35 Years of Community Impact

1984 was a momentous year. Prince released Purple Rain, exercise gear and shoulder pads were all the rage, dancing was outlawed in Footloose, and the T-bar made its debut in Breckenridge when lift tickets were a mere $19. While shoulder pads have been left in the past, one thing besides the T-bar has remained constant in Summit County, The Summit Foundation.

That year, Art Bowles, then General Manager of Breckenridge Ski Corporation, set out to make a difference in his community and started The Breckenridge Development Foundation. Located in a trailer in the dirt parking lot of Peak 8, The Foundation provided financial support to 10 nonprofit organizations in its first year. Taking advantage of the beautiful surroundings and the ski area partnership, The Foundation offered individuals and businesses transferrable ski passes in exchange for donations.

Today, The Summit Foundation supports over 100 nonprofits each year and has distributed over $35 million back to the community since 1984. The Patron Pass Program is still the cornerstone of The Foundation's fundraising efforts, generating over $1 million annually for our community thanks to our generous partners: Arapahoe Basin Ski Area, Breckenridge Ski Resort, Copper Mountain Resort, and Keystone Resort.

This unique partnership has allowed The Summit Foundation to leverage donations and support for community initiatives, local scholarships, and grants to nonprofits. The Summit Foundation supports programs that enrich the experiences of locals and visitors alike, from trail building and maintenance efforts, to affordable and accessible health care.

The Foundation has become the trusted community partner for tackling tough community issues and providing guidance to both nonprofits and donors through its Special Initiatives.

Trends have changed drastically over the last 35 years, but the community of Summit County has maintained its passion for making a difference.

We are so grateful to the staff and Board Members over the years, and to you, our loyal supporters, for all you do to make Summit County an amazing place to live and to help the Foundation continue to be the “Soul of the Summit.”
CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF GIVING BACK

1984
The Summit Foundation
Soul of the Summit

1989
FIRST GREAT RUBBER DUCK RACE

1991
FIRST STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
Over 1,300 students have been helped

1999
FIRST DONOR ADVISED FUND OPENED
Since inception these donors have given $10 million(!) back into the community

2008
PEAKS SOCIETY ESTABLISHED
Supporting the future of Summit County for generations to come

2010
LAUNCH OF PRE-COLLEGIATE SPECIAL INITIATIVE
Helping over 200 first-generation students reach their dreams

2016
START OF BUILDING HOPE SPECIAL INITIATIVE
Giving thousands the mental health support they need

2019
PEAK HEALTH LAUNCHED
Saving millions of dollars for our locals
PEAKS SOCIETY ESTABLISHED
Supporting the future of Summit County for generations to come

LAUNCH OF PRE-COLLEGIATE SPECIAL INITIATIVE
Helping over 200 first-generation students reach their dreams

BUILDING HOPE SUMMIT COUNTY
START OF BUILDING HOPE SPECIAL INITIATIVE
Giving thousands the mental health support they need

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE
SOUL OF THE SUMMIT
Never Too Young to Make a Difference

This year, The Summit Foundation has partnered with Denver-based nonprofit YouthRoots to establish a youth philanthropy and leadership program called Youth Connect for Summit County high school students.

Throughout the nine-month program, students will:
- Identify issues and needs in the community, particularly those affecting youth
- Fundraise from local community partners and individuals
- Provide strategic grants to local nonprofits addressing key issues
- Learn what it means to be a leader and a philanthropist

The Summit Foundation will be providing a match of up to $5,000 for funds that the students raise.

This year, fourteen student participants from Summit High School and the Peak School meet every other week in a space generously provided by The Peak School.

In the first few sessions, facilitator Laura Landrum has led discussions around strengths and passions, nonprofit governance, and leadership. “Youth Connect students are well on their way to being empathetic, forward-thinking community leaders. I’m excited to see how they’ll effect change in Summit County in the future,” Landrum adds.

This program would not be possible without the support of our ski area partners: Arapahoe Basin, Breckenridge, Copper and Keystone, and the local community partners that will be meeting with students.

If you would like to make a contribution or learn more about this exciting program, please contact Program Manager Tara Dew at tara@summitfoundation.org.
Tax Savvy Tools for Year-End Giving

With the change in the tax law, charitable giving has changed significantly. We can help you get creative to restore your tax benefit for charitable contributions.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Opening a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) with The Summit Foundation offers great benefits, including the ability to “bunch” your giving in one tax year (and qualify for a tax deduction), no fees, and an inside scoop on local needs.

