2020 ANNUAL REPORT
CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY
JANUARY 2021

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Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the support you gave to the Lander Community Foundation in 2020. My sincere appreciation goes out to the community for providing tangible and financial assistance, positive spirit, enthusiasm, and encouragement as I navigated my first year as the first full-time LCF employee. What a year it was!

Looking ahead, and not knowing what to expect in 2021, I hope you get in touch with me if you have ideas for how LCF can have the greatest impact throughout Lander. We have a vision for the next five years but we want your input moving forward. Your perspective is what allows LCF to build a stronger, more vibrant community. I look forward to continuing our work in 2021. Lander Community Foundation, connecting our community since 1996.

Mary Greene
“It’s clear that LCF has a passion for strengthening our community. They both support and advocate for our nonprofits. When I think of influential organizations in Lander, LCF, LEDA, and the Chamber come to mind. They each represent the best interest of our businesses and nonprofits by working together. I think LCF is doing a fantastic job and I can’t wait to see where it goes.”

— Mike Lilygren, Maven co-owner

“Being a part of the partnership between NOLS and the Lander Community Foundation was an amazing experience! It was wonderful to see how committed both organizations are to the Lander community, and I was lucky to get to know and work with so many special people who are invested in helping in so many ways. Thanks so much for the opportunity!”

— Clair Smith, Lander Connected coordinator, Summer 2020
CELEBRATING LANDER’S

10TH ANNUAL CHALLENGE FOR CHARITIES

This year marked Lander’s 10th annual community-wide fundraising event, Challenge for Charities (C4C). Due to COVID related safety concerns, we had to cancel our 4th of July races. So to highlight the work of our participating nonprofits, we created videos and posted weekly press releases on County10 and through our social media channels. Our efforts proved to have a positive impact on charitable giving through C4C with nonprofits raising the most money ever.

+ 41 participating nonprofits raised a total of $362,000.
+ 14 nonprofits exceeded the $10,000 cap
+ The matching pool was the second-highest in our 10-year history of C4C—$149,000
+ Since 2010, C4C has facilitated raising and disbursing approximately $3,000,000 for our Lander community

Without the generosity of our donors to the nonprofits and our Challengers, who contribute to the matching pool, C4C would not be possible. This year, Lonnie Bull at Edward Jones and an anonymous donor were our 2020 lead Challengers, each contributing $20,000 to the matching pool. What a way for us to start 2020! These generous contributions spurred philanthropic action throughout our community leading to 104 matching pool donations from individuals, Lander businesses, and foundations. Not only do Challenger donations encourage philanthropic giving across our community, but they also allow the LCF to be successful in supporting nonprofits in doing the amazing things that make our community so incredible.
“Lander Community Foundation is a beautiful example of our community coming together and supporting nonprofits. Many thanks to Challenge for Charities’ sponsoring businesses and the leadership of Lander Community Foundation. The Water for Wildlife Foundation relies on these generous donations to fund local internships, interactive museum exhibits, local water projects, and more. Additionally, LCF was very helpful in letting the community know about all the work we do locally. All are invited to visit the museum and see the work of Lander Community Foundation first hand. The museum is free and open to the public.”

— Vicki Hutchinson, Executive Director, Water for Wildlife
The Lander Care & Share Food Bank was so fortunate to receive a substantial grant from the Lander Community Foundation COVID Relief Fund. These funds, in addition to other local donations, allowed us to purchase a much needed walk-in refrigeration unit. We have been able to sustain the need and provide fresh food for our extended community.

AUDREY KRIZE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LANDER CARE & SHARE FOOD BANK

Early in mid-March, we anticipated that COVID could have a devastating impact on our community. We quickly created a COVID committee composed of staff and board representatives and asked ourselves, how can we be the most helpful, and what do our citizens and nonprofits need? Soon we began to be deluged with emails and phone calls asking for and offering assistance. With the receipt of a generous donation of $10,000, we established the LCF COVID-19 Relief Fund.

+ As of December, $141,433 had been donated.

+ As of January 15, 2021, $78,000 has been dispersed to organizations impacted by COVID-19.

+ LCF will continue to distribute funds to the organizations that have been severely impacted by or are critical in addressing the challenges of COVID-19 in our community.

