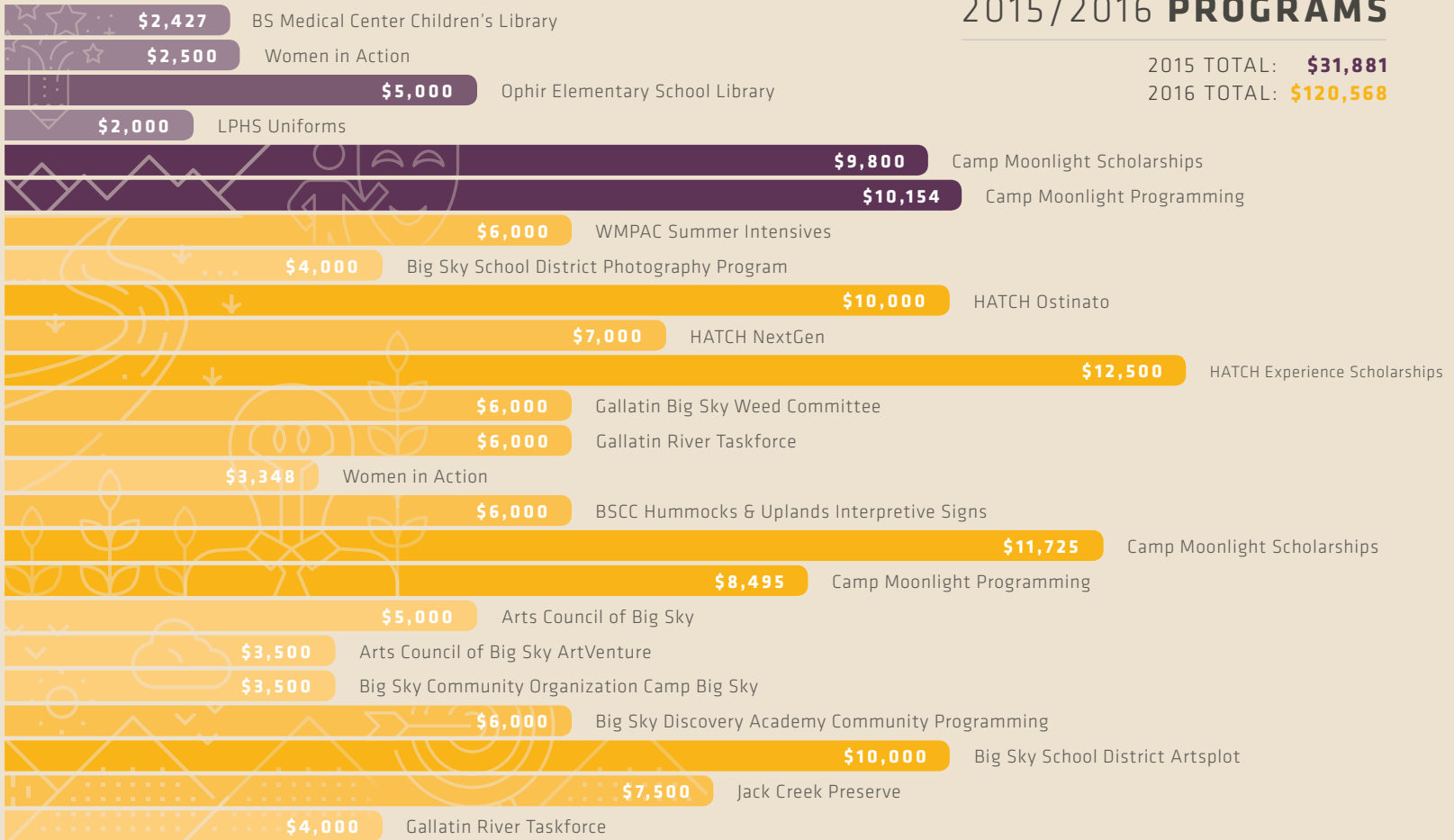


# 2015/2016 PROGRAMS

2015 TOTAL: **\$31,881**

2016 TOTAL: **\$120,568**

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Photo: Kene Sperry

## Save the Dates: 2017

### ***Moonlight Spring Social***

Sunday, March 19 - at Moonlight Tavern

### ***Ski Bridges of Madison County***

Sunday, July 23 - at Ski Bridge

### ***Camp Moonlight***

July 24 - 27 and July 31 - August 3

## HOW TO MAKE A GRANT REQUEST

MCF has a biannual grant cycle. Grant applications are due on May 15th and November 15th of each year. **Grant applications are available on our website [MoonlightCommunityFoundation.org](http://MoonlightCommunityFoundation.org).** The Grants tab on the website contains all the information required to submit a grant.