- **Bunching:** Make a large gift in one year, obtain a tax deduction, and spread that gift out over time to your favorite nonprofits
- **Family Philanthropy:** Other individuals can make contributions to your fund
- **Inside Scoop:** Our staff can give expert guidance on local needs.
- **No Extra Fees:** We don’t charge any fees! We use Vanguard to manage the fund and pass along their management fee, less than .5%
- **Easy:** Once the fund is set up you let us know which local organizations you want to support, and we do the rest!

THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

The IRA Charitable Rollover, more technically known as the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), allows an IRA owner who has reached age 70 ½ to make a tax-free transfer of up to $100,000 per year directly from an IRA to a public charity without reporting the distribution as taxable income. Such a distribution can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) up to $100,000 or can be in excess of the RMD up to that amount.

We have a designated fund that acts similarly to a DAF. This fund allows you to enjoy the tax-free IRA transfer while:

- Selecting your favorite nonprofit(s) to receive support
- Giving the gifts over time, not just in that tax-year

APPRECIATED ASSETS AS DONATIONS

Make a bigger impact by donating appreciated assets. Compared to a donation of cash, you may have the opportunity to increase both your gift and your tax deduction. We will work with you or your financial advisor on an easy-to-execute direct transfer.

- Stocks
- Bonds
- Mutual Funds

PLANNED GIFT

Leave a legacy and support the future of Summit County by remembering the Foundation in your estate plan. We also have a variety of creative options that benefit you now while supporting the Foundation into the future; including:

- Charitable Trusts
- IRA Beneficiary
- Pooled Income Funds

We will work with you to make sure your intentions and desires are well defined so that you can support the community for generations to come.

With any matters involving the tax code, there are technical rules you need to follow to properly take advantage of these strategies. Please first consult with your own advisors, and don’t hesitate to give us call.

Contact Jeanne Bistranin at jeanne@summitfoundation.org to learn more.

This holiday season, consider supporting The Summit Foundation through AmazonSmile. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and search for The Summit Foundation to have a portion of your purchase price donated at no additional cost to you!
OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR
CHRIS HALL
Outstanding educators are often known for the impact they have on their students, and Chris Hall is no exception. Her consistent, level-headed demeanor has helped resolve numerous organizational challenges, providing win-win solutions for all stakeholders involved.
Nominated by: Douglas Blake

OUTSTANDING NONPROFIT PROFESSIONAL
NOELLE SIVON
For the last 13 years, Noelle has served as the Families United Program Manager at FIRC. She demonstrates a fierce dedication to Summit County families, program staff, and the Early Childhood community. Where many would give up in the face of challenges, Noelle creates a legacy of perseverance that is an example for parents, community partners, and the team at FIRC.
Nominated by: Danielle McQueen

OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIST
HOWARD & SUE CARVER
When Howard and Sue Carver decide to support a cause, there is no doubt that it will be a success. For over 15 years, the Carvers have been supporting Summit County nonprofits, mentoring nonprofit professionals, hosting fundraising events in their home, serving on committees, and generously giving.
Nominated by: Ellen Reid

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS
OMNI REAL ESTATE
The Housing Works Initiative (HWI) at FIRC, a Special Initiative of The Summit Foundation, is a unique, community-based approach to creating sustainable housing options. Omni Real Estate is an integral part of HWI’s success, providing discounted property management services for participating homeowners, which helps maintain positive tenant-homeowner relationships.
Nominated by: Danielle McQueen

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN
WALTER G. BRINEY, MD
Walter has worn many hats throughout his time working with the Summit County nonprofit community. Whether it has been building a playhouse, mentoring new doctors, or serving as a board president for Habitat for Humanity, Walter is always willing to step in and complete whatever task or job is needed to be done.
Nominated by: Don Parsons

OUTSTANDING BOARD MEMBER
KIM DUFTY
In the five years that Kim has served as the president of the Continental Divide Land Trust she has provided inspiring leadership and strong guidance through times of transition. Her consistent, level-headed demeanor has helped resolve numerous organizational challenges, providing win-win solutions for all stakeholders involved.
Nominated by: MJ Wurster

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS
OMNI REAL ESTATE
The Housing Works Initiative (HWI) at FIRC, a Special Initiative of The Summit Foundation, is a unique, community-based approach to creating sustainable housing options. Omni Real Estate is an integral part of HWI’s success, providing discounted property management services for participating homeowners, which helps maintain positive tenant-homeowner relationships.
Nominated by: Danielle McQueen

