2022 Annual Report

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY
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Hello Friends,

Thank you for the support you gave to the Lander Community Foundation in 2022. You have helped us turn these times of challenge into a productive year of growth and success. Thanks to those near and far for making 2022 an outstanding year in many ways. We had the most successful Challenge for Charities in history, we provided many free educational and marketing opportunities, we mentored organizations and guided them through various obstacles, and we built new relationships with partners who believe in our mission and values. Thank you for all the ways you showed up in 2022!

We have ambitious goals for 2023. While we are guided by our robust strategic plan, we also look to the community, which we serve, for their ideas to remain vibrant and productive. You can count on us to keep moving forward with tenacity while staying true to our mission. Working together builds a stronger community, now and well into the future.

With gratitude,

Mary Greene, Executive Director
Lander Community Foundation
2022 marked Lander’s 12th annual community-wide fundraising event, Challenge for Charities (C4C). We had an incredible turnout hosting the 42nd year of these widely anticipated 4th of July footraces!

There were 907 runners and walkers from 30 states and 578 racers hailed from Fremont County. We saw an increase in youth racers from age 19 and under (171) that participated in the 5K or half marathon.

We continued to highlight willing organizations’ programs and services via County10 and Lander Journal articles and press releases as well as social media spotlights.
CELEBRATING LANDER’S

12th Annual Challenge For Charities

Our efforts proved to have a positive impact on charitable giving through C4C with nonprofits. 2022 was the most outstanding year for this community-wide fundraiser as we raised the most money to date, and, surpassed 2021 in every category.

- 46 participating nonprofits raised over $460,000.
- 17 nonprofits exceeded the $10,000 match cap.
- 99 Challengers donated $185,000 to the matching fund making it the largest matching fund to date.
- Since 2011, C4C has facilitated raising and disbursing approximately $5,445,000 for our Lander community, over $1,200,000 in 2021 and 2022.

We see more nonprofits raising more money through C4C each year. They recognize that this event is an effective tool for leveraging donations, and they’re becoming more adept at fundraising. Out of the 46 participating groups, six were new to C4C in 2022. This fundraiser works and programs thrive because of C4C.

Without the generosity of our donors to the nonprofits and our Challengers, who contribute to the matching fund, C4C would not be possible. Last year, Lonnie Bull at Edward Jones, Fremont Therapy Group, the Mortenson Family, and an anonymous donor made up our 2022 lead Platinum Challengers, each contributing $20,000 to the matching fund. These generous contributions spurred our community’s philanthropic action, leading to 99 matching fund contributions from individuals, Lander businesses, foundations, and several Lander nonprofits.

Challenger donations are vital to encourage philanthropic giving and they also allow us to be successful in supporting nonprofits in offering their fantastic programs and services that make our community so incredible.

The philanthropic leadership from these local businesses and individuals allowed us to give a 42% match to the funds raised by the participating nonprofits. These funds are all poured back into Lander and used for local programs and projects.
“Fremont Therapy Group is dedicated to helping Lander become a stronger community and that’s why we have been a C4C Challenger since 2011. We see the positive impact our contribution has in the Lander community and are proud to support LCF and C4C.”

—Lori Ridgway, Marketing Director
Fremont Therapy Group

C4C DONATIONS BY FIELD OF SERVICE
This chart shows how your donations, including the matching fund, were distributed to organizations categorized by field of service.

- Health & Human Services (7 orgs.) 19.9%
- Animal Care (2 orgs.) 6.6%
- Recreation (7 orgs.) 8.9%
- Civic (1 orgs.) 9.9%
- Arts and Culture (8 orgs.) 10.1%
- Education (8 orgs.) 10.1%
- Conservation & Environment (7 orgs.) 15.6%
- Food Sustainability (3 orgs.) 10.9%

2022 Participating Organizations

- Academy of the Winds
- Almost Home Wyoming
- Anam Cara Giving - NEW
- Apple Valley School
- Art link Wyoming (formerly PALS)
- Central Wyoming Climbers’ Alliance
- Central Wyoming College Alpine Science Institute
- Child Development Services of Fremont County
- City of Lander Popo Agie River Park
- Community Entry Services
- First Stop Help Center
- Fremont County Pioneer Association
- Fremont County Search and Rescue
- Fremont Symphony Orchestra
- Good Samaritan Community Meal
- Help For Health Hospice
- Lander Art Center
- Lander Care and Share Food Bank
- Lander Children’s Museum
- Lander Christmas Baskets
- Lander Climate Action Network
- Lander Community Concerts Association
- Lander Community Foundation
- Lander Cycling Club
- Lander Free Medical Clinic – NEW
- Lander Library Friends Association
- Lander Masters Special Olympics
- Lander Nordic Ski Association
- Lander Pet Connection
- Lander Presents
- Lander Spay and Neuter
- Lander Swim Club
- Lander Valley Farmers Market
- Lander Womentum
- Museum of the American West
- Pushroot Community Garden
- Sinks Canyon Wild – NEW
- The Bossert Collective – NEW
- The Nature Conservancy in Wyoming
- Water for Wildlife Foundation
- Wind River Food Sovereignty Project–NEW
- Wyoming Outdoor Council
- Wyoming Pathways – NEW
- Wyoming Shakespeare Festival Company
- Wyoming Wilderness Association–NEW
- Wyoming Wildlife Federation
PROVIDING RESOURCES AND MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS

Facilitating Volunteerism

Lander Connected is the centralized volunteer hub that gives individuals, organizations, and businesses a platform to build volunteer opportunities for anyone to sign up and offer their help. It was created to connect with volunteers in our community in 2020 and has flourished to over 600 registered volunteers. To date, we have trained 58 entities and dozens of individuals on using this free for all platform to list their volunteer needs.

The Independent Sector collects data and conducts research on volunteerism throughout the nonprofit sector of the United States. The results are a way that nonprofits can calculate the value of volunteer time. The estimated value of one volunteer hour in 2022 was $29.85! Since Lander Connected launched, LCF has facilitated and provided the following:

- 1,294 volunteer hours—a 55% increase in one year
- These volunteer hours equate to saving businesses and organizations approximately $35,127
- Lander Connected had 757 participants, a 74% increase from 2021

Providing Leadership to Nonprofits

We asked the nonprofit sector what they needed from us and we delivered! We taught seven power hours and one half-day workshop to address many nonprofit management skills our nonprofit community needed. Skills taught included building a case for support and donor strategy, building a productive board of directors, marketing your organization to gain meaningful support, the power of volunteers, and grant writing basics. We saw the impact of these educational opportunities through the growth and success of many organizations.

As a community connector, we facilitate potential nonprofit partnerships in order to help organizations maximize efficiency and impact. We also help our nonprofits build effective business partnerships in an effort to move their programs forward.

Additionally, we provide fiscal sponsorship to groups who are working towards becoming incorporated 501(c)3. We provided mentorship to six organizations and individuals who are now stand-alone Lander nonprofits.
LOOKING AHEAD

To Our Future

We are committed to integrating a more efficient accounting and nonprofit portal services with a new platform (fully functional in 2023). This database will ensure that nonprofit documents, applications, and statistics are kept in perpetuity to benefit some organizational historical information.

We spent part of 2022 expanding our collection of digital assets by increasing our photo and video library. We captured a variety of nonprofit events, volunteers in action, and some of our most dedicated LCF supporters engaging in our mission.

As a staff and board, we have created vital goals in our strategic plan. These include:

◊ Steadfast, continued support for our nonprofits
◊ Build our organizational capacity to meet the needs of our philanthropic community
◊ Pursue financial growth and stability
◊ Increase visibility & exposure to broaden our audience

While we are chipping away at our strategic plan in a timely manner, there are plenty of objectives still ahead to tackle and we need resources to continue this momentum. We encourage you to get involved in a way that is meaningful to you.
How you can help us

Drive Our Mission Forward

You can count on us to think big for the betterment of Lander. We have lofty goals and we need you to help us reach them. There are many ways you can contribute to our efforts and make these goals a reality.

