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Annual Report



MOONLIGHT
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

It's the Montana Way...

For the same reason so many of us carry a tow strap in our car to pop someone out of a ditch or pick up ski equipment when a stranger takes a tumble or snag an errant wrapper that's floating down the river next to us.

The Montana way means doing your part to help out.

If you're reading this letter, you probably embody these thoughts or these actions. In 2020, the Big Sky community needed our support more than ever. With the pandemic prematurely closing the mountain, casting so much doubt and uncertainty for so many families, individuals and nonprofits in Big Sky, out of the darkness there soon emerged a beacon of hope. We are so grateful to the supporters of the Moonlight Community Foundation who helped to light the way.

In 2020, MCF raised a record \$599,000, of which \$250,000 was earmarked for Big Sky Relief, an organization created with Spanish Peaks Community Foundation, Yellowstone Club Community Foundation and Big Sky Resort Area District to answer the growing and varied calls for help when COVID-19 began to impact our area.

With these designated funds MCF, through Big Sky Relief, granted almost 200 families and individuals who had their employment impacted by COVID. MCF partnered with SPFC to purchase a UV-sterilization light for the Big Sky Medical Center to protect not only patients, but the front-line workers at the hospital. The pandemic has caused a rise in the need for mental health services so we allocated money to provide scholarships for behavioral health help in Big Sky. Quality, affordable daycare is imperative to a strong workforce so funds were committed to helping Morningstar Learning Center stay staffed, healthy and open.

Thanks to your generosity, we were also able to support the community-wide surveillance testing program that has kept our schools — and our mountain — open thus far for the 20-21 season.

There was still non-profit and granting work to be done outside of the scope of the pandemic in this rapidly growing town. Big Sky has many important organizations that were steadfastly trekking through the storm, continuing their positive impacts on our mountain town. MCF is proud to have awarded almost \$175,000 to initiatives such as land conservation in Big Sky with Montana Land Reliance; art education opportunities with the Arts Council of Big Sky; Down- payment assistance for Big Sky locals aspiring to own their own place with the Big Sky Housing Trust; English Language Learning program with the Community Learning Center; Sustainability with Big Sky SNO; and restoration of the Middle Fork of the Gallatin River with the Gallatin River Task Force. These are just a few of the 23 grants we were able to fund thanks to our Moonlight Basin community.

So, from all of us with your Moonlight Community Foundation, thank you for embracing the Montana way and helping out in whatever way you can. We look forward to brighter days ahead and facing them together.

Heather Morris
MCF Chairperson

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Bridging our Community with Causes that Matter

Your Donations at Work

Total Amount Granted:
\$1,247,943
(2015-2020)

\$374,232
2020

\$276,688
2019

\$226,287
2018

\$205,474
2017

\$123,381
2016

\$31,881
2015

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2020 Giving by Program

2020 TOTAL
\$173,692
to our core pillars

\$200,540
to Big Sky Relief





Socially distanced Trails Day 2020

2021 Save the Dates

Moonlight Spring Social
March 21

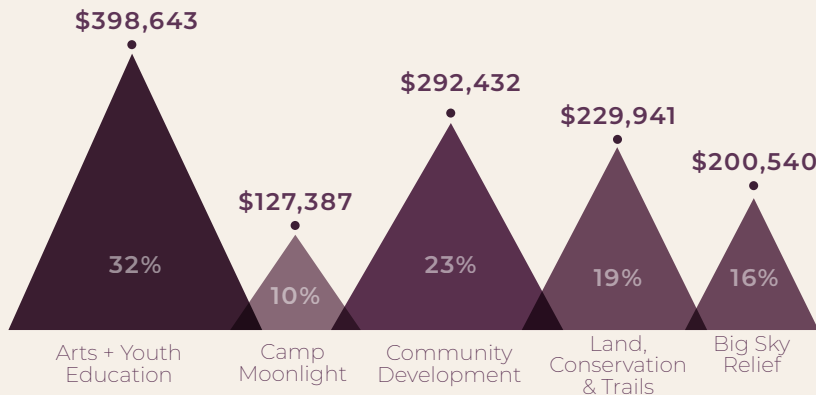
Moonlight Trails Day
July 10

**Camp Moonlight
Registration**
June 1

Summer Fundraiser
August 22

MCF Granting by Category 2015-2020

MCF has granted over \$1,247,943 over the past five years.



Making a grant request is easy

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.

These dates were modified in 2020 to accommodate other grant deadlines due to COVID and may be modified in 2021 as well.



Wellness Committee's Local Food and Sustainability Project

The mission statement of the Wellness Committee at the Big Sky School District is to “cultivate a school community that is empowered by healthy choices as related to the mind and body”. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we not only understand where our food comes from, but have the ability to purchase food that is grown locally and regionally. MCF was proud to support this program which allows for the purchasing of local (whenever possible) and regional produce to feed Big Sky students and staff within the school lunch program. Additionally, the program teaches the importance of sustainability within our food system and composting through a collaborative effort between the 11th grade science class and food service department.



Big Sky Community Housing Trust

Providing essential workers with affordable and secure homes continues to be one of Big Sky's greatest challenges. The Big Sky Community Housing Trust (BSCHT) has been working tirelessly on this issue, accelerating one of Big Sky's first workforce housing initiatives, MeadowView Condominiums. While BSCHT sells MeadowView residences at below market rate, a 20% down payment is still more than many local citizens can afford. To close this financial gap, BSCHT created a down payment assistance program that loans up to \$20,000 to qualified buyers. The loan is repayable when the property is resold and can then be reallocated to another qualified applicant. Moonlight Community Foundation is a proud supporter of this initiative and invested \$40,000 in this program through our fall grant cycle in 2020.





Big Sky Relief

When the COVID-19 Pandemic hit, Moonlight Community Foundation quickly partnered with Spanish Peaks Community Foundation, Yellowstone Club Community Foundation, and Big Sky Resort Tax to provide critical funding to local families and individuals facing sudden economic uncertainty.

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This combined network of support was and continues to be instrumental in ensuring continuity of the services necessary to keep our community thriving. Over \$205,000 in grants was awarded to 198 local individuals and families who lost their work due to the pandemic. We awarded grants to local nonprofits that required additional services or programming due to COVID-19 through this fund.

Additionally, with your financial help and in conjunction with SPCF, we purchased a sterilization light to protect the patients and

caregivers at the Big Sky Medical Center. More recently, our combined funds have helped to finance free community wide surveillance testing. This program has been instrumental in ensuring Big Sky remains open throughout the 20/21 winter season. Through this partnership we have been able to efficiently distribute funds to individuals and organizations in need while providing an enhanced sense of community in our town. THANK YOU to everyone that supported this effort during this unprecedented time!

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Thank you to the **233 families**
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Vision

Bridging Moonlight
Community to
Causes that Matter

Mission

Supporting initiatives
for youth, education
and conservation, and
under-served needs
benefitting Big Sky