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Local students participate in a Lake Dillon Theatre Company youth workshop, funded by The Summit Foundation.

The Summit Foundation Awards \$1.2 Million to Local Nonprofits

The Summit Foundation awarded \$1,216,095 in grants to 62 nonprofits in Summit County and neighboring communities last fall—the most ever awarded in a grant cycle!

Grants were dispersed to local organizations that have efforts in one of The Foundation's four impact areas: Arts & Culture, Healthy & Safe Communities, Bright Futures, and Environmental Stewardship. While most recipients were organizations that The Summit Foundation has supported in past years, six nonprofits received first-time awards.

"At The Summit Foundation, we are always looking to fund organizations that are innovating to address the unique challenges of living in our community," said Executive Director Jeanne Bistranin. "We want to support our year-round population so that we all can enjoy life here in the mountains. With the cost of living continuously rising, we know how hard it can be for working families to make ends meet."

The majority of grant funds this fall were allocated toward organizations serving children and those working to improve the overall health and safety of our community. Organizations that received grants are participating in projects around key issues such as affordable child care, rent assistance, transportation and tuition assistance.

These grants were made possible by the generous donations of over 3,000 individuals and businesses who provided support to The Summit Foundation in 2017. Vail Resorts EpicPromise sponsored funding for six recipients, and eight Donor Advised Funds at The Summit Foundation stepped in to provide funding for nonprofits.

"A truly meaningful grant came from the donations made in Eric Dube's memory," explained Bistranin. "These memorial gifts, along with additional support from The Summit Foundation, were awarded to the US Air Force Academy's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering to fund the construction of a pedestrian bridge on the McCullough Gulch Trail. The bridge will replace the temporary structure currently in place and will serve the 30,000 hikers who use this trail each year. It will support emergency responders' ATVs when needed, something that hasn't been possible in recent years. We are so grateful to have the support of Summit County and be able to honor Eric's memory in this way."

Since grant distributions began in 1986, The Summit Foundation has awarded over \$26.1 million in grants to nonprofit organizations. The cornerstone of The Summit Foundation's fundraising efforts is the Patron Pass Program – transferable ski passes generously donated through a partnership with Vail Resorts, Arapahoe Basin Ski Area, and Copper Mountain Resort.

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 Breckenridge Backstage Theatre
 Breckenridge Music Festival

Lake County School District
 Lake Dillon Theatre Company
 National Repertory Orchestra

Summit Concert Band
 Summit County Arts Council
 Summit Youth Orchestra

Bright Futures

Boy Scout Troop 188
 Breckenridge Montessori
 Bright Start Learning Center
 Catholic Charities
 Colorado Mountain College Foundation
 Early Childhood Options*
 Easter Seals Colorado
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 Summit Rugby
 Summit School District
 Summit Stix Lacrosse Club
 The Peak School
 YouthEntity

Environmental Stewardship

Cloud City Conservation Center
 Continental Divide Land Trust
 Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness*

Friends of the Dillon Ranger District*
 Friends of the Lower Blue River*
 High Country Conservation Center*

USAFA Department of Civil and
 Environmental Engineering

Healthy and Safe Communities

Advocates for Victims of Assault
 Advocates of Lake County
 Bethany Immigration Services
 Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center
 CASA of the Continental Divide
 Family & Intercultural Resource Center
 Friends of Colorado Avalanche Information Center

Horizons Specialized Services
 Lake County Community Fund
 Mind Springs Health
 Mountain Family Center
 Northwest Colorado Health
 Park County Search & Rescue
 Park County Senior Coalition

Rocky Mountain Rural Health
 Summit Community Care Clinic
 Summit County Coroner's Office
 Summit Rotary Charitable Fund
 TreeTop Child Advocacy Center*
 Wounded Heroes Family Adventures

*Vail Resorts EpicPromise Partner Grant

The following Philanthropic Funds at The Summit Foundation provided additional funding to support several of these grant requests:

Brunetti Family Advised Fund
 Daley-Sosville Fund
 Follett Endowment Fund

Hankson Family Advised Fund
 The Highlands at Breckenridge
 Advised Fund

Keltner Family Fund
 Lenzmeier/Williams Advised Fund
 Millisor Family Fund

Peaks Society Fund
 SMR Foundation



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Nonprofit representatives gather for the first Summit Gives kickoff in support of Colorado Gives Day.

Colorado Gives Day 2017

Over \$365,000 Contributed to Summit County-based nonprofits on December 5th, 2017

In early December, citizens donated \$36.1 million to Colorado nonprofits in 24 hours. Thanks to these contributions, 32 nonprofit organizations based in Summit County received 1,511 donations that totaled \$366,300 in gifts.

