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# IMPACT REPORT 2024



ARIZONA  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

**At the Arizona Community Foundation,**  
**our mission is to lead, serve, and collaborate**  
**to mobilize enduring philanthropy for**  
**a better Arizona.** We invite you to read the  
stories of impact in this report and feel inspired  
to join us, whether you contribute to a fund,  
leave a legacy gift, or volunteer with your  
favorite nonprofit. We join together with our  
partners for Arizona.



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We are committed to building  
an Arizona where everyone thrives.  
We are the Arizona Community  
Foundation.

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## Dear Donors, Partners, and Friends —

As we reflect on our 46<sup>th</sup> year of growth and impact, we are deeply grateful for your continued support and commitment to the Arizona Community Foundation. Together, we have made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals and families across our state.

This past year, in collaboration with our donors and partners, ACF distributed more than \$109 million to support education, housing, environment, arts, health, and other areas that contribute to thriving communities. But there is no limit to the potential that these grants, scholarships, and loans carry for those most in need.

Our fiscal year culminated with the launch of a new strategic plan, which emphasizes our shared responsibility for the future of Arizona. This report highlights how we are already leaning into this urgent work and emphasizes four value propositions that guide us:

**Inspire Giving.** Your generosity makes all of this possible. On the following pages, you will find examples of donors from various backgrounds who contribute through different types of funds with a common goal of making a difference through charitable giving.

**Engage Communities.** We exist to listen, serve, and elevate community voices. Throughout this report, you will hear from grantees, scholarship recipients, and partners who have welcomed us into their homes, offices, and communities to share their stories.

**Catalyze Partnerships.** Our long-standing commitment to Arizona provides credibility. You'll discover how we harness the power of our organizational reputation to bring people together to lift up communities, build awareness, and co-invest in solutions.

**Put People First.** Human capital is our greatest asset. You will get a chance to meet some of the people who make ACF great—from board and advisory members to staff, from donors to nonprofit leaders, and even some of those directly impacted by the \$1.4 billion that has come through our foundation since 1978.

As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to our mission to lead, serve, and collaborate to mobilize enduring philanthropy for a better Arizona. We are excited to continue our work with you to address emerging challenges and seize new opportunities.

Thank you for your generosity and partnership. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant future for our state.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anna M. Chávez".

**ANNA MARÍA CHÁVEZ, ESQ.**

*President & CEO*



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leezie Kim".

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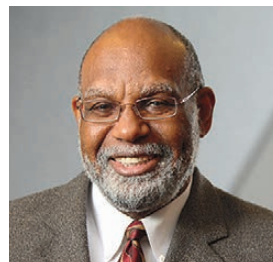
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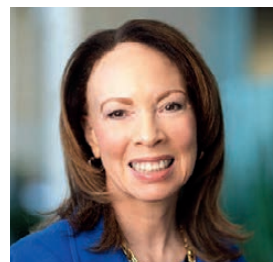
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# INSPIRE GIVING





**Thanks to your generosity and the power of collective giving, students receive much-needed financial support through scholarships, and nonprofits providing essential programs and services receive grants and loans in the areas most needed. That is inspired giving!**

**“Understanding the challenges marginalized families and rural communities face helps my organization to find meaning and purpose for the work that we do with girls and young women. Creating opportunities for those who otherwise would not have the access to participate in this program comes at a crucial time now more than ever for the next generation of girls.”**

— ACACIA BARNETT

*Founder, Hattie B. Black Women In Progress*



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## **PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

Nestled in a pine forest, the Girls Confidence Camp features a variety of activities to bolster girls' self esteem. Empowering our future leaders is a powerful way to give back.



## BUILDING ON HER GRANDMOTHER'S LEGACY, ACACIA PLANTS THE SEEDS OF CONFIDENCE IN OTHER YOUNG WOMEN

### **Girls Confidence Camp Empowers Youth and Inspires Generosity**

#### INSPIRE GIVING

**C**onfidence matters deeply. When we feel confident, we feel assured in our ability to take on life's opportunities. When we experience failure, it helps us pick ourselves back up and try again. Confidence is our inner voice telling us that we are capable, and building it within ourselves starts at a young age.

The Girls Confidence Camp was founded by Acacia Barnett in 2016 as a program of the Hattie B. Black Women In Progress nonprofit organization. Girls between the ages of six and 18 come to camp to foster sisterhood and instill self-assurance through immersive educational and empowering experiences.

This year, the girls gathered in Prescott for camp and participated in a variety of activities over a few days. Arizona State University and the Arizona Science Center provided opportunities for the campers to engage in science and art-based activities. An obstacle course challenged the campers on their team-building and agility skills.

The organization's roots can be traced back to 1975 in Sierra Vista. Acacia's grandmother, Hattie Barnett, and other Black women who had recently relocated to the town found themselves in a place that was starkly different than where they had traveled from. Sierra Vista became home to many African Americans through military relocations and the prospect of economic opportunities in the 1970s, but prior to that, did not have a large Black population. The desire to promote

Black heritage and culture was the genesis of Black Women In Progress.

Over 40 years later, Acacia reignited the work her grandmother and others began by establishing an official 501(c)(3). Since 2023, the Arizona Community Foundation has directed more than \$40,000 from its discretionary budget to the organization for the Girls Confidence Camp. Donors who choose to support ACF's funds for the common good and field of interest funds are trusting us to use our community connections to discover and fund small organizations like Hattie B. Black Women In Progress.

In addition to the grant funding, ACF staff who serve southeast Arizona have played an integral role in connecting Hattie B. Black Women In Progress with other funding sources and partners. "We're grateful to have played a small role in the organization's growth and are excited to see their impact continue to expand across the state," said ACF of Cochise Regional Director Colleen Iuliucci.

"The grants from ACF have allowed us to provide more transportation to girls from lower-income families, especially in rural areas," Acacia shared. "We're so happy to bring these girls to different parts of Arizona, especially because some of the girls have never left Sierra Vista. The grants from ACF have been really instrumental in our program expanding."

Hattie's legacy has inspired Acacia to give back to her community in a way that will impact current and future generations of young women.



Funded in part by ACF, the Girls Confidence Camp includes a weekend of team-building activities and hands-on workshops facilitated by women to promote empowerment, leadership, and healthy lifestyles.









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## **Philanthropy Comes Full Circle**

“NOT ONLY IS ACF KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE LOCAL LEVEL, BUT THEY ARE TRULY ENGAGED WITH US. WE ARE BLESSED THAT WAY. THEY HAVE HELPED US LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE COMMUNITY.”

**DAWN BERSHADER**

Former Mission Endowment Committee Member

*to learn more about how ACF works with nonprofits, visit [azfoundation.org/nonprofits](http://azfoundation.org/nonprofits)*



Current and former members of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee take great pride in providing funds for other nonprofit organizations.



**F**aith Communities like Christ Lutheran Church in Sedona typically seek financial assistance through fundraising campaigns. But with the help of a dedicated group of local philanthropists who work with the Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona, the church has taken a full-circle approach by using its Mission Endowment Fund to support other nonprofits right in their backyard.

Just over 10 years ago, church leaders decided to sell some of the land it owned to what is now the Jewish Community of Sedona and the Verde Valley and another parcel to the Sedona Fire Department. The funds were added to some legacy gifts by church members and were used to establish a nonprofit endowment fund at ACF, as well as three other funds.

Decisions about how grants are distributed from the fund are made by a committee of churchgoers who gather several times a year to analyze and discuss numerous nonprofit requests, all of which have been vetted by the local ACF of Sedona team.

“ACF knows the quality and efficiency of each of the nonprofits they bring to us,” said Mission Endowment Fund Committee Chair William Nelson.

The Christ Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund supports causes that align with the church’s mission. Distributions from the fund support the following four interest areas:

- The church itself, for upgrades and to support new initiatives and continuing education for its two pastors.
- Education, social services, or other new initiatives of the Grand Canyon Lutheran Synod, which covers Arizona and parts of Utah and Nevada.
- Worldwide Lutheran humanitarian relief, including disaster response efforts.
- Grants to other nonprofits serving Sedona and the Verde Valley that better the community.

Some of the organizations supported by the funds in the last few years include Friends of the Verde River, Cottonwood Public Schools, Hope House, and Northland Cares. In addition to awarding grants, many of the committee members also directly volunteer their time and talent to other local nonprofits such as the Sedona Food Bank.

## STRENGTHENING OUR DONOR-COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Giving to nonprofits in your community ensures a bright and promising future for all.



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INDIVIDUALS WHO  
ESTABLISHED A LEGACY  
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AS THOSE WHO WISH TO  
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Eric Urfer, Director of the Yuma  
Parks and Recreation Department,  
and Arturo Morales, Member of the  
Yuma City Council, both want to  
ensure prosperous parks in Yuma.

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# Osborn Legacy Lives on in Parks

Jones Osborn and his wife Brigida were fixtures in the Yuma community for many years. When Jones passed away in 2014 at the age of 93, he left an enduring legacy, both financially and in his service to the community.

The Osborns created an endowment fund through a charitable remainder trust with the Arizona Community Foundation of Yuma in 2004, which benefits the Yuma Parks and Recreation Department. As the fund's balance grew for 20 years, the Osborns' dedication to the community grew along with it.

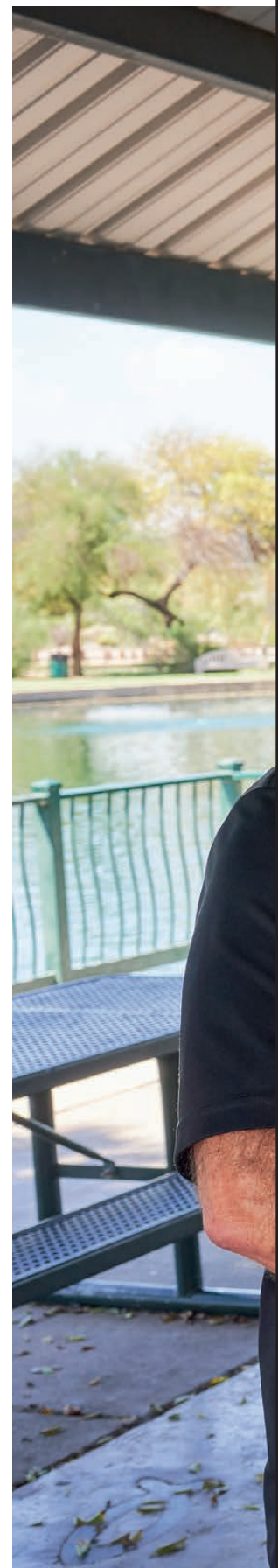
Jones had a distinguished career as the owner and editor of the *Yuma Sun*, was a U.S. Army Veteran who earned two Bronze Stars and represented Yuma and La Paz County in the State Legislature for more than 20 years.

But it was his love of nature that drove him to provide for the improvement of his beloved city parks. "One of his main forms of enjoyment was to hike and camp," said his son Jones Osborn, II. "We climbed together, and he used to hunt a lot when he was younger. He just loved being outside."

While Yuma Parks playgrounds have recently been made accessible for those who are wheelchair-bound, there is still room for improvement, according to Yuma City Council member Arturo Morales.

"With gifts like this, we can continue making our parks family friendly, just like the Osborns envisioned," said Arturo. "This represents more than just funds, it's a lasting commitment to making Yuma a place where all families can thrive."

The Yuma Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the maintenance, development, and care of all Yuma parks. It also develops and maintains trails, provides activities and programs for all ages, sponsors youth sports programs and lessons, and much more.







## CREATING MEANINGFUL CHANGE

Gifts that are promised during a donor's lifetime can create a lasting legacy for the community.



Entrepreneur, father,  
and philanthropist  
Rob Donat loves music.  
He plays the guitar and  
piano and has been  
taking lessons for six years.

Growing up in Chicago, his single mom worked two jobs to allow him to attend a Catholic school, where he was introduced to the trombone.

With some scholarships and hard work, he put himself through college at the University of Illinois. Rob then joined the Army to learn how to fly helicopters. But what came next led him to a future where he makes an ongoing impact for youth from low-income areas who otherwise would not have exposure to music.



"I really feel like kids should be exposed to music because it helps unlock math and science...and some universal truths," said Rob. "Getting the opportunity to perform, having the discipline to play your part and practice, and understanding the level of commitment are all important."

The company he founded, GPS Insights, is where Rob started to engage in philanthropy. Rather than giving his clients holiday gifts, he started donating to various nonprofit organizations in their names.

When he sold part of his company, he was able to establish a donor advised fund with the Arizona Community Foundation. Rob felt this option would give him the discipline to ensure he met his philanthropic goals by granting to those areas he felt passionate about on a set schedule. Since 2018, Rob has recommended more than \$700,000 in grants from his fund to nonprofit

organizations, largely benefiting children's education and music.

After learning of his passion for music, ACF Donor Experience Advisor Jill McIlroy introduced Rob to SOUNDS Academy, and from there, he was hooked.

SOUNDS Academy Founder and CEO Kirk Johnson said it was clear that Rob had done his research when they first met. He already knew about the organization and the two found they had a lot in common.

"Rob is very knowledgeable about what we do, and we have a lot of alignment," said Kirk. "He came to our board retreat in April and had a lot of great input and ideas."

The academy has a unique program to expose students to instruments called the Instrument Petting Zoo, where kids get to touch, feel, and play instruments that many have never seen before.

In addition, the academy provides mentoring and instruction. Since its founding in 2014, SOUNDS Academy has served more than 300 students in the school and solo programs, given introductions to instruments and music to more than 4,000 students, and currently has 17 teaching artists.

One of the things that makes Kirk most proud is that 100 percent of the students who have completed the solo program have gone on to attend college or university.

Rob hopes his family's next generation finds their passion and understands the importance of hard work to get there.

# Tuning in for Impact

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Thanks to funding from  
donors like Rob Donat,  
kids from all backgrounds  
can find joy through music  
at SOUNDS Academy.





A photograph of three young men playing cellos on a stage. They are wearing black shirts and are focused on their instruments. In the background, there is a banner for Sounds Academy and a drum set.

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THE ZIP CODE OF A CHILD  
SHOULD NOT DICTATE THEIR  
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SOUNDS ACADEMY IS A NON-PROFIT MUSIC  
EDUCATION ORGANIZATION THAT TEACHES,  
INSPIRES AND PROVIDES MUSICAL EXPERIENCES  
AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERSERVED YOUTH



# Unique Scholarships for Non-Traditional Students

**1,342**  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED BY ACF  
TOTALING \$5.6 MILLION

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I KNEW I NEEDED TO FIND SOMETHING  
I COULD DO TO BUILD A CAREER.”**

**JACKSON WESTFALL**

## INSPIRE GIVING

As young adults from middle-class families, Terry and Anne Guerrant were among the millions of students who must hold down jobs and take out school loans to attend college. This experience motivated them to create the Increase My Income Scholarship Fund at the Arizona Community Foundation to help students of all ages who struggle to pay for training that will increase their income.

Throughout their lives, Terry and Anne have met many students who are determined to find a way to create an income-generating, long-term career, despite numerous barriers such as single parenthood and having to work multiple jobs to pay the bills. These students are often not the traditional four-year college engineering or business majors. The Guerrants know there are not a lot of scholarships for vocational pathways, and they want to change that.

“We are very concerned about income inequality and the astronomical cost of a four-year college education in this country,” said Terry. “We especially want to help struggling single mothers build lucrative careers without a four-year university degree. Helping single mothers helps their children, too.”

“Most of these programs can be completed in six months to two years,” said Anne. “Careers might include IT, paralegal, nursing, radiology technology, healthcare billing, auto or aviation mechanics, construction trades, and hundreds of other promising careers offered by our excellent community college system.”

One of those vocational students is Jackson Westfall. When he first started in the Aviation and Maintenance Technology program at Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Jackson was driving two to three hours each day just to attend his classes.

“I was never one of those who was bound for university. I was good at general maintenance, plumbing, and things like that,” said Jackson. “I even worked as a handyman for a while.”

Jackson ended up following in the footsteps of his grandfather, who had been a technical flight engineer and turboprop mechanic in the U.S. Navy. He uses his grandfather’s tools every day in the program.

Jackson said the scholarship has made all the difference. He no longer has to take out more student loans and sell things to pay tuition. “I’m 27 and not getting any younger. I knew I needed to find something I could do to build a career.”







## NEW FUND SPOTLIGHT

### **The Arizona Community Foundation's Environment Fund**



The Arizona Community Foundation has launched a field of interest fund supporting the environment that is structured to grow and evolve to address changing needs and opportunities across our state. Grants from this fund will be directed to organizations that are working on sustainable projects that address conservation, heat-related challenges, and the protection of Arizona's natural resources. This fund was created through an initial gift from the John Sperling Foundation to ensure that future generations can experience the beauty and ecological richness of the region. We are actively seeking partners who share our commitment to safeguarding Arizona's precious environmental resources—contact Senior Community Impact Officer Nic de la Fuente at [ndelafuente@azfoundation.org](mailto:ndelafuente@azfoundation.org) to learn more.

#### **Malpai Borderlands Group**


One organization that would be eligible for funding from ACF's Environment Fund is the Malpai Borderlands Group. The organization takes a collaborative approach to preserving and sustainably managing grasslands and desert ecosystems in the Arizona-New Mexico borderlands. Their mission is not only to protect the environment but also to sustain the livelihoods of those who call this land home. The Malpai Borderlands Endowment Fund, created in 2013 and housed at ACF, helps secure the future stewardship of their lands.

*photos courtesy of Malpai Borderlands Group*

## **ENGAGING NEW PHILANTHROPISTS**

We are committed to bringing philanthropy within reach  
for donors from all backgrounds and income levels.





*ACF is honored  
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FPV Foundation Scholarship Fund  
Hayley's Hope Scholarship Fund  
Increase My Income Scholarship Fund  
Kristen Nieves Memorial Annual Scholarship  
Myers Family Scholarship Fund  
NABI College Scholarship Fund

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## DIRECTING RESOURCES AND DEEPENING RELATIONSHIPS

**Community is the heartbeat of our work. Our state's greatest needs and opportunities cannot be addressed without the community leaders, grassroots organizations, and nonprofits that are on the frontlines every day. By listening, responding, and sharing our knowledge with our partners, we can build a better Arizona for all.**

**“Working on this mural reminded me what it means to grow up in a border town. We who are from here are lucky to turn our heads in either direction and experience two different cultures. In spite of physical barriers, we are the thread and needle that stitch those cultures together.”**

— CARLOS IBARRA

*Artist*



### NOGALES, ARIZONA

*Nogales*, located on the wall of La Cinderella, is an 18-foot x 36-foot mural that took over seven months to complete. It is part of an ongoing effort to revitalize and beautify the Morley Avenue arts district.



A portrait of Christy Moore, a woman with shoulder-length brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a maroon t-shirt and large, dark, tassel-like earrings. The background is slightly out of focus, showing other people at what appears to be a community event or fair, with a blue table and various items visible.

**CHRISTY MOORE**

Board President, Social Spin Foundation

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AND HIGHLIGHTING IMPACT**

We believe stories are essential  
for bringing impact to life.





Laundry day is made easier on Wash With Care Wednesdays—providing free laundry services, hot meals, and community resources.



# A Holistic Approach to Homelessness

ENGAGE COMMUNITIES

The Social Spin Foundation is a remarkable example of how dedicated nonprofit organizations can address critical needs within under-resourced communities. Founded by Christy Moore, who is also the Board President, the foundation has an innovative approach to supporting those experiencing homelessness.

The Social Spin Foundation's mission is to offer essential services that foster dignity and improved quality of life for underserved populations. Central to their efforts are free laundering services, which address a fundamental need that is often overlooked. Through this service, Social Spin Foundation helps maintain personal hygiene and restores a sense of dignity to individuals who lack stable housing. The foundation also operates a community food pantry; delivers diabetes prevention, education, and on-site testing; provides heat relief; and offers a complimentary barbershop service once a month. These comprehensive services tackle multiple facets of need, reflecting a holistic approach to support.

"Social Spin believes that neighborhood laundromats are often underutilized community assets," said Christy. "Our customer-driven model proves that laundromats can be vibrant social hubs that celebrate the arts, culture, and community while serving as critical points for communities to access care."

One of their key initiatives, #WashWithCare, takes place at purpose-driven laundromats in Mesa and the mutual aid hub in Phoenix. Each week, participants receive free laundry services and hot meals, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

The Social Spin Foundation has also leveraged community support to enhance its impact. They received a \$100,000 loan and a \$40,000 grant from the Metro Phoenix Affordable Housing Collaborative Fund, a component fund of the Arizona Community Foundation. To expand upon this impact, ACF directed \$25,000 in grant funding from its discretionary budget to support capacity

building for The Spin at Portland, the organization's affordable housing project.