## Camp Moonlight

Can summers get any better? Thanks to Camp Director, Jeremy Harder and his top-notch crew of outdoor enthusiasts, Camp Moonlight experienced its most successful year ever.

This past summer, 153 children from around the world participated in the two four-day camp sessions that had them doing everything from hiking to archery, kayaking to camping and more. ***Of the 153 attendees, 45 were fully or partially sponsored thanks to your generosity.***

Focused on promoting and instilling qualities of conservation and preservation in our youth, ***the Board was honored to award the Harbor deWaard Scholarships to camp attendees Logan Barker and Charlee Sue Driesbach*** for their dedication to the community.

Registration for 2017 Camp Moonlight will begin in **May 2017**. As always, the camp is open to all children ages 4-17.

If you have an interest in enrolling or sponsoring a child, ***please email us at [moonlightcommunity1@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightcommunity1@gmail.com)***



Photo: Kene Sperry



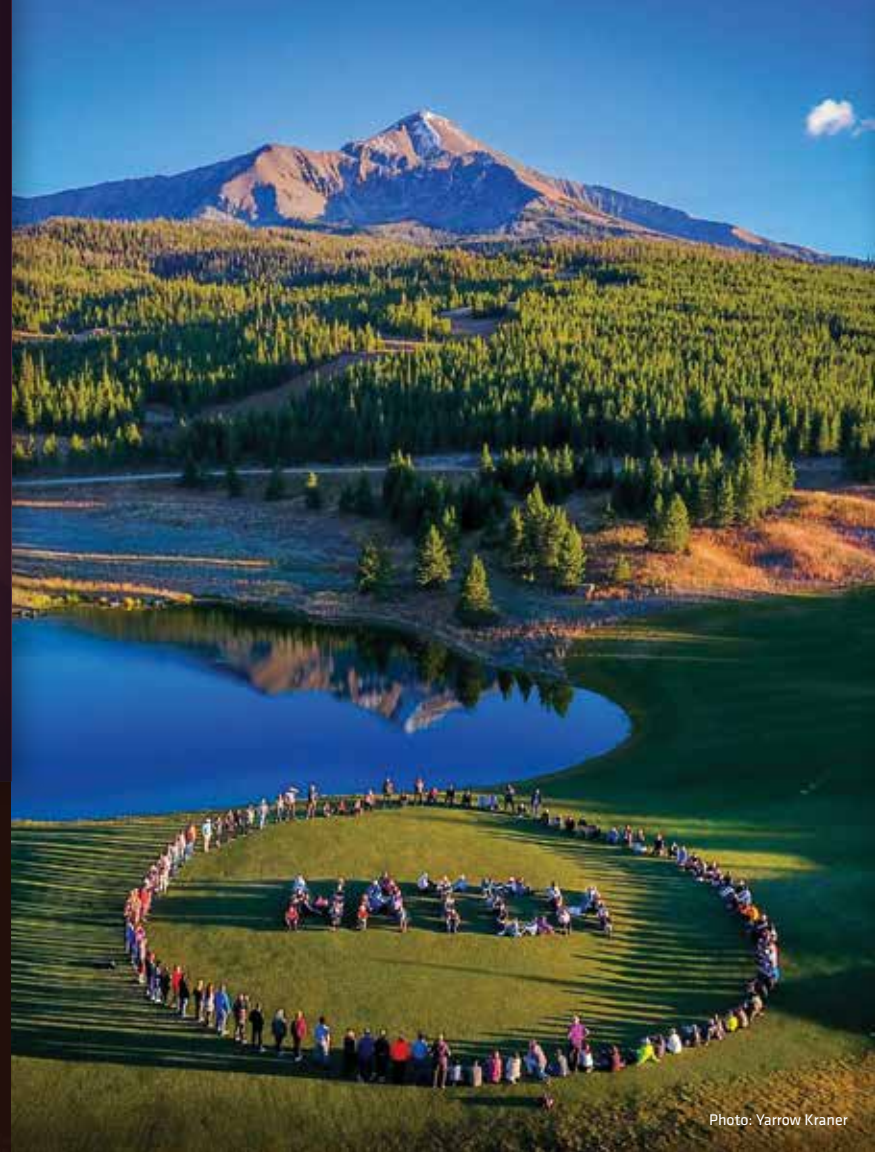
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# HATCH

## HATCH

HATCH focuses on collaboration and cross pollination among diverse disciplines and industries. This year, that resulted in various programs designed and developed specifically for Lone Peak Middle and High Schools. **Among them, the *Ostinato Project*, which brought renowned composers Philip Shepard and Russell Spurlock together with Big Sky's very own talented music director, John Zirkle, to create musical tracks inspired and co-written by the students culminating in a 12 track cd.** As if that weren't enough, what is extraordinary about the program is that it is a model for self-funding the arts, with tracks already being licensed to various entities and television shows nationwide.