For the 2017 event, The Summit Foundation took a leadership role as a Regional Champion for Summit County-based nonprofits participating in Colorado Gives Day. In partnership with Community First Foundation, The Summit Foundation created a specific landing page, www.coloradogives.org/SummitGives that allowed all eligible Summit County-based nonprofits to be found on their own webpage.

A kick-off event held on Giving Tuesday, November 28, invited the participating nonprofits to Frisco Historic Park for a celebration of philanthropy and through a random drawing, four attending nonprofits were awarded \$500 each to recognize their work in the community.

In celebration of their 10th Anniversaries and in conjunction with Colorado Gives Day, local businesses iFurnish and Creative Cabinetry offered matching support totaling \$10,000 to The Summit Foundation and four other local nonprofits. An anniversary reception held at iFurnish on December 5th inspired numerous additional gifts to local nonprofits.

Held annually in December, Colorado Gives Day features a 24-hour period in which Coloradans are encouraged to donate online to support their favorite causes. Donations are accepted year-round at ColoradoGives.org.





Photo Courtesy of FirstBank

Nick Brinkman

Board of Trustee Updates

Welcome Nick Brinkman

The Summit Foundation is pleased to announce that Nick Brinkman has joined the Board of Trustees. Nick is the President of FirstBank – Summit County. Nick and his family recently moved to Summit County from Eagle County. While in Eagle County, Nick was very active in the community, serving as a board member of the Eagle County School District Finance Committee and the Samaritan Counseling Center in Edwards. He was also Chairman of the Eagle County Homebuyer's Assistance Committee. Please join us in welcoming Nick Brinkman to our community.

Thank you Mike Schilling and Jeff Leigh

Mike Schilling recently became a deputy with the Summit County Sheriff's office, fulfilling a lifelong dream to serve in law enforcement. Due to the demands of this new position, Mike decided not to renew after fulfilling his most recent term on the Board. During the five years that Mike was on the Board, he served as Vice-President and then President, providing leadership in moving our Special Initiatives forward. We thank Mike for his dedication to The Summit Foundation and to our community.

Jeff Leigh recently completed a two year term on our Board. Jeff was a dedicated member of our Grants and Scholarship Committees and an outstanding volunteer for the Parade of Homes and the Great Rubber Duck Race, where he could always be found helping to pull ducks out of the river at the finish line. Jeff's commitment to The Summit Foundation is much appreciated.

Vail Resorts CEO Supports Building Hope Initiative

Vail Resorts CEO Rob Katz and his wife Elana Amsterdam recently donated \$100,000 to The Summit Foundation for youth mental health and substance abuse efforts.

The project, part of the Building Hope initiative, will work with community providers to identify youth mental health needs and gaps in services, find opportunities for collaboration, and develop specific community strategies to address mental wellness and substance abuse among youth.

"One of the top priorities for Building Hope in 2018 is looking at the mental health needs of the youth in our community, and this generous donation will allow us to be creative and look at the big picture and the best ways to work together to provide prevention and intervention services," said Betsy Casey, Project Manager for Building Hope.

Building Hope is a community-wide mental health initiative that aims to reduce stigma around mental health, improve access to care and create a more coordinated and responsive system of care for our community.

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Grant Awards Annual Luncheon

\$2.7 Million in Grants Recognized in 2017

On January 30th, nonprofit representatives gathered at Beaver Run Resort for The Summit Foundation's Grant Awards Luncheon.

With a new format, the luncheon focused on thanking the nonprofits that received a grant from The Summit Foundation in 2017, along with offering the nonprofits a valuable learning luncheon. With the support of title sponsor Kaiser Permanente, The Summit Foundation brought in Vu Le, a national nonprofit speaker from the popular blog nonprofitaf.com.

Board President Mark Spiers expressed appreciation for the hard work of our local nonprofits and recognized the \$2.7 Million in grants that The Summit Foundation distributed to 113 local nonprofits in 2017. Vu Le then gave a "pep talk" to the audience on their work in the nonprofit field. His hilarious talk kept the 200 attendees laughing, while also addressing serious issues in today's nonprofit business environment.



Photo by Joe Kusumoto

Vu Le kept the audience laughing while discussing the ins and outs of the nonprofit career field.



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Breckenridge Film Festival Executive Director Janice Miller introduces films at a recent Summit Film Society event.

Nonprofit Profile

Breckenridge Film Festival Expands Horizons

Entering its 38th year, the Breckenridge Film Festival (BFF) carries a long-standing tradition of bringing the joy of film to Summit County. With the support of donors such as The Summit Foundation and the hard work of its staff and Board, the Film Festival now supplements its annual festival with robust and formalized year-round programming through the Summit Film Society.

