THE YELLOWSTONE CLUB COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROVIDES RESOURCES TO QUALIFIED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GREATER BIG SKY AND GALLATIN VALLEY AREA THAT PROMOTE COMMUNITY SERVICE, EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION. YCCF IS FUNDED BY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, INVESTORS AND MANAGEMENT OF YELLOWSTONE CLUB.
In the past three years, the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation has created a remarkable template for innovative, efficient giving that has made a profound difference in the Big Sky community and beyond.

Working closely with area non-profits, we’ve been able to establish ourselves as true partners; understanding needs, setting goals and working together to achieve them. With YCCF’s assistance, many of our partners’ most immediate concerns have been addressed.

There is, of course, still work to be done. Understanding and meeting present needs have given us all insights into the issues that will arise in the future.

In this report, you’ll find a concise rendering of where we started, what we’ve done, and what we intend to do in years to come. We feel certain you will be as proud as we are of what we’ve accomplished, and we invite you to join us in envisioning—and creating—a future that only looks better.

THE FOUNDATION

I am particularly proud of the ways in which our financial involvement is reaping measurable results. Our commitment with Big Sky Youth Empowerment, the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and the Big Sky Community Foundation show not only an expanded reach of all three organizations, but also an ability for each of these nonprofits to widen their mission in ways that impact and improve lives. Please take a moment to examine these and our other initiatives for insight into what they are doing now, and what they might do in the future with your help.

Sincerely,
Sam Byrne, YCCF Board President

A MESSAGE FROM SAM BYRNE YCCF BOARD PRESIDENT

Clockwise from Top Left: Logo for New Warren Miller Performing Arts Center; 7,000 sq. ft. Skate Park; Big Sky Summer Camp.
OUR GOALS
• Invest in protecting open space by encouraging voluntary conservation of private land.
• Develop and maintain trails and parklands in a dual conservation/recreation approach, and help provide conservation education to improve local stewardship of the land.

HOW WE DO IT
We Support the Creation of Parks and Preserve Community Open Spaces
Park lands preserve open space and wildlife corridors while providing healthy outdoor recreation. To this end, YCCF funds were used to help complete Big Sky’s Community Park: sod for three playing fields, resurfacing of tennis courts, a new basketball court and the completion of the extension of the Community Park Trail. Wildlife resistant trash enclosures, scoreboards, bleachers and electricity for the entire park were also made possible through YCCF grants.

We Provide the Foundations for Conservation Education
Education is critical to conservation. YCCF funds were used to build the area’s first dedicated conservation education building at the Jack Creek Preserve, and to establish a new partnership for research and education in Yellowstone National Park with the University of Montana.

THE FUTURE, WITH YOUR HELP
Conservation efforts will continue to anchor the YCCF agenda as we seek to protect and enhance the natural assets that make the area a national, natural treasure. The future we envision will see additional trails and parks and growth in our partnerships with the University of Montana and the Jack Creek Preserve.

“We are so grateful that the YCCF shares our vision of educating tomorrow’s leaders about conservation.”
- Katie Alvin, Executive Director, Jack Creek Preserve

“With their keen sense of wonder and observation, kids are natural scientists in the field. We think teaming them up with scientists to work in the Yellowstone ecosystem could yield exciting and even important results.”
- Rick Graetz, University of Montana Geography Professor
**OUR GOALS**
Help enable our local school district to offer the highest quality of instruction and services available while also underwriting programs which further enriches education to the children and the community.

**HOW WE DO IT**

*We Ensure that Local Students have Access to Cutting Edge Technology*
YCCF’s sustained commitment to Big Sky School District’s technology resulted in the purchase of classroom laptops, SMART Boards, and other equipment allowing students to access resources and classrooms continents away. As a result of these technology donations, the district’s new technology instructor has the equipment to teach the upper-level computer courses imperative for high school graduates.

*We Provide Long-Term Commitments to Community-based School Programming*
In an effort to ensure that all children have the adult support they need, the YCCF has committed to funding a new position at the school that coordinates community mentors with children in need of enrichment or help once a week during the school day. This successful Bozeman-based program is entering rural schools for the first time with YCCF assistance.

*We Support Arts and Museum Education*
Through carefully selected small and medium sized grants, YCCF is able to bring cultural and educational opportunities to Big Sky and to under-served populations in southwest Montana. This year, thousands more children have visited the Museum of the Rockies, seen Shakespeare and experienced classical music due to YCCF funding. A new grant, to Big Sky’s first (and only) children’s theater company both helped put the fledgling company on solid financial ground and taught 32 local children about theater, music and performance while entertaining sold-out crowds.

**THE FUTURE, WITH YOUR HELP**
A growing demand for cultural and technological resources will continue to increase in the coming years as the YCCF supported Warren Miller Performing Arts Center opens and the number of families in Big Sky who have children continues to grow. Programs focused on teens in the new high school will also be a growth area.

“The new mentor program funded by YCCF means students who need help can get individual attention each week, and students who need to take their interests to a higher level can do that as well, with the assistance of a like-minded mentor.”
– Jerry House, Superintendent, Big Sky School District
community initiatives

OUR GOALS
Help the Big Sky community continue to develop the critical community services it needs. Work with non-profits in our neighboring communities to provide additional essential assistance in diverse areas from food security and youth services to veterans and cancer patients and survivors.

HOW WE DO IT
We Underwrite Affordable and Diverse Recreation Programming
Enriching healthy and educational summer programming, YCCF helps bring high-quality, low-cost summer recreation to the Big Sky community by underwriting the cost of Camp Big Sky, making it accessible for all families. Because of YCCF funds, no child is turned away from Big Sky summer camp for financial reasons. YCCF funds were essential in the construction of a 7,000 square foot skate park, giving many children and young adults an opportunity to develop their coordination and increase fitness.

We Help Serve the Underserved
Due to YCCF’s leading sponsorship of the KidsPack program, over 500 children receive bags filled with healthy food to provide them with weekend meals during the school year. Other initiatives include supporting on-going research into area food security issues and support of annual food drives.

We Meet the Needs of At-Risk Youth
YCCF funds a number of proactive approaches to at-risk youth through a recreation-based mentoring program that immerses youth in outdoor adventures and prioritizes character education with the goal of giving youth actionable plans for independence through education or vocational training. Continued funding in 2013 will allow 36 vulnerable youth from the Gallatin County to receive full scholarships to this program, which has documented success increasing high school graduation, post-secondary education and employment.

We Support Fighters and Survivors
YCCF funds programming to help childhood cancer survivors and their families attend the annual Big Sky Kids Camp each summer. We support veterans and their families through the Emblem Camp held annual at YC.

THE FUTURE, WITH YOUR HELP
A KidsPack program at every elementary school in Bozeman and Belgrade would be a significant step in assuring that kids and families do not go hungry when school is out. Recreation programs for teens and intervention programs for at-risk youth will also be areas of need, as will continuing to develop the resources of the parks and camps, and continuing our commitment to support veteran initiatives.

“As a grassroots start-up children’s theater company in a town that didn’t even have a stage until this year, Big Sky Broadway has been long on heart and short on funds. YCCF funding helped give us the stability to pay for the very best instructors for our kids. If our standing ovations and sold-out crowds were any indication, they were worth the investment.”
—Barbara Rowley, Producer
During the third year of operation, the generosity of Yellowstone Club Members, local businesses and other supporters continued to enable the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation (“YCCF”) to support a number of local nonprofits and charitable organizations.

The 2012 financials illustrate that our overall contributions were down from the previous year. This decrease is largely based up on a significant decrease in the amount of ‘in-kind’ support we received during the first two years as an organization. This decrease is not indicative of the financial health of the organization, but instead is a reflection of the YCCF’s continued success, which is evident in the fact that we were able to honor a similar number of grants and sponsorships as we did in 2011 in spite of the lower overall contributions. The YCCF was initially set up to be able to accept the services of the Yellowstone Club, some of its key employees, including the YCCF’s executive director, as ‘in-kind’ revenue. Now that the YCCF has shown that it is a viable and sustainable organization, the Board approved incorporating the costs of those services into its annual operating budget.

In addition to moving the ‘in-kind’ services into the YCCF budget, the Board also approved changing from a calendar year to a fiscal year for reporting purposes.

Our three annual fundraising events still account for a large portion of our annual revenue, so one of our major goals for this year is to work towards obtaining some long term giving commitments. Our success with this effort will enable the YCCF to be able to confidently commit to multi-year funding goals with some of our key nonprofit partners for their important programming efforts.

We look forward to another successful year in 2013, and to sharing many more wonderful achievements made possible through the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation’s partnerships.

Sincerely,

Charlie Callander,
YCCF Secretary-Treasurer
Grant and Sponsorship Recipients

YCCF is proud to have offered support to the following organizations in 2012:

- Arts Council of Big Sky
- Belgrade Community Library Foundation
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County
- Big Sky Broadway
- Big Sky Community Corporation
- Big Sky Skating and Hockey Association
- Big Sky Youth Empowerment
- Cancer Support Community
- Eagle Mount Bozeman
- Emerson Cultural Center
- Friends of Big Sky Education
- Friends of the Avalanche Center
- Gallatin Valley Food Bank
- Gallatin Valley Land Trust
- Greater Gallatin United Way
- HAVEN
- Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter
- Keystone Conservation
- Madison County Food Bank
- Montana Shakespeare in the Parks
- Morningstar Learning Center
- Museum of the Rockies
- Ophir School District 72
- PSIA-NRM
- Rotary Club of Big Sky
- Special Olympics of Montana
- The University of Montana Foundation
- TEDx Bozeman
- Thrive
- Toys for Tots
- Volunteers of America
- Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D.
- Women in Action

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