**Other HATCH programming included funding for five local students to attend the four-day long HATCH Experience in Moonlight Basin in September.** While only five scholarships were awarded, the HATCH Board determined that this year, all applicants that met the deadline and criteria would attend.





## Gallatin River Task Force

Gallatin River Task Force is focused on partnering with the greater Big Sky Community to inspire stewardship of the Gallatin River Watershed. **The organization is a dedicated to the health of our rivers and streams and in that regard monitors water quality, as well as offers educational and outreach programs for locals and visitors alike.** As part of that endeavor, the Gallatin River Task Force received funding from MCF for a Moose Creek River Interpretative Sign.



Photo: Rich Addicks

**WARREN MILLER**  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

## Warren Miller Performing Arts Center

Warren Miller Performing Arts Center put on another incredible series of Summer Intensive Workshops ranging from dance to theater to choral initiatives. **The workshops encouraged participation from local students and dancers in conjunction with professionals from across the country,** culminating in a series of performances.



## Gallatin-Big Sky Weed Committee

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Gallatin Big Sky Weed Committee continues its quest to eradicate noxious weeds in the greater Big Sky area. **Education is a key component of their broad-based initiative, which this year included signage intended to make people aware of the issue at large.** MCF funded "CleanPlayGo" Trailhead signs in an attempt to identify and educate trail users on noxious weeds and what measures can be taken by all of us to prevent the spreading of the weeds.



## Big Sky School District Film & Photography

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Big Sky School District Film & Photography has expanded for the 2016/17 school year. In concert with Spanish Peaks Community Foundation and Yellowstone Club Community Foundation, **MCF awarded funds to the Big Sky School District to provide for Film and Photography equipment allowing for students to experience both new curriculum and technology.**





## 2016 Ski Bridges of Madison County Annual Fundraiser

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A magical evening was had by all who attended this year's annual fundraiser. The weather was ideal for the outdoor event and we were honored to help bridge the Moonlight Community with causes that matter.

A special thanks to Tim and Robin Sheehan, who chaired the event, and to all our "bidders" as well as our silent and live-auction donors. Each of you was instrumental in helping us break through fundraising records set in years past.

***We hope you will join us on "the bridge" next summer to celebrate Moonlight Basin and take joy in what you have enabled our greater Big Sky community accomplish.***



# 2015/2016 MOONLIGHT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONORS

Thank You

FOR INVESTING IN OUR MOONLIGHT COMMUNITY

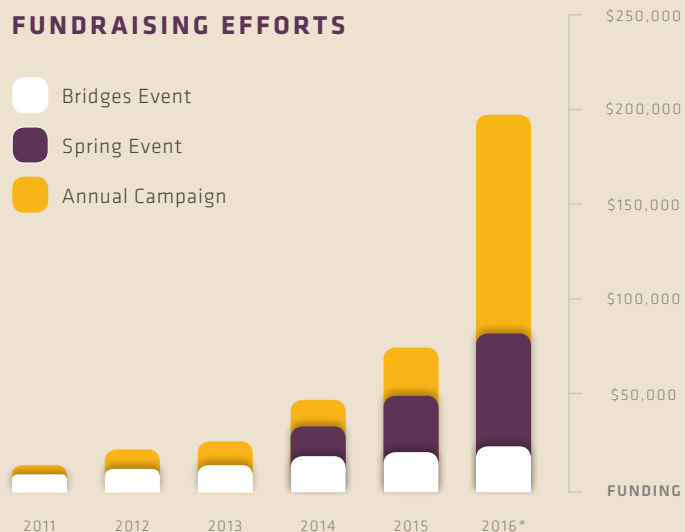
Thanks to your generosity **we raised a record \$196,700 in 2016**, nearly three times more than the \$76,000 raised in 2015.