Social Spin Foundation has chosen to collaborate with Native American Connections, in part because of their shared commitment to addressing housing and related needs. Native American Connections' emergency housing program integrates culturally inspired services to support the well-being of families across the valley. The partnership stabilizes and empowers community members, enhancing their access to essential resources. Since launching this partnership in March, Social Spin has successfully cleaned over 5,000 pounds of clothing, reducing the workload for Native American Connections case managers and residents.

*to learn more about ACF's impact loan program, visit [azfoundation.org/loans](https://azfoundation.org/loans)*

**N**estled in the vibrant, culturally rich town of Nogales, La Línea Art Studio stands as a beacon of creativity and community engagement. La Línea Art Studio was born out of a desire to bring people together through the universal language of art. This innovative studio is more than just a space for artistic expression; it's a hub where art becomes a powerful tool for bridging divides, fostering understanding, and strengthening the bond between communities on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

One of the most impactful aspects of La Línea's work is its focus on youth engagement. The studio offers a variety of programs designed to inspire and empower young people, encouraging them to explore their creativity while learning about the rich cultural history of the borderlands. These programs are particularly important in Nogales, where opportunities for creative expression can be limited. By providing a safe and supportive environment for young artists, La Línea is helping to cultivate the next generation of cultural leaders in the region.

But the studio's influence doesn't stop at the border. La Línea actively collaborates with artists and organizations in Nogales, Sonora, creating cross-border projects that highlight the shared heritage and experiences of these twin cities. These collaborations have led to powerful exhibitions and public art installations that reflect the unique identity of the borderlands, while also addressing important social issues like migration, identity, and community resilience.



## **Bridging Borders Through Art**

ENGAGE COMMUNITIES

In 2023, the Arizona Community Foundation directed \$20,000 in grant funding from its discretionary budget to La Línea Art Studio, supporting its mission to engage and uplift communities in Nogales and bringing awareness to the arts organization. The grant and partnership with ACF have been instrumental in helping La Línea expand its reach and impact.

"We wanted to start an evening art class for adults, for free. Through the funding from ACF, we were able to hire a local artist who teaches the class," said Evan Kory, President of the Board at La Línea. "The grant also supported our operational costs, like utilities and insurance, things that are essential to running a public space. ACF literally helped us keep the lights on."

ACF's investment has also secured funding for new programs, attracted more artists to the region, and built stronger connections with community


La Línea provides an outlet for children and adults to share their creativity.



members on both sides of the border. This influx of resources has not only enhanced the studio's capacity to serve the Nogales community but has also elevated the role of art as a vehicle for social change in the region.

La Línea's success is a testament to the power of collaboration and the importance of community-driven initiatives. By working closely with ACF and other local partners, the studio has created a model for how art can be used to foster understanding, build relationships, and address the unique challenges faced by border communities. This approach has resonated deeply with residents of Nogales, who see La Línea as a vital part of the community's cultural landscape.



A man with short dark hair, smiling, wearing a navy blue Lacoste polo shirt. He is standing in an art studio. In the background, there is a large painting on an easel depicting a colorful landscape with a sun, trees, and a pomegranate. There are also some art supplies and a table with a palette visible.

**EVAN KORY**  
President of the Board

LA LÍNEA ART STUDIO  
IS CREATING A  
SHARED CULTURAL  
SPACE THAT  
TRANSCENDS BORDERS.



ENGAGE COMMUNITIES

# Cultivating Community



RESTORE FOOD SOVEREIGNTY.  
CREATE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES.  
BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.





## In the heart of the Navajo Nation,

where the land is as vast as it is challenging, access to fresh and affordable food remains a daily struggle. Spanning over 27,000 square miles and home to more than 300,000 people, the Navajo Nation is served by just 13 grocery stores. For many, the nearest grocery store is nearly a three-hour drive away—a burden that underscores the deep-rooted inequities in food access across the region.

Amid these challenges, the Bikooh Agricultural Cooperative is a symbol of resilience and community strength. Established in January 2024 by farmers from the Kerley Valley, the Bikooh Agricultural Cooperative is dedicated to supporting and promoting agriculture, food sovereignty, food security, and the preservation of cultural traditions in Tribal food systems. The cooperative also champions land stewardship, aiming to restore and sustain the agricultural heritage of the Navajo people.

The cooperative's formation was catalyzed by the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic, which exposed the fragility of existing food systems and highlighted the urgent need for local, sustainable solutions. In response, local farmers and community leaders in Tuba City and the Kerley Valley united with a shared vision: to restore food sovereignty, create economic opportunities, and build a sustainable future for their community.

The Arizona Community Foundation is honored to partner with the Bikooh Agricultural Cooperative in advancing this critical mission. Together, we are supporting the development of a farming cooperative—an essential initiative that promises to reshape the food landscape and foster economic resilience in the region.

Grounded in the deep agricultural traditions of the Navajo people, the cooperative empowers local farmers to cultivate their lands with greater efficiency and

sustainability. By providing essential resources, training, and infrastructure, ACF and the Bikooh Agricultural Cooperative are enabling these farmers to grow a diverse array of crops that will supply the grocery store cooperative. This approach ensures a consistent flow of fresh, locally sourced produce, reducing the community's reliance on distant and expensive grocery stores.

Beyond agriculture, the partnership is about restoring the self-sufficiency that has always been a cornerstone of Navajo culture. The cooperative model allows farmers to pool their resources, share knowledge, and collectively market their produce, ensuring fair prices and stable incomes. This is a powerful step toward food sovereignty, where the community can control its own food supply and ensure that everyone has access to nutritious, culturally appropriate foods.

"Tourism is our leading industry, and we're looking forward to this as an opportunity to engage other people and communities, to share our culture and community," said Bijiibah Begaye, Executive Director of Cooperative Catalyst. "It will be great to have a space where people can come, taste the food, and tour the fields." This vision extends the impact of the cooperative beyond food access, turning it into a cultural bridge that welcomes others to experience the richness of Navajo traditions.

Through this ongoing partnership, ACF is demonstrating its commitment to supporting community development that is rooted in collaboration, respect, and a deep understanding of local needs.



The farmers market brings together community and Bikooh Agricultural Cooperative members, including Grey Farrell, Lula Neztosie, Rose Marie Williams, Noland Stevens, Daniel Williams, and Marva Begaye.







# CATALYZE PARTNERSHIPS



**Great things happen when we work together. Community foundations have a long history of bringing people from a variety of industries and varying walks of life to the table to champion solutions. When we catalyze partnerships, we advance our mission and can build a better Arizona alongside our neighbors.**

**“ACF’s collaborative grantmaking has deepened relationships between funders. Donors can feel lonely and uncertain of the best ways to give, and groups like this have created a wonderful rapport between people who want to help.”**

— MARY TAYLOR HUNTLEY

*Member of the Yavapai County Funding Partnership*



## **PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

Partnerships bring philanthropists with varied interests together to ensure a holistic view of community needs and that grantmaking addresses those needs.



**2024 FLAGSTAFF  
COLLABORATIVE  
DONORS**

Burton Family  
Foundation

Cambium Wealth &  
Legacy Strategies

Capstone Health Fund

Ernest & Evelyn  
Chilson Fund

Forest Highland  
Foundation

Geile Charitable Fund

GeoFund

Molly and Joseph  
Herman Foundation

Lyons Family

McClanahan  
Family Fund

Northern Arizona  
Healthcare Office of  
Philanthropy

W. L. Gore &  
Associates, Inc.

**2024 YAVAPAI COUNTY  
FUNDING  
PARTNERSHIP  
INCLUDES**

Burton Family  
Foundation

Cambium Wealth &  
Legacy Strategies

Gato Community Gives

Ingebritson Family  
Foundation

Perry & Sandy Massie  
Foundation

Margaret T. Morris  
Foundation

# Partnerships that Propel Impact

## CATALYZE PARTNERSHIPS

One of the most fulfilling aspects of community foundation work is awarding grants to nonprofits, community organizations, Tribal entities, public schools, and municipalities whose proposals aspire to improve the quality of life for residents. This process also shows how much need is in the community through the projects and programs that go unfunded or partially funded each year.

In 2003, the Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff debuted a collective grantmaking strategy to provide additional funding resources beyond what was possible through its annual competitive grant cycle. Twenty-one years later, organizations throughout Flagstaff have received an additional \$13 million as a result of this innovative strategy.

One of the organizations that has benefited from the collective grantmaking model is the Flagstaff Family Food Center. Current President & CEO Ethan Amos found his way to the organization in 2022. While he had yet to run a warehouse or work at a food bank, his experience and passion for health equity and building successful programs and teams came at a critical time for the food center.

“At the Flagstaff Family Food Center, we are deeply invested in combatting food insecurity,” said Ethan. “Of course, our bread and butter is supplying food to fulfill our clients’ everyday basic needs. But we’d be remiss to not also try to tackle the underlying issues that lead to hunger, since many families seeking our assistance are trapped by the demands of rising

housing costs, unforeseen medical expenses, and inadequate wages.”

Ethan’s holistic experience in health equity and food systems sparked conversations among community members, funders, and cross-functional organizations about launching the Northern Arizona Anti-Hunger Summit in May 2024. Tribal and government representatives, social service leaders, healthcare providers, client advocates, and community partners came together to explore solutions and foster collaboration in addressing food insecurity in the region.

While one might see the role of the food center as simply providing food to those who are hungry, Ethan and his team understand that their work has deep connections and complex intersections with those working in affordable housing, healthcare, social justice, climate action, education, and more.

As recently as one year ago, Ethan felt that the organization was operating in a silo and was alone in their quest to achieve their mission. It wasn’t until the food center was able to develop connections with other organizations that were equally passionate about addressing similar issues that they could truly excel and serve the community.

“My relationship with ACF of Flagstaff, specifically Regional Philanthropic Advisor Gwen Groth, gave me the confidence to explore my funder partnerships,” said Ethan. “She’s part of so many community conversations and is genuinely interested in





## CHAMPIONING SOLUTIONS

Leveraging our partners' knowledge and leadership in the community extends the impact collective grantmaking.

The team from Flagstaff Family Food Center 

our work and the well-being of all Flagstaff residents.”

“Without organizations like ACF and the support of the community, we wouldn’t exist,” agreed Summer Grandy, the food center’s Client Advocacy Manager. “If you don’t have anything to eat, it’s pretty hard to go out and look for a job or try to find shelter.”

Inspired by the success of collective grantmaking in Flagstaff, the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County convened a group of local donors and foundations to create more transformational outcomes for organizations. Key advocate Mary Taylor Huntley has been connected to ACF since 2009, as a friend, donor, and volunteer Board of Advisor member. She’s been instrumental in the collaborative giving process hosted by both ACF regional offices.

“The Yavapai County Funding Partnership provides a space for donors and funders to educate each other on their passions and grow their knowledge of community

needs,” said Mary. “This collaborative effort has deepened relationships between funders; donors can feel lonely and uncertain of the best ways to give, and this group has created a wonderful rapport between people who want to help.”

Since its inception in 2022, the Yavapai County Funding Partnership has awarded an additional \$750,000 to local organizations. The group of foundations and individual donors gather to share information about the needs in the

community and collaborate to leverage their grantmaking for greater impact.

Each year, members of the Yavapai County Funding Partnership and nonprofits are invited to celebrate the power of catalyzing partnerships. By

convening and mobilizing community partners, ACF of Yavapai County has been able to invest in local solutions through collaborative philanthropy.

Jane Harrison, Executive Director of People Who Care in Prescott said the funding from this year’s grant cycle will help the organization with their vision program for those with specialized vision challenges. The organization also helps provide individual care, transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, and access to food.

## COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS IN NORTHERN ARIZONA ARE DEEPENING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN FUNDERS

“People don’t think about it, but since we are an all-volunteer organization, our volunteers are the ones driving clients around. Without this funding, we wouldn’t be able to reimburse them, and they wouldn’t be able to continue volunteering for us,” said Jane.





# Reigniting Latino Philanthropy

## CATALYZE PARTNERSHIPS

### CONVENING WITH PURPOSE AND AUTHENTICITY

When groups of passionate philanthropists come together, great things happen.

Just days ahead of Hispanic Heritage Month, community members joined the Arizona Community Foundation at an event to reignite Latinos Unidos, an initiative focused on growing and exploring Latino philanthropy across the state. The event also celebrated the first grants awarded by Latinas In Philanthropy & Service (LIPS), ACF's giving circle that brings together Latinas who are dedicated to working together to create a better Arizona for Latinas of all ages.

Latinos make up a rapidly growing 33 percent of Arizona's total population but are vastly underrepresented in the philanthropic sector, with minimal funding directed toward causes that are important to Latino communities. Individuals passionate about and engaged with these issues gathered at Xico Arte y Cultura, a Latino-owned gallery and gathering space in downtown Phoenix, to celebrate Latinos' rich tradition of giving while talking about ways to bridge the funding gap, promote equity, and invest in a thriving future for all of Arizona's residents.

"Latinos Unidos is more than a philanthropic initiative; it's a movement of hope, inspiration, and pride around Latino generosity," said Adam Lopez Falk, ACF Senior Community Impact Officer. "We can light the way for a future where Latinos drive meaningful change for Arizona."

To reinforce this commitment to Latinos supporting Latinos, LIPS awarded \$25,000 in its first year of grantmaking to Unlimited Potential, Children's Action Alliance, Chicanos Por La Causa, and ALL in Education.





La Frontera Partners in Tucson received \$150,000 from the Arizona Housing Fund to build new affordable housing units in its West Point II Apartments project.



## Making Housing Affordable \$25 at a Time

### CATALYZE PARTNERSHIPS

From 2019 to 2023, the median sale price of homes in Arizona increased by 57 percent. At the same time, rent in the state increased by 72 percent from 2010 to 2022, according to the 2024 State of Arizona Housing Report from ARCHES at ASU's Morrison Institute for Public Policy.

With increasing prices and low inventory, nonprofit organizations that develop and maintain affordable housing projects must have access to the necessary funds to continue providing these options. The challenge is compounded by the misinformation about affordable housing and communities that vocalize their opposition to these types of developments. Meanwhile, the need for funds to develop affordable housing continues to increase.

This is where the Arizona Housing Fund comes in. The fund was established at the Arizona Community Foundation in 2019 by Howard Epstein, Bank of America Executive and longtime advocate for affordable housing. Since its inception, the fund has granted more than \$1.7 million and helped to fund 10 nonprofit housing projects that are bringing 542 new units of housing

to our state. These critical funds help organizations build new affordable housing units for low-income families, the working poor, and those exiting homelessness.

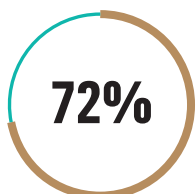
"We wouldn't be where we are today without the partnership of ACF," said Howard. "As one of ACF's collaborative funds, we have credibility, stability, and the opportunity to connect with so many community-minded individuals who share our belief that every person in Arizona deserves a place to call home."

Howard also acknowledges that the private sector partnerships from Valley businesses have contributed immensely to the success of the fund.

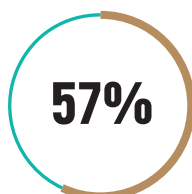
"We have had multifamily developers like NexMetro, homebuilders like Meritage Homes, and real estate brokerages like North & Co. and Locality embrace the fund as their own, celebrating their contributions at company gatherings and on social media," said Howard. "Title companies, banks, and law firms have all come on board as donors as well, contributing tens of thousands of dollars."

One of those organizations is Pioneer Title Agency. The family-owned agency opened in Sierra Vista in 1985 with founder Keith Newlon, his wife Cindy, and his father Robert H. Newlon. Today, the agency continues the tradition of philanthropy in its 77 offices across the state. The agency offers the opportunity for clients to donate to the fund individually as part of the title transaction and matches that donation. Even if the client declines to donate, Pioneer Title donates \$25 per transaction.

RENT INCREASE  
OVER 12 YEARS



HOME PRICE INCREASE  
OVER 4 YEARS





# PEOPLE FIRST







## A COMMITMENT TO CARE AND SUPPORT

**People power philanthropy through their dedication to improving their communities. Our staff, board members, and partners join donors and community in driving change forward.**

**“I volunteer four-to-five hours per week at Treasure House. I visited them around two years ago on behalf of a prospective donor, got immediately hooked, and now volunteer when off the clock, supporting various engagement activities with the residents.”**

— SHAWN WATT

*ACF Education and Scholarships Advisor*



### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Volunteerism and employee giving are not only beneficial for nonprofit partners and those they serve, they also help stoke the passion of team members for causes close to their heart.



## PEOPLE FIRST

## Retreat Renews Team Culture

The Arizona Community Foundation's annual All Staff Retreat, held at Biosphere 2 in Oracle in June, proved to be a pivotal event that profoundly impacted our staff. The retreat was not only a reflection of our dedication to fostering a culture of care and collaboration, but also an opportunity for staff to renew their commitment to our mission.

This event would not have been possible without support from the Opatrny Family Foundation. Their unrestricted gift to ACF enabled us to host the retreat in the perfect environment for inspiration and development. ACF Board Member Don Opatrny and his wife Judy provided the gift from their private family foundation. "We are thrilled to provide unrestricted support for the Arizona Community Foundation through the Opatrny Family Foundation. ACF is an invaluable asset to our community, fostering collaboration and driving positive change," said Judy and Don. "We believe in strengthening the infrastructure that supports such impactful work and we are delighted that our contribution made the 2024 retreat possible."

The retreat was designed to put people first by fostering deeper connections among staff and celebrating the work they do.

"ACF IS AN INVALUABLE ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY, FOSTERING COLLABORATION AND DRIVING POSITIVE CHANGE. WE BELIEVE IN STRENGTHENING THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUCH IMPACTFUL WORK." **DON AND JUDY OPATRNY**

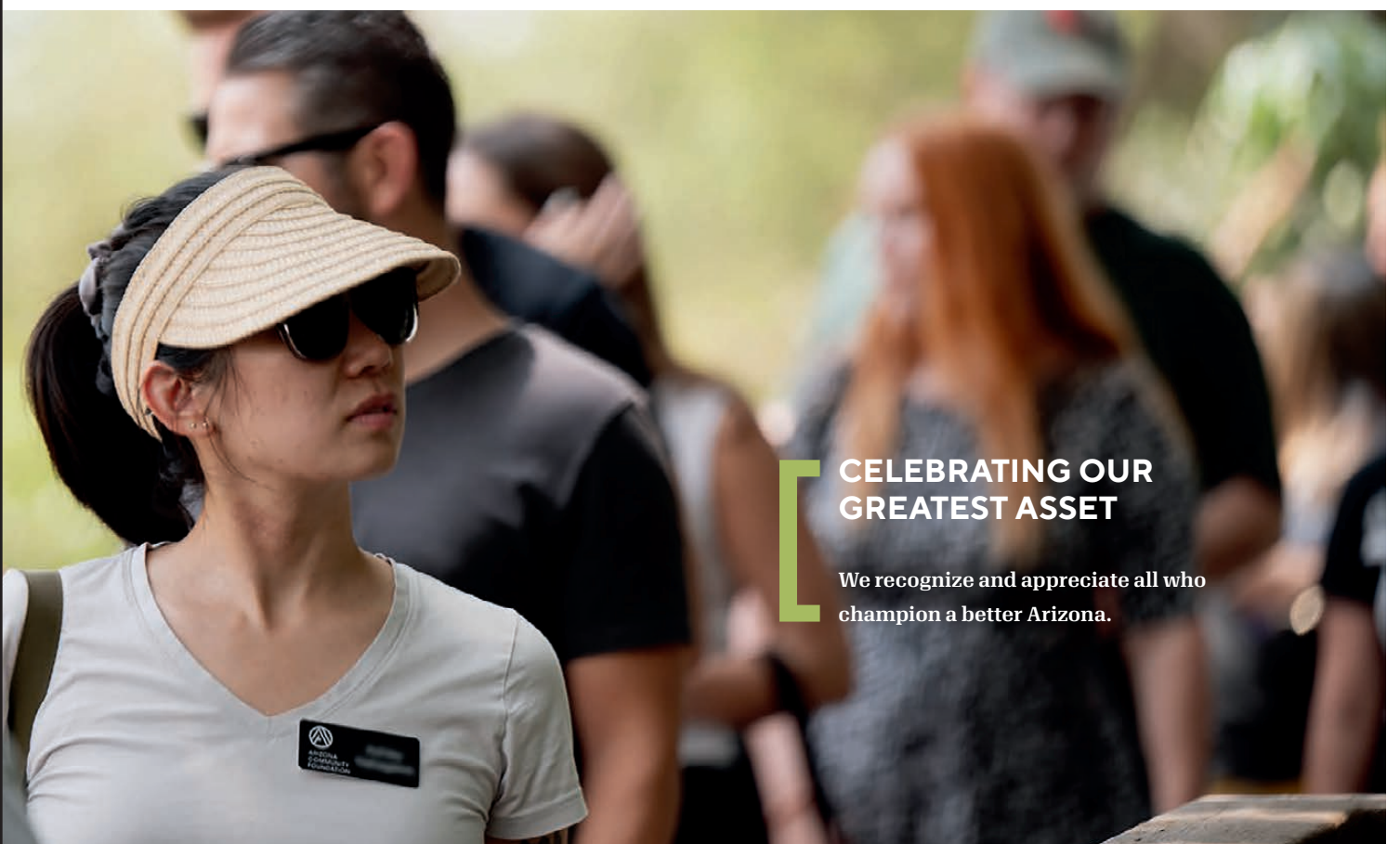
"At the Arizona Community Foundation, we truly believe that people come first," said Anna María Chávez, ACF's President & CEO. "The leadership team and I understand how important it is to dedicate time to celebrate our successes, strategize about our opportunities, and build authentic and meaningful relationships across the organization."

Throughout the time spent together, the team learned from organizations serving Tucson and the borderlands, led inspiring sessions, shared their personal passions, and strengthened bonds. The team also had the opportunity to give back by building STEM kits that were donated to students at Southside Community School in Tucson.

The 2024 All Staff Retreat was a significant milestone in our journey toward a more connected and resilient team.

*view ACF's leadership & staff at [azfoundation.org/staff](https://azfoundation.org/staff)*





## CELEBRATING OUR GREATEST ASSET

We recognize and appreciate all who  
champion a better Arizona.

At the heart of the Arizona Community Foundation's strategic plan is a commitment to put People First.

This commitment is exemplified by ACF's Employee Gift & Volunteer Match Program, which encourages team members to support charitable organizations while amplifying their impact through matching funds. One standout story that embodies this value proposition is that of Shawn Watt and his dedication to Treasure House, a nonprofit organization based in Glendale that provides residence and aid to young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For the past two years, Shawn, a member of the ACF community engagement team, has devoted some of his free time to supporting Treasure House. His journey began when he visited the organization with a colleague and a prospective donor and was immediately inspired by the transformative work being done. His involvement has since evolved into a fulfilling volunteer role, where he actively engages with residents.

Treasure House provides young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to lead successful and fulfilling lives, offering a supportive environment tailored

# Giving Back in Off-Hours

PEOPLE FIRST



Team member Shawn Watt chooses to spend his spare time at Treasure House putting smiles on residents' faces.





to their individual needs. The organization pairs residents with life coaches who help them set and achieve personal goals, fostering independence, inclusion, and purpose as they transition into adulthood.

Shawn has contributed more than \$1,000 to the organization and has spent four to five hours per week volunteering at their Glendale residence. This financial support, coupled with his hands-on involvement, underscores the impact that dedicated individuals can have on their communities.

"You can feel the impact this organization makes right when you walk in the front door of Treasure House," said Shawn. "And I enjoy being connected to that impact."

In addition to matching Shawn's gifts, Treasure House has received support from ACF's discretionary budget. The organization's innovative programming and living environment are designed to support residents from diverse backgrounds.

Shawn's dedication to Treasure House exemplifies the compassionate and engaged spirit of ACF's staff. His commitment illustrates how individual actions can drive collective progress and support the mission beyond working hours.



**"VOLUNTEERISM IS THE BEST THING GOING. IT OPENS YOUR EYES TO THINGS IN YOUR COMMUNITY. IT'S HUMBLING AND GIVES YOU A FEELING OF COMPLETENESS."**

**EVA HARPER**



## **GILA VALLEY'S EVA HARPER EXEMPLIFIES THE 'PRIDE OF SAFFORD'**

It is with great admiration that we recognize Eva Harper, a distinguished Board of Advisor member for ACF of the Gila Valley.

Eva was honored twice by the *Eastern Arizona Courier* as the "Pride of Safford" for her exceptional commitment to fostering community development and her outstanding personal contributions to local causes. Her leadership and tireless efforts have become a model for others in Graham and Greenlee counties, demonstrating the impact of dedicated volunteerism and civil engagement.

Eva's contributions have laid the groundwork for long-term positive change in the Gila Valley. Her efforts resonate through the improved quality of life for many residents. Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization, Southeastern Arizona Community Unique Services, and Meals on Wheels are just some of the organizations Eva has supported with her time and treasure.

*photo by Brandie Lane*



The ACF team spends time in Yuma, Prescott, Safford, and other places building relationships and learning directly from those most impacted by community challenges.



photos courtesy of ACF team members  
Adam Lopez Falk and Tinsley Andrews

## Community Impact, Up Close and Personal

### PEOPLE FIRST

“SEEING THE AMAZING WORK OF OUR PARTNERS ACROSS THE STATE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MY YEAR.” ANNA MARÍA CHÁVEZ

Across the state, nonprofits, donors, and leaders come together to accomplish great things. To better understand those dynamics, the Arizona Community Foundation team visited every corner of the state to learn about the needs and ensure all voices are reflected in our strategic plan.

Each visit highlighted the needs and opportunities, but also the individuals working together to create solutions. Three focus areas emerged where ACF’s grantmaking and partnerships could be most impactful in the next few years: education, housing, and environment. While ACF and its donors continue to support all causes and places, we have begun catalyzing

partnerships that benefit these interconnected issue areas.

“I know how valuable everyone’s time is,” said Anna María. “Folks spent time building relationships with our team, helping us understand their challenges and successes, which was immensely valuable and greatly appreciated.”

One of those visits included Griffin Family Ranches in Yuma, one of the top suppliers of winter vegetables for the United States. The Griffins understand all too well how much the agriculture industry has changed. That is why 20 years ago they created a scholarship fund at ACF that supports University of Arizona students pursuing agriculture degrees.

The team also visited Prescott’s Launch Pad Teen Center, where they met with Executive Director and Founder Courtney Osterfelt who described the center as a place of acceptance and inclusivity. She emphasized the need for leadership training, which requires funding for community hubs like Launch Pad.

The visit to Sedona introduced us to a couple who are creating seven donor advised funds at ACF so each of their children can engage in philanthropy. We are looking forward to partnering with them for grant recommendations.

Thank you to all our hosts for your inspiration!





## ADVISOR PERSPECTIVE

### **Connecting Legacy and Community**

The Arizona Community Foundation enhances professional advisors' client relationships through customized charitable giving solutions and advice about nonprofits in need of support. In northern Arizona, Estate Planning Attorney Jon Linford of Morris Hall PLLC partners with ACF to augment his client relationships by providing options for incorporating charitable giving into their estate plans.