We were honored to be able to respond to the needs of our community and we’re humbled that LCF was seen as the organization that would make things happen during this time of uncertainty.

TOGETHER–AS A COMMUNITY–WE CAN CONTINUE TO HELP EACH OTHER.
COVID RELIEF FUND

- Lander Art Center
- Mountain Vista Retirement Residence
- Lander Senior Citizens Center
- Rotary Club of Lander
- Lander Pet Connection
- Lander Care & Share Food Bank
- Help for Health Hospice
- Almost Home Wyoming
- Community Entry Services
- Friday Back Pack Program
- First Stop Help Center
- Fremont In-Home Services
- Good Samaritan Community Meal

COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM 2012-2020

Since 2012, we have given the opportunity for Lander-area nonprofits and fiscally sponsored organizations to apply for a grant provided by the Foundation.

- 2012: $4,500
- 2013: $7,250
- 2014: $8,000
- 2015: $15,000
- 2016: $13,200
- 2017: $17,000
- 2018: $20,340
- 2019: $25,150
- 2020: $9,100
Providing Resources and Meeting Community Needs

Lander Connected

It began as a conversation between a few Lander citizens. With funding from the LOR Foundation and a contracted part-time position on loan from NOLS, we created Lander Connected—a volunteer resource for community members. This volunteer hub allows individuals, organizations, and businesses to connect with volunteers in our community.

+ 1,606 volunteer hours through Lander Connected
+ 3,000 additional hours of volunteer grocery shopping provided through Lander Together
+ $87,366 of volunteer time
+ To date, Lander Connected has 182 registered volunteers

Lander United

As repercussions of COVID were rippling across our community, the LCF, in collaboration with the Lander Chamber of Commerce and the Lander Economic Development Association (LEDA), received a grant from the LOR Foundation to increase the scope of the Lander United website and provide information for businesses, nonprofits, and individuals. Through this site we have provided information for comprehensive COVID relief funding, supported Lander-area businesses and nonprofits through free advertising and video promotions, and we’ve been a consistent source for guidance. Lander United was one of the inspiring stories highlighted in the Wyoming Business Council’s campaign for Thrive Wyoming, which you can read here.

Bridge-Building Legislation

When the initial granting of state-allocated COVID relief funds did not include nonprofits, some Lander locals took action. Coordinating efforts between NOLS, the Wyoming Business Council, the Wyoming Nonprofit Network, and Senator Cale Case, the LCF successfully conveyed the effects COVID was having on nonprofits and how vital they are to our community. Working over several months with advocates across various sectors, we were able to get nonprofits included in the Mitigation Fund, and subsequently the Endurance Fund. Our story can be heard in a podcast for County10. This was an inspiring first step in what we hope will be more bridge-building in the years to follow.
LOOKING AHEAD

TO OUR FUTURE

This year the Lander Community Foundation engaged in a 2-day virtual retreat to further refine our strategies for the next five years. These strategies are built around the community, our people, our programming, and our financial targets. Our goal for strategic planning is to understand how we can most effectively serve the broader Lander community. We look forward to the work ahead. Thank you for being a part of our wonderful community. And know, we are here for you.

“In the last 6 years, I witnessed Lander donors grow into true philanthropists. No matter if their level of gifting was large or small, they are now more effective and timely with their donations. The LCF has done a great job of promoting philanthropy and encouraging effective giving in the Lander community.”

— RaJean Strubbe Fossen, Lander Assistant Mayor former board chair

“The Lander Community Foundation played an integral role in making the LOR Foundation’s inaugural year in Lander a success. Since joining the community in the spring of 2020, LOR has provided over 29 grants to charitable projects that help enhance the quality of life in Lander. Sixteen of those were made possible through fiscal sponsorship by LCF, among them a veterans’ home repair and retrofit project and a holiday pop-up market to support artists during a challenging shopping season. This partnership between the LCF and the LOR Foundation enables our community to advance ideas that improve local prosperity and livability. We look forward to working together in 2021.”

— Michelle Escudero, program officer, the LOR Foundation
HOW TO
GIVE BACK

We have lofty goals for the future of Lander. There are many ways that your contribution can help us make these goals a reality.