While the Moonlight Community Foundation has always received direct individual donations, in 2016, MCF launched its first Annual Fundraising Campaign effort with the goal of raising \$350,000 -- **It's a goal we hope YOU will help us achieve at an average of \$1000 per Moonlight Community Member Family.**

Many of you have already contributed above and beyond this amount. Thank you! If you have not, we hope you will consider making an end of the year contribution at [moonlightcommunityfoundation.org/donate](http://moonlightcommunityfoundation.org/donate)

## FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

- Bridges Event
- Spring Event
- Annual Campaign



\*As of December 12, 2016

## 2015

### \$4,000 - \$9,999

Anonymous Donor  
Mike & Isabel Durkin  
Martin & Kathy Dudley  
Lone Mountain Land Company  
George & Julie Peinado  
Prometheus Charitable Trust  
Bob & Patty Rhea

### \$2,000 - \$3,999

John & Jean Geisler  
John & Adrienne Kirby  
J.R. Reger  
Mike & Mary Terry

### \$1,000 - \$1,999

Michael & Amy Allen  
Mark & Catherine Cone  
Jonathan & Margaret Doyle  
Gregory & Stephanie Guyett  
Jerry & Deborah Hood  
William & Elizabeth Johnson  
Bruce & Sherry Klein  
Jimmy & Malinda Lewis  
Matt & Heather Morris  
Chad & Leslie Oberg  
William & Cathleen Osborn  
Nick & Jill Page  
Tim & Robin Sheehan

### \$500 - \$999

Laura Born  
Markus & Angela Brunneman  
Jeff & Susan Dudas  
John & Sandy Fountain  
Dan Fry  
Mike & Sherri Henderson  
Matt Kidd  
Tom & Gayle Parseghian  
Caroline Pierce  
Ron & Seiko Rykowski  
Shelley Shanaman  
Family Vance  
Ted & Kate Williams  
Stephen Young

### \$250 - \$499

Robert & Diane Becker  
Ania Bulis  
Paula Carver  
Wayne & Kendall DiMarco  
Kevin & Karin Germain  
Jeff & Marge Helms  
Rex Kleinsasser  
Kenneth & Susan Kramer  
Steve Lamont  
Brad & Melissa Levine  
Amy & Scott Smith  
Carl Uehland

### \$100 - \$249

Mrs Acheatel  
Bill Baer & Nancy Hendry  
Sonja Baertsch  
Tom & Jody Conophy  
Joe Dilschneider  
Rory & Mary Ann Finlay  
Will Finlay  
John & Jennifer Hamlin  
Colleen Jones  
Bud & Marjorie Jordan  
Tallie Lancey  
Mark Thorne  
Ron Wilkison

### Up to \$100

Lonnie & Mary Ball  
William & Suzanne Bettman  
Semmes Faviot  
Ben Holst  
Alex Iskenderian  
Mariuz Kamieniarz & Klaudia Kosiak  
John & Harriet Lerch  
Ron & Susan Mensik  
Chris & Acra Samuels  
Josh Savage  
Mike & Jenny Wilczynski  
Shay & Elizabeth Williams

## 2015 CONT.

### In Kind Services

Johanne Bouchard ..... **\$3,750**

### Auction Donors 2015

Big Sky Landscaping ..... **\$55**  
 Bucks T -4 ..... **\$100**  
 Creighton Block ..... **\$10,000**  
 Fercho ..... **\$1,120**  
 Gallatin River Gallery ..... **\$300**  
 Geyser Whitewater ..... **\$100**  
 Mike & Sherri Henderson ..... **\$150**  
 Jakes Horses ..... **\$120**  
 Jill Zeidler ..... **\$150**  
 John Sampson ..... **\$1,200**  
 Lone Mountain Land Co. .... **\$1,894**  
 MB MT Acquisitions ..... **\$8,000**  
 Monicas ..... **\$330**  
 Ousel & Spur ..... **\$100**  
 Outlaw Partners ..... **\$300**  
 Ozssage ..... **\$150**  
 Tom & Gayle Parseghian ..... **\$1,075**  
 Bob & Patty Rhea ..... **\$425**  
 Tim & Robin Sheehan ..... **\$150**  
 Solace Big Sky ..... **\$200**  
 Yellowstone Club ..... **\$700**

## 2016

### \$20,000+

Larry & Toni Landry  
 Tim & Robin Sheehan

### \$10,000 - \$19,999

Martin & Kathy Dudley  
 John & Jean Geisler  
 William & Cathleen Osborn  
 Natural Retreats

