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Impact Investment Program Launched



After embarking on a nearly year-long exploration, education, and pilot process, YVCF is excited to announce the launch of our local **Impact Investment Program**. Impact investments are those made to local nonprofit organizations with the intention of generating measurable community benefit alongside modest financial returns which can be reinvested in future loans. Through our Impact Investment Program, YVCF can unlock capital to address critical issues nonprofits face - consistent with our mission to lead transformational change throughout the Yampa Valley.

Currently, YVCF is seeking opportunities for impact investments specific to affordable housing as well as applications for general nonprofit support.

[Learn More](#)

YVCF Board of Trustees Endorses Brown Ranch Annexation

The community-wide implications of the lack of affordable housing and the benefits of the Brown Ranch Annexation proposal compelled the YVCF Board of Trustees to take the rare step of a public endorsement.

The Board believes that affordable housing is the most significant challenge impacting the Yampa Valley today, that the exodus of young families and critical workers will continue to accelerate without Brown Ranch, and that the development plan is a thoughtful 20-year

phased approach to the inevitability of growth.

We ask you to read our full endorsement letter and we hope our unanimous endorsement of a **Yes** vote on the measure encourages voters to learn the facts about Brown Ranch and support the process moving forward.

[Full Endorsement Letter](#)

What's Happening Around YVCF

YVCF Community Grant Cycle

Our annual [Community Grant Cycle](#) will open for nonprofit applications **May 6 - June 9**. In partnership with the [Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation](#), [Donor Advised Fund](#) advisors and our granting endowments, YVCF grants to nonprofits serving Routt and Moffat Counties who are working to improve the Yampa Valley through the arts & culture, environment, health and human services, recreation, and/or educational sectors.

Donate to support the Grant Cycle this year through the [2024 Community Grants Fund](#), or in perpetuity through the [YVCF Community Grants Endowment](#).

[Support Community Grants](#)

Nominate a Philanthropist of the Year

YVCF's [Philanthropist of the Year Award](#) was established in 1998 to heighten the visibility of giving in the Yampa Valley. The award honors individuals, businesses, and youth who have exhibited significant charitable giving, insightful leadership, and volunteerism, and who encourage others to contribute by example. Nominations are due **May 1, 2024**.

[Nominate a Philanthropist](#)

New Donor Newsletter

New this year is a quarterly Donor Newsletter which will include curated content including updates from YVCF's investment management firm Syntrinsic, tips for charitable giving, and donor-specific events. If you didn't receive the first newsletter in February but would like to subscribe, email [Traci Hiatt](#), Director of Philanthropy.

Paula Cooper Black Honored with [2024 Hazie Werner Award](#)

Not that we needed another reason to be proud of our Board of Trustees Emeritus, but we were thrilled to see her acknowledged by the Steamboat Ski Resort for her volunteer work, community commitment, and support of local organizations and efforts.

Paula is an energetic and committed Trustee who contributes invaluable historical knowledge and always asks deep, thoughtful questions that keep our organization functioning at the highest level. Thank you Paula for your immeasurable contributions to our community!

WZ Giving Circle Grants

The WZ Giving Circle met on March 12 for its first of three yearly meetings to grant to nonprofits helping families in crisis in our community.



The group approved 10 grants for a total of \$37,605 for critical needs such as:

- mortgage assistance for a single mother of three in nursing school
- dentures and insulin pump/supplies for an individual recovering from Substance Use Disorder
- tutoring for a high school student with severe reading delays
- car repairs for a client diagnosed with ALS

Giving Circle members feel deep gratification collaborating with other philanthropists to make a positive impact in an individual's life. **New members are always welcome!**

Join the Circle

Upcoming Events



SCHOLARSHIPS

March 27 & April 30
YVCF Scholarships

Most [YVCF scholarships](#) close March 27, except Yampa Tuition Grants with a later deadline to accommodate FAFSA.

Thursday April 11

[Pints for a Purpose](#) [IMPACT100](#) Membership Event

The Barley, 5-7pm

New members joining for \$100 get a free beer or glass of wine and a raffle entry for a \$100 Barley gift card. Come learn what IMPACT100 is all about!



April 22-26

Office closed for Spring Break

Tuesday, June 11

[IMPACT100](#) Nonprofit Fair Season 18 Opener

4:30-7:00pm Olympian Hall, Howelsen Hill

Summer Date TBA

[WZ Giving Circle gathering #2](#)

Email [Traci](#) to learn more and join the Circle

Tax-Aide

Free tax preparation assistance

February 24 - April 13

Tax-Aide trained volunteers are providing free tax preparation assistance to Routt and Moffat County residents on Mondays and Saturdays by appointment only. To learn more or volunteer: [email](#) or call [970-425-3855](tel:970-425-3855) to reach a local volunteer.

Learn More

YVCF in the News

Yampa Valley Bugle (Feb 9, 2024): [Where did the Brown Ranch come from and what has been said about the anonymous donor?](#)

Steamboat Pilot (Feb 13, 2024): [Paula Cooper Black wins 2024 Hazie Werner Award](#)

Steamboat Pilot (Feb 13, 2024): [Community comes together to provide outdoor opportunities for emerging/bilingual students](#)

Steamboat Pilot (Mar 5, 2024): [Local coalition forming in Routt County to support proposed mountain rail link](#)

Steamboat Radio (Mar 9, 2024): [HAPPY 91ST BIRTHDAY TO VETERAN BUCK BUCKLAND](#)

Steamboat Pilot (Mar 13, 2024): [Guest column: Yampa Valley Community Foundation endorses Brown Ranch annexation](#)

Steamboat Magazine (Mar 18, 2024): [Nick Would](#)

Steamboat Magazine (Mountain Edition 2024, print version only): The Yampa Valley Community Foundation Secures Its Forever Home

Steamboat Radio (Mar 22, 2024): [The Yampa Valley Community Foundation wants to encourage high school seniors and graduates to submit applications for their local scholarships](#)



The core of our work at YVCF is building a vibrant community through the power of philanthropy. By establishing relationships and earning trust, we are positioned to catalyze innovative and collaborative solutions to the most important unmet needs throughout the Yampa Valley.

sustaining nonprofits

We are the trusted resource for local nonprofit organizations in Routt and Moffat Counties, providing tools and training to increase their effectiveness and sustainability and helping them amplify their impact.

meaningful philanthropy

We are passionate about connecting donors with giving opportunities aligned with their unique passions and vision. We help create personalized plans for philanthropy with the goal of building a culture of engaged giving.

impactful grantmaking

Our trusted partnerships with donors and nonprofits and our expertise in effective philanthropy enable us to grant year-round, to pivot during a crisis or a unique opportunity, and to direct funds where needed most.

building community

Making an impact is only possible when you intimately understand the community. We engage with organizations across the region, listen to community concerns, and provide resources and expertise.

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