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN
WALTER G. BRINEY, MD
Walter has worn many hats throughout his time working with the Summit County nonprofit community. Whether it has been building a playhouse, mentoring new doctors, or serving as a board president for Habitat for Humanity, Walter is always willing to step in and complete whatever task or job is needed to be done.
Nominated by: Don Parsons

Join Us in Celebrating our 2019 Philanthropy Award Recipients
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER
MARY ANNE JOHNSTON
When Mary Anne Johnston first arrived in Summit County over 10 years ago, she immediately sought an opportunity to support the local students, teachers, and schools through the Reading Buddies Program. As a result, hundreds of students have been positively impacted by Mary Anne’s vision, passion, and advocacy.
Nominated by: Hollyanna Bates

OUTSTANDING YOUTH
MANUEL LOPEZ, EMILY YARITZA LOPEZ, CRYSTAL MARTINEZ-LOPEZ, MARIA PAYAN, JESSICA FERNANDEZ DE LA O
Some students in Summit County face significant challenges in planning for their futures and pursuing education or careers. These students are optimistic and hard-working, and their willingness to share their stories will continue to have a positive impact on Summit High and their community.
Nominated by: Molly Griffith

DAVID OLBRIGHT
OUTSTANDING YOUTH MENTOR
AARON LANDAU & EVO3
Aaron Landau founded and leads EVO3, a collaborative “tech-focused” workspace that provides computer coding education to both young and adult learners. Aaron’s work with EVO3 has brought a contagious enthusiasm and passion for technology to the youth of Summit County.
Nominated by: Brad Piehl

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY COLLABORATION
BREANNA ROACH, LOGAN SIMSON, COURTNEY BROWN
Nicotine remains the number one cause of preventable death, and electronic cigarette usage among youth has increased at an alarming rate. Breanna, Logan, and Courtney’s presence at town and county meetings persuaded officials to address the issue and inspired 17 other students to become involved in Youth Empowerment Society of Summit.
Nominated by: Amy Wineland

SPIRIT OF THE SUMMIT
MARK & DEB SPIERS
When Mark and Deb Spiers moved to Summit County full time nine years ago, they quickly became involved in the nonprofit community, often taking on leadership roles. Mark and Deb are fiercely dedicated to protecting and enhancing the lives of people who live, work, and play in our community.
Nominated by: Maureen Westerland

THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 PHILANTHROPY AWARD RECEPTION SPONSORS!

All Photos by Joe Kusumoto
Support the Community through Carboy Winery

Carboy Winery has partnered with The Summit Foundation to design two custom wine blends made to give back to the community. The Soul of the Summit White is a medium-bodied wine with herbal notes and baked-pear aromas complemented by tropical and citrus fruits with a touch of minerality. The Soul of the Summit Red is a full-bodied wine with lush flavors of plum, black berry fruits, cherry & herbaceous aromas combined with rich earth & floral violet.

Please consider buying this wine as a gift this holiday season. 5% of each bottle sold will be donated back to The Summit Foundation and supplies are limited for the first release of the Soul of the Summit blends. Sit back and enjoy knowing you’re making a difference in the community: The Soul of the Summit.

For more information, or to purchase wine, please visit Carboy Winery at 103 S. Main St. in Breckenridge or call 970.771.3944.

Give Where You Live

Your Support Makes a Difference in Our Community

Tuesday, December 10th marks the 10th annual Colorado Gives Day – a statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. In 10 years, this event has raised more than $217 million for Colorado nonprofits.

Locally in Summit County, The Summit Foundation has been the regional champion on behalf of all of our local nonprofits. Since 2016, over $1 Million has been raised for local nonprofits who participate in Summit Gives.

When you donate to The Summit Foundation, YOU are making a difference in the lives of individuals in our community through grants, scholarships, and Special Initiatives.
New President of the Board of Trustees

Cindy Bargell

Please help us welcome Cindy Bargell as the new President of our Board of Trustees.

Cindy brings an impressive professional background to her new role, as well as enthusiasm and extensive knowledge of the Summit County community. She has served on the Foundation Board for more than four years, most recently as Vice President.

As an attorney with Visani Bargell LLC, Cindy specializes primarily in real estate and natural resource issues. She was previously an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado and a private-practice attorney in Denver.

Cindy has a passion for education. In 2016 she was elected to the Summit County Board of Education and has recently rotated out of that position. She is also an active member of the Summit County Rotary Club and chairs the Rotary Scholarship Committee.

She and her husband Dana live in Silverthorne. They have two daughters who graduated from Summit High School and excelled in rugby. One daughter is now attending Harvard, and the other is at the University of Colorado Boulder.