◊ **Give to the LCF Sustainability Fund.** Your support of The Sustainability Fund allows us to evolve and grow to meet the community’s needs. It also gives us the ability to provide consistent education and opportunities for our local nonprofits and fiscally sponsored organizations. Simply put, The Sustainability Fund helps us drive our mission forward.

◊ **Become a Challenge for Charities Challenger.** During this critical time of fundraising for local nonprofits, LCF works with the community at large—businesses, foundations, and the city—to secure funding that will act as a match to donations from individuals. The match historically has ranged between 35%–60%. Nonprofits can be matched up to $10,000 with this fund.

◊ **Become a member of the Lander Legacy Society.** We all want to leave a legacy behind. Planned gifts are an opportunity for you to leave a meaningful legacy in Lander—your home, your community. The Lander Legacy Society recognizes donors who have made a planned, or deferred gift, to LCF.

◊ **Make a contribution to our growing endowment.** Your support ensures our work will continue on, writing our shared future history of Lander.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors of Water for Wildlife® Foundation, we are very grateful for the role Lander Community Foundation continues to play in our mission of wildlife conservation education. You are cordially invited to come by the Water for Wildlife Discovery Center and see firsthand how Lander Community Foundation has benefited our organization.”

— Vickie Hutchinson, Executive Director, Water for Wildlife® Foundation
2022 FINANCIALS

REVENUE ($794,837)

- LCF Unrestricted Donations: 18.9%
- Challenger Matching Pool: 23.3%
- Challenge for Charities Donations: 57.9%

EXPENSES ($773,473)

- Disbursed Competitive Grants: 1.3%
- Total Race Expenses: 3.1%
- Administrative & Operating Expenses: 15.7%
- Challenge for Charities Awards: 79.9%

Photo: Lander Presents
DONOR LIST

Challenge For Charities Matching Fund

**PLATINUM LEVEL** | $20,000 +
Anonymous
The Mortenson Family
Fremont Therapy Group
Lonnie Bull, Edward Jones

**GOLD LEVEL** | $15,000 – $19,999
Jerry and Cassy Dierking Venters

**TITANIUM LEVEL** | $10,000 – $14,999
Don and Judy Legerski

**SILVER LEVEL** | $5,000 – $9,999
Anonymous (2)
Rick and Janie Muir
Blackbird Foundation

**BRONZE LEVEL** | $1,000–$4,999
Anonymous (1)
Jim Culver
Elemental Performance and Fitness
Michelle Escudero and Scott Kane
Andy Gramlich and Jackie Nelson
Lander Rotary Club
George and Paula Hunker
Michael Kotrick and Rita Neill
Lander Medical Clinic
Maven Outdoor Equipment

**IRON LEVEL** | UP TO $999
Anonymous (1)
Apple Valley School
Atlantic City Federal Credit Union
Annette Bollinger
Christen S. Boyle
Rich and Susan Brame
Numa Briet
Kathy Brown and Michael Cheek

**TOTAL C4C FUNDS RAISED PER YEAR 2011–2022**

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Web Webster  
Wyoming Outdoor Council  

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Unrestricted

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Sophie Barksdale
Jen Barrett
Kristin Belko
Blackbird Foundation
Jayme Blackburn
Andrew Blair and Jacki Klancher
Alicia Bond
Susan Bordas
Rich and Susan Brame
Marty Brammer
Carol and Bruce Campbell
Central Wyoming Climbers’ Alliance
Norm and Sue Cessna
Alcmene Chalazonitis Greene
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Michael Cheek and Kathy Brown
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Dennis and Lucy Cone
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Lander Children's Museum
Lander Climate Action Network
Lander Cycling Club
DONOR LIST

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Wyoming Outdoor Council
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