"My number one goal is to be a trusted advisor," said Jon. "I'd hope my legacy is that I worked hard to serve the community, both professionally through my work and outside of that."

Jon and his clients have been able to provide tangible benefits for the region by partnering with ACF to establish named funds during their lifetime and promising legacy gifts that will support communities after they're gone. Their donations have supported a wide array of local causes, from educational programs to community health services, enhancing the quality of life in cities and towns across the region.

ACF is grateful to partner with advisors like Jon in all corners of the state to provide local expertise and charitable vehicles that help amplify giving through financial and estate plans.

JON LINFORD



# STATEWIDE IMPACT

Grants, scholarships, loans, and distributions awarded by ACF and its regional offices  
between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024:

\$109,472,076

40  
IMPACT REPORT 2024

33%

Health  
Innovations

24%

Quality  
Education

10%

Community  
Improvement &  
Development

10%

Arts & Culture

4%

Environment &  
Sustainability

12%

Nonprofit  
Fund  
Distributions

5%

Scholarships

2%

Impact Loans

SUM OF GRANT AMOUNT

\$87,812,283\*

GRANTS FUNDED

5,842

ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTED

2,584

APACHE

5  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
\$49,280

COCHISE

75  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
\$437,850

COCONINO

348  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
\$3,665,294

GILA

33  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
\$291,182

GRAHAM

19  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
\$115,946

GREENLEE

9  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
\$52,490

LA PAZ

6  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
\$6,700

MARICOPA

2,914  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
\$42,351,213

\*Excludes \$5.6M in scholarships, \$13M in nonprofit fund distributions, and \$2.9M in impact loans.





#### STATEWIDE

**86**  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
**\$1,040,917**

#### OUT OF STATE

**1,598**  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
**\$32,359,541**

#### MOHAVE

**10**  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
**\$48,000**

#### NAVAJO

**26**  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
**\$204,700**

#### PIMA

**158**  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
**\$2,472,882**

#### PINAL

**25**  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
**\$192,650**

#### SANTA CRUZ

**28**  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
**\$230,800**

#### YAVAPAI

**413**  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
**\$3,233,404**

#### YUMA

**89**  
grants  
funded,  
totaling  
**\$1,059,434**

# SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ended March 31, 2024

## ASSETS

Cash	\$	2,016,000
Receivables		47,347,000
Investments		1,384,421,000
Other		3,718,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,437,502,000</b>

## LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Account Payable & Other Liabilities	\$	1,308,000
Grants Payable		28,976,000
Annuity Liability		14,963,000
Agency Funds & Funds Held for Others		145,777,000
Other		2,801,000
Net Assets		1,243,677,000
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,437,502,000</b>

## REVENUES

Contributions	\$	70,327,000
Investment Income		124,900,000
Change in Split Interest Agreements		1,197,000
Miscellaneous		2,672,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>199,096,000</b>

## GRANTS & EXPENSES

Grants & Scholarships	\$	93,389,000
Other Program Expenses		12,388,000
Management & General		5,446,000
Fundraising		3,086,000
<b>Total Grants &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>114,309,000</b>

<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>84,787,000</b>
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## NET ASSETS

Beginning of Period	\$	1,158,890,000
End of Period	\$	1,243,677,000

## FY24 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Donors contributed a total of **\$70.3M** to new and existing funds. An additional **\$10M** was entrusted to ACF by nonprofits to steward on their behalf, bringing the total assets received to **\$80.3M**.

**96** new funds were created.  
**66** planned gifts were promised.

**5,842** grants were awarded to **2,584** organizations totaling **\$87.8M** and **\$5.6M** in scholarships were awarded to **1,342** students.

The financial statements are the responsibility of the Arizona Community Foundation's management. The Foundation maintains a system of internal accounting controls designed to provide responsible assurance that transactions are properly executed and recorded in all material respects, assets are safeguarded, and established policies and procedures are carefully followed. The above are audited results for the Arizona Community Foundation's fiscal year ended 3/31/24. Copies of the three most recent years' financial statements and corresponding Form 990 tax filings can be viewed online at [azfoundation.org/financials](http://azfoundation.org/financials) or can be provided upon request. Official statements and filings are posted as soon as they are available.



# FINANCIAL ASSETS



TOTAL ASSETS BY FUND TYPE  
**\$1,437,502,000**

Regional assets account for 14 percent of ACF’s total assets at \$200 million

**31%**  
 Advised  
**\$439,626,000**

**5%**  
 Scholarship  
**\$68,926,000**

**22%**  
 Supporting Organizations  
**\$325,239,000**

**4%**  
 Funds for the Common Good  
**\$57,583,000**

**13%**  
 Field of Interest  
**\$183,362,000**

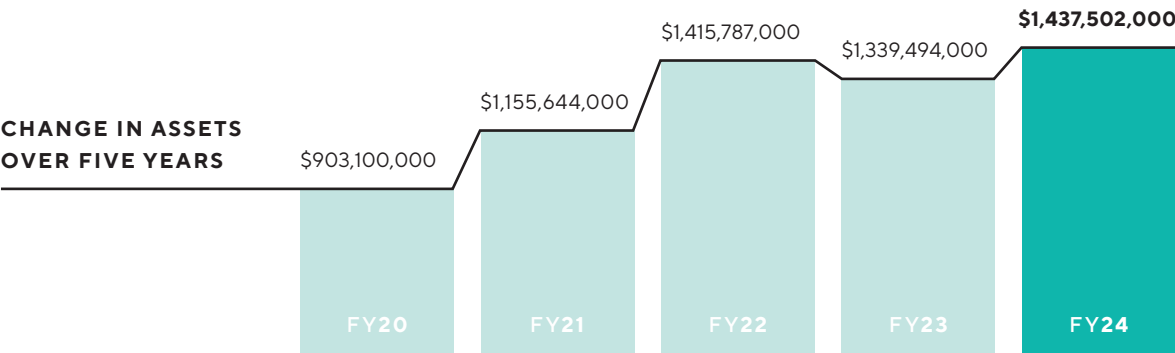
**4%**  
 Other\*  
**\$53,675,000**


**10%**  
 Nonprofit  
**\$146,189,000**

**3%**  
 Trusts & Annuities  
**\$38,840,000**

**8%**  
 Designated  
**\$124,062,000**

\*Includes administrative, collaborative, project-based, and initiative support funds.





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as a state that welcomes growth,  
inclusion, and prosperity for all.

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The Arizona Community Foundation brings communities together. We align people around shared values to develop solutions, build and nurture critical partnerships, and create new approaches to some of the biggest challenges across the state. Harnessing the power of grantmaking, community knowledge, and inspired giving, we can change the course of our collective future in Arizona together.

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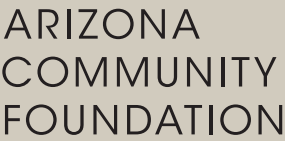
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