We look forward to Cindy’s continued leadership, and we thank her for her commitment to the Foundation and our community.

Thanks to Mark Spiers

As Cindy assumes her new role, we would like to extend a special thanks to Mark Spiers for his extraordinary leadership during his time as President.

Mark oversaw the unprecedented growth of the Foundation’s endowment and Donor Advised Funds, as well as several Special Initiatives addressing the most critical issues in our community. Most notably, Mark’s leadership led to the success of Peak Health Alliance, which will save locals millions of dollars on their healthcare costs.

“Our community has an amazing number of opportunities to be bold in caring for one another. The Summit Foundation has led the way for the last 35 years, passionately dedicated to uplifting the lives of our friends and neighbors as the Soul of the Summit. I am excited to help build on that legacy of caring in Summit County.”

- Cindy Bargell
Everyone Loves a Parade (of Homes)

Over two weekends in September, the 2019 edition of the Parade of Homes welcomed more than 2,000 tour guests from near and far, from people looking for personal design inspiration to those interested in mountain living. Eleven splendid Summit County homes were available for the Parade, raising over $45,000 for The Foundation.

THANKS TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION FOR RAISING $45,000!
Alan Castillo has a long history with The Summit Foundation. In 2011, he signed up for his first Great Rubber Duck Race volunteer shift as a duck wrangler. Loving the thrill of corralling the little ducks as they swam downstream, Alan continued to wrangle for The Summit Foundation until his graduation from Summit High School in 2017.

Of course, Alan's work as both a volunteer and a student did not go unnoticed. Prior to graduation, Alan was awarded three different scholarships from The Summit Foundation, including the Lee Zimmerman Scholarship for a Pre-Collegiate student with outstanding community service. These scholarships have allowed Alan to pursue his dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. “I am truly grateful to the Summit Foundation for all they have done for me to be able to make my dreams a reality,” Alan said. “I have never felt more driven to achieve something in my life than I do now with becoming a nurse. Without their financial support, I might not be at Regis University, one of the best nursing schools in the state!”

While the scholarships have helped Alan during his time at Regis, he has found that nursing school does come with a lot of additional costs. As such, when Alan was looking to pick up some extra work this past summer, he decided to apply for an internship position with The Summit Foundation. The Foundation was thrilled to welcome Alan back and quickly put him to work helping with the Great Rubber Duck Race, and our newest fundraising strategy, flocking!

Alan quickly showed his willingness to be a team player when he was tasked with the daily relocation of six flocks of ducks over a three-week time period. In addition to flocking, Alan also proved to be an integral part of implementing online duck sales, even driving up from Regis on the day of the race to be one of our online sales experts! With Alan’s help and dedication, The Summit Foundation was able to raise over $147,000 from the Duck Race this year to give back to students and nonprofits.

When asked about his time with The Summit Foundation this summer, Alan said, “Through the internship opportunity the Foundation provided, I was able to develop leadership and people skills that I will use in my future career. Furthermore, I believe that I have become a better communicator and a better team member through this internship experience! Overall, I feel very fortunate to be able to have built a relationship with The Summit Foundation, and I hope to maintain this relationship for many more years to come!”

Alan is planning to graduate from Regis University in May 2021 and will then take his national exam to become a Registered Nurse. The Summit Foundation is proud of Alan’s accomplishments and looks forward to seeing the positive difference he will make as a Registered Nurse.

“I am truly grateful to the Summit Foundation for all they have done for me to be able to make my dreams a reality,” Alan said. “I have never felt more driven to achieve something in my life than I do now with becoming a nurse. Without their financial support, I might not be at Regis University, one of the best nursing schools in the state!”

- Alan Castillo
Calendar of Events

December 10, 2019
Colorado Gives Day. ColoradoGives.org

June 13, 2020
Rob Millisor Heart Health Walk, Breckenridge

June 13 & 14, 2020
33rd Annual BGV Golf Tournament, Breckenridge

September 5, 2020
33rd Annual Great Rubber Duck Race, Breckenridge

September 19, 20, 26, & 27, 2020
26th Annual Summit County Parade of Homes

November 19, 2020
30th Annual Philanthropy Awards, Keystone Conference Center

The Summit Foundation

Jeanne Bistrain: Executive Director
Tara Dew: Program Manager
Sandy Nelson: Director of Finance
Megan Nuttelman: Director of Donor Relations
Taryn Power: Director of Events and Marketing
Kate Schreiner: Development & Marketing Coordinator

Thank You to Our Partners for a Stronger Community