Be a Challenge for Charities Challenger—these dollars go into the matching pool. The matching pool is the sum of money that LCF raises which goes to all participating nonprofits at a percentage match. The percentage match amount depends on how much money is in the matching pool and how much all of the nonprofits raise together in total. The match historically has ranged between 35%-60%. Nonprofits are matched up to $10,000 with this fund.

You can contribute to the LCF COVID-19 Relief Fund. This fund is disbursed to organizations who request assistance that have experienced setbacks due to COVID. These groups must meet our criteria for relief funding. You can read more about this fund on our website.

Contributing to our Sustainability Fund allows us to grow to meet the community’s needs and provide consistent education and opportunities to our local nonprofits and fiscally sponsored organizations.

“Fundraising through LCF is essential for Lander Search and Rescue. We rely on these funds to cover the majority of our expenses that occur outside of an active search (these are covered by the Sheriff’s Office). Without these funds, we would not be as able to support the Lander community and those who visit the area. Thank you!

— Era Aranow, Lander SAR team member

Dan Kenah

Vicki Hutchinson
2020 FINANCIALS

Expenses (Administrative & Operations)
$67,000

Disbursed to COVID Relief Fund
$55,250

Disbursed to Open Grants
$9,700

Disbursed to Nonprofits from C4C
$487,633

Funds Raised
$733,390

*In addition to funds raised, we managed $118,027 in grants on behalf of organizations we fiscally sponsor.

“There are so many organizations that would not be where they are without the Lander Community Foundation. Some of these groups include First Stop Help Center, Lander Christmas Baskets, Almost Home Wyoming, and the Good Samaritan Community Meal. Hands down. We are extremely grateful for LCF’s work throughout our community.”

— Deanna Trumble, Executive Director, First Stop Help Center
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IN-KIND DONATIONS

Anne Austin Design
County10
Fagnant, Lewis, & Brinda, P.C.

Landers Journal
Deborah Reguera & Bill Mayo
McCormick Marketing, Inc.

Snow Deep Designs
Western Printing
Wild Iris Mountain Sports

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Alice T. Brew
Briana Brower
Michael Cheek and Kathy Brown
Ray and Linda Charles
Lantien Chu
Kae Concannon
Dennis and Lucy Cone
Perry and Richard Cook
Randy Craft
Jennifer and Steve Dahntert
Faith Lutheran Church

Bill Farthing
Robert Fay
Larry and Randie Fockler
Kathleen and Aaron Foster
Erin A. Freed
John Gans and Steff Kessler
Fremont Therapy Group
Alcmene and Lloyd Greene
Ariel and Mary Greene
Molly and Bruce Hampton
Kass and Mike Harrell
Polly Hinds
Holly Hubble
George and Paula Hunker

Chris Jeffres
Wayne and Linette Johnson
Carole Joyner
Michelle Escudero and Scott Kane
David Kellogg
Lander Community Concerts Association
Lander Rotary Club
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Gary Miller

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Rick and Janie Muir
One Stop Market
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Shana Tarter and Steve Platz

Trillium Family Foundation
Liz Tuohy
Jacob W Wallace
Elizabeth Wattenberg

Wild Iris Mountain Sports
Wyoming Nonprofit Network
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**MATCHING POOL 2020**

**PLATINUM LEVEL** | $20,000 +
Anonymous
Lonnie Bull, Edward Jones

**TITANIUM LEVEL** | $10,000 - $14,999
Friends of the Canyon
Trey Warren: Householder Properties

**SILVER LEVEL** | $5,000 - $9,999
Anonymous
George and Paula Hunker
St. John Medical Center

**BRONZE LEVEL** | $1,000-$4,999
Anonymous (x4)
Bailey Enterprises Incorporated
Bill and Jill Calder
Leslie Calkins
Central Bank & Trust
China Garden (Ben Incorporated)
First Interstate Bank
First Interstate Bancsystem Foundation
Fremont Orthopaedics, P.C.
Brian Gee and Era Aranow
Andrew Gramlich
Rod and Mary Haper

**IRON LEVEL** | UP TO $999
Anonymous (x8)
Anne Austin
Atlantic City Federal Credit Union
Brad Bohlender
Rich and Susan Brame
Michael Cheek and Kathy Brown
Gina Colovich
Perry and Richard Cook
Trihydro Corporation
Eva Crane
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— Liz Lightner, former LCF board chair