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Anonymous Donor  
 Cargill Corporation  
 Mark & Catherine Cone  
 Scott & Jen Gwilliam  
 Matt & Heather Morris  
 Prometheus Charitable Trust  
 Bob & Patty Rhea

### \$2,500 - \$4,999

Mike & Amy Allen  
 Laura Born  
 Tom & Jody Conophy  
 Kevin Crowe & Daphne Chester  
 Barry Nordstrand  
 Bob & Stacey Sauerberg

### \$1,000 - \$2,499

Jonathan Bedway  
 Markus & Angela Brunnemann  
 Danne Buchanan  
 Ania Bulis  
 Mark & Kate Comarrata  
 Chris D'Hondt  
 Jeff & Susan Dudas  
 Paula Farrell & Paula Cleary  
 John & Sandy Fountain  
 Dan Fry  
 Jessica Graham  
 Dan & Carol Hevey  
 Jim Kelly  
 John Kern

Matthew Kidd  
 Bruce & Sherry Klein  
 David & Lesly Koo  
 Mike & Debbie Murray  
 Nick & Jill Page  
 David Sebastian  
 Moonlight Basin

### \$500 - \$999

Loren Bough  
 Jonathan & Margaret Doyle  
 Rory & MaryAnn Finlay  
 Robert & Julie Higgs  
 David & Jeanne Jones  
 Eric & Kristen Jungbluth  
 Bill Lauf  
 George & Julie Peinado  
 Steve & Cindy Reisman  
 Mary Kay Scarborough  
 Howard & Anne Schutte

### \$250 - \$499

Rich & Lori Addicks  
 Andrew & Kitsy Babb  
 Robert & Diane Becker  
 Lee Clarke  
 Bill & Koko Corbin  
 Matt Dodd  
 Steve & Maura Gregory  
 Veronica Grover  
 Jeff & Marje Helms  
 Mike & Sherri Henderson  
 Colleen Jones  
 Brad & Melissa Levine  
 Thomas Olsen  
 Shay & Elizabeth Williams  
 Ted & Kate Williams

### \$100 - \$249

John & Debra Apruzzese  
 Bill Baer & Nancy Hendry  
 Lonnie & Mary Ball  
 Guy & Ann Cook  
 Bayard Dominick  
 Tim & Kristen Drain  
 Peter Driessigacher  
 Charlie Dudley  
 Kevin & Karin Germain  
 Jessica Graham  
 Daniel & Judith Gresham  
 Gregory & Stephanie  
 Guyett  
 Ben Holst  
 Rex Kleinsasser  
 Tom Koontz  
 John & Harriet Lerch  
 Jimmy & Malinda Lewis  
 Pfizer  
 John Schwing  
 Jeff & Karen Strickler  
 Wayne & Cheryl  
 Stromeyer  
 Richard & Meredith  
 Turner  
 Mike & Jenny Wilczynski

### Up to \$100

Catherine Favrot  
 Alex Iskenderian  
 Peter Mack  
 Colin Mathews  
 Shawna Winter

### In Kind Services

Moonlight Basin ..... **\$1,542**

### Auction Donors 2016

Albertos ..... **\$60**  
 Architects Wife ..... **\$900**  
 Big Sky Landscaping ..... **\$140**  
 Big Sky Resort ..... **Ski Run naming**  
 Boundary Expedition ..... **\$4,990**  
 Bozeman Spirits Distillery ..... **\$175**  
 Tom & Jody Conophy ..... **\$200**  
 Cross Harbor Capital ..... **\$6,850**  
 Joe Dilschneider ..... **\$255**  
 Jonathan & Margaret Doyle ..... **\$350**  
 Martin & Kathy Dudley ..... **\$480**  
 East Slope Outdoors ..... **\$190**  
 John & Sandy Fountain ..... **\$320**  
 John & Jean Geisler ..... **\$1,675**  
 Lisa Gleim ..... **\$300**  
 Groot ..... **\$1,000**  
 Janet James ..... **\$48**  
 Hair Ninja ..... **\$95**  
 Malinda Lewis ..... **\$200**  
 Peter Mack ..... **\$800**  
 Montage ..... **\$2,000**  
 Moonlight Club ..... **\$1,790**  
 Oboz ..... **\$200**  
 Ozssage ..... **\$150**  
 Ruby Springs Lodge ..... **\$1,200**  
 Jeff Strickler ..... **\$25**  
 West Paw ..... **\$100**  
 Willies Distillery ..... **\$75**

### Donations in Kind

Jody Conophy  
 Kathy Dudley  
 Sandy Fountain



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