"Our goal is to create a unique film experience for our community by encouraging conversation, creating an interactive environment, and bringing in special guests," explains Janice Kurbjun Miller, executive director of Breckenridge Film Festival.

Since its launch in May 2017, the Summit Film Society has offered a diverse selection of films at the Breckenridge Theatre on the second Tuesday of each month. The Summit Film Society arose out of the Film Festival's partnership with The Summit Foundation, Backstage Theatre, and Breckenridge Creative Arts. It is now additionally supported by Kaiser Permanente, and continues to collaborate with local nonprofits to create an enhanced experience for filmgoers.

In November 2017, BFF partnered with another grantee of The Summit Foundation, Keystone Science School, through their Girls in STEM Tech Retreat. The two organizations provided an opportunity for girls to learn about women in film, how technology and film are intertwined, showcase their work at a community event, and view *Kubo and the Two Strings* with the film's composition supervisor, Sara Ireland. BFF tied its November Summit Film Society screening to the STEM Tech Retreat by hosting another studio representative who visited schools and made a special presentation on the Tuesday night event that month.

When they're not working on the Summit Film Society, BFF staff and Board are busy preparing for the annual festival, which will take place September 20 - 23, 2018. In 2017, the festival showcased over 100 films, and included a new high school component which provided high school filmmakers with direct feedback on their films during a student-filmmaker luncheon. Film-makers, especially high school students, are encouraged to submit film through May 7, 2018.

Grants from The Summit Foundation help support the Breckenridge Film Festival's exciting and growing programming. Funds awarded through their Spring 2017 grant supported procurement of films and talent, marketing, personnel, venue and equipment rentals, and free or low-cost projects for the community.



Tara Galvin (left) and Tracy Dollars (right).

Welcome Tara Galvin and Tracy Dollars

Two New Staff Members Join The Summit Foundation

Tara Galvin, Program Coordinator

Tara has dedicated her career to the empowerment of at-risk individuals, having recently worked as a bilingual Community Health Advocate and Medical Staff Coordinator at Centura Summit Medical Center in Frisco. In addition to her work at Centura, Tara has also served as an advocate in working with the Summit County Coroner's office to provide support for family members during their time of need.

Tara will be helping The Foundation with the grants and scholarship programs by processing the applications, tracking the recipients and providing support for our nonprofit partners as well as the scholarship recipients and their families.

Tara grew up in Texas and graduated from the University of San Diego with a double major in Psychology and Spanish. She and her fiancé Robin enjoy the many outdoor activities that Summit County has to offer including snowboarding, hiking and mountain biking.

Tracy Dollars, Development and Marketing Coordinator

Tracy comes to The Foundation from Father Dyer United Methodist Church, an important community partner that provides much needed support to help those in need. At Father Dyer, Tracy was responsible for a myriad of administrative functions, including office management, coordination of marketing materials for the church and administration of their benevolence fund.

Prior to her work at Father Dyer, Tracy and her husband Rob owned a business in Summit County that offered child care for vacationing families. Tracy was also with Dell, Inc. in Austin, Texas for 12 years, working in a variety of Human Resource positions.

In her role at The Foundation, Tracy will be providing support with donations, including recording and tracking gifts and offering outstanding personal service for our donors. She will also be assisting with our events and marketing efforts.

Tracy and her husband Rob enjoy traveling, skiing and hiking with their dog Macy.



Visit Outer Range Brewing Company on Mondays

Every Monday Frisco-based business Outer Range Brewing Company is donating 10 percent of their proceeds to The Summit Foundation. In the promotion's first two months, over \$1,000 has been contributed to The Summit Foundation by Outer Range Brewing Company's owners Lee and Emily Cleghorn. Visit Outer Range Brewing Company at 182 Lusher Court in Frisco today to enjoy their hand-crafted brews while supporting your community!

31st Annual Breckenridge Grand Vacations Golf Tournament & 3rd Annual Rob Millisor Heart Health Walk: June 9 & 10, 2018

Honoring the Memory of Rob Millisor

Join The Summit Foundation and Breckenridge Grand Vacations (BGV) for a fun weekend June 9 and 10 in Breckenridge to honor the memory of Rob Millisor. Rob was the owner/developer of BGV and an 11 year Trustee of The Summit Foundation.



The 3rd Annual Heart Health Walk

The 3rd Annual Heart Health Walk is Saturday June 9th. Last year, more than 1,000 participants walked throughout Breckenridge to support the heart health initiative sponsored by BGV Gives, the charitable arm of Breckenridge Grand Vacations. To sponsor or participate in this important event, please contact Deb Edwards with BGV Gives: dedwards@breckgv.com.



Mