

2025 IMPACT REPORT



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF TETON VALLEY



MOVING FORWARD

Dear Friend,

This past year has been one of remarkable growth, momentum, and gratitude. Thanks to your partnership, we celebrated our most successful Tin Cup Challenge to date, with direct giving up more than 21% and a record \$3.88 million raised. These funds continue to strengthen the nonprofits that keep Teton Valley vibrant while fueling our competitive and youth philanthropy grant programs.

Beyond the numbers, collaboration remained at the heart of our work. Nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers joined workshops, leadership exchanges, and roundtables to share ideas, build skills, and expand our collective impact. We are continually inspired by their dedication and your support of their efforts.

This year also marked meaningful progress toward our independence from the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. Your generosity and trust have helped us reach key milestones that lay the foundation for a strong and sustainable future.

As Teton Valley continues to grow and evolve, independence will allow us to be even more responsive, connected, and impactful to the community. Together, we're supporting nonprofits and shaping the future of giving in Teton Valley.

Thank you for being such an essential part of this journey.

With appreciation,



Bonnie Self
Executive Director



Scott Pierson
Board Chair

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NONPROFIT HUB

Nonprofit Resources



“In addition to saving nonprofits thousands in rental fees, the Foundation’s shared resources are practically and environmentally sustainable for local organizations.”

— Molly Nash, Executive Director
Teton Valley Community Recycling

Impact at a Glance

- Workshops (11)
- E.D. Exchange (monthly)
- Development Roundtable (4)
- Pocket Talks (4)
- Nonprofit Community Space
- Event Equipment Lending
- Nonprofit Directory
- Volunteer Bulletin Board
- Nonprofit Job Board
- Nonprofit Library
- Sponsorships

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

Workshop Attendees	289
Conference Room Patrons	1,667
Newsgroup Subscribers	274
Workshop Contributions	\$5K+
Equipment Rental Savings	\$38K
Conference Room Savings	\$14K

\$57,000+ Saved for Nonprofits
Strengthening Sustainability



Dawn Banks Nonprofit Leadership Award

Sara McKeown White, Executive Director of the Mental Health Coalition of Teton Valley, was recognized for her passionate dedication and collaboration. The honor comes with a \$1,000 grant to her hardworking organization.



Blake Chapman EAA Flight Scholarship

Tegan Jacoby and Alex Kearsley were both awarded flight scholarships totaling \$24,000. This award supports aspiring young aviators in pursuing their dreams of flight. Kearsley completed his private pilot certificate with this award, requiring at least 40 hours of flight time.

GRANTING FOR IMPACT

Tin Cup Challenge



“ *Tin Cup highlights Teton Valley’s best, celebrating the collaboration, philanthropy, and nonprofits that support our community’s safety, health, and prosperity. It brings us together because we’re stronger united.“*

— Alex Bontecou, Executive Director
Community Resource Center of Teton Valley

Collaborative Fundraising For Community Benefit — With one in three households participating financially and 672 volunteer hours to execute, generosity has truly become a community value through the Tin Cup Challenge program.

Total Raised: **\$3,881,656** (15% increase over 2024)
by **1,623** Donors

Direct Gifts: **\$2,641,874** (21% increase over 2024)
with **6,996** Designated Gifts to Nonprofits

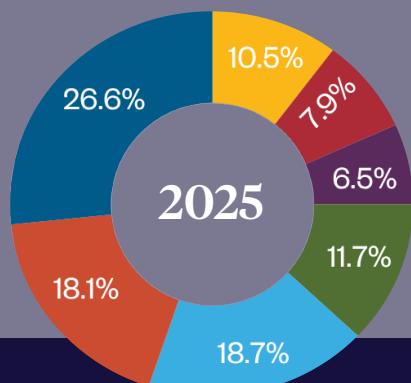
Challenger Fund: **\$1,239,782** from **228** Challengers and
69 Friends of the Challenge
64 Nonprofits received a **52%** Match Grant

Cumulative Total: \$30.8 million over 18 years

Total Annual Grant Distribution:

\$656,750

- Animal Rescue
- Arts & Culture
- Civic & Service
- Conservation & Environment
- Education
- Health & Human Services
- Sports & Recreation



Critical Community Response — Your commitment to community ensures the Community Foundation can respond to emerging needs on an annual basis. This year, the Foundation awarded \$85,000 directly to local organizations addressing critical and ever-changing needs across all sectors of Teton Valley.



Grant in Action — ABC - Above and Beyond the Classroom was awarded \$10,000 to expand programming to include 4th-5th grade students. By providing after-school, Friday, and summer programming, ABC supports at-risk students through academic enrichment, language development, and community connection.

Instilling Philanthropy in Youth — Time, talent, and treasure are at the heart of future giving and this program for graduating seniors. Over the course of three class sessions, students engaged in insightful discussions before awarding \$10,000 to thoughtfully selected nonprofit proposals. This program provides nonprofit awareness and empowers students to make real and lasting impact in their community.



“I was impressed with the leadership and maturity in our class. It allowed us to discuss and share opinions without judgment and decide, as a class, where the money should go.”

— Participating Senior

Opportunity Fund



Grant in Action — PAWS of Teton Valley was awarded \$5,000 to maintain their open-intake animal shelter for lost, stray, and animals needing re-homing. They have saved over 300 local pets this year and over 1,400 since they assumed management in 2022.

INVEST IN COMMUNITY

Donor-Advised Funds

Ease & Impact — When you invest through the Community Foundation, your generosity fuels local programs and our ability to become a self-sustaining, locally managed Foundation.

Endowment & Agency



“When the Teton Springs Foundation decided to establish a fund, the board unanimously chose to hold it with the Community Foundation of Teton Valley. By investing locally, the earnings and fees stay in Teton Valley, helping strengthen the same community we’re dedicated to supporting.”

— Anna Lindstedt
Board Member, Teton Springs Foundation

Scholarships



“Aviation opened doors for me that changed my life. I hold a scholarship fund with the Community Foundation of Teton Valley to open those same doors for young people who dream of flying but need a little lift to get off the ground.”

— Dr. Rich Sugden
Blake Chapman Flight Scholarship Fund

Memorial Funds



“We created a memorial fund for my late husband AJ Linnell, a supporter of public trails in Teton Valley. Partnering with the Foundation made it easy for family, friends, and community members to donate in AJ’s honor and keep his vision alive. We raised over \$120K to help local nonprofits implement the Southern Valley Trail System, buy a trail-dozer, and fund new BLM trails east of Victor. The Foundation helped us turn grief into a lasting legacy for AJ and the community.”

— Erica Linnell
A.J. Linnell Memorial Trail Fund

OPERATION INDEPENDENCE



“Independence means our community’s generosity will continue, building a foundation that reflects who we are, what we value, and the future we envision together.”

— Susie Work

Founding Board Member of the Community Foundation

Milestone in Our Growth — For more than 18 years, the Community Foundation of Teton Valley has been powered by local generosity. Thanks to your trust and commitment, we’ve reached a new stage, one where local leadership, systems, and capacity are ready to stand independently. This next chapter is beyond administrative, it’s a shared commitment to ensure that philanthropy in Teton Valley will always have a home of its own. We appreciate the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole’s long-time partnership to help get us to this exciting next step.

By the Numbers: Tin Cup Challenge from Then to Now:

	2008	2025
Total Raised	\$900,599	\$3.88 million
Direct to Nonprofits	\$581,917	\$2,641,874
Number of Donors	611	1,623
Median Gift	\$150	\$410
Cumulative Grants Distributed	\$181,255	\$656,750

Growth that Makes Independence Possible — Your ongoing support ensures local nonprofits can respond to Teton Valley’s evolving needs. Support for YOUR Community Foundation benefits every corner of Teton Valley, now and in the future.

Leaving a Local Legacy



“While planning our estate, my husband and I appreciate that the Community Foundation of Teton Valley will play a key role in our giving. The Community Foundation makes it easy to distribute and update gifts to nonprofits, supporting community impact without requiring changes to the whole estate plan.”

— Nan Pugh & Mike Barklow



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Suzanne Rees - *Development*

Brian Thysell - *Programs*

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Your support provides a Foundation for nonprofits, donors, and community members to stand together for the benefit of Teton Valley.

Join Us on the Path to Independence. Your support helps complete this important transition and secure a strong, effective foundation for generations to come. Together, we can ensure that the spirit of generosity that defines Teton Valley continues to thrive independently and sustainably.



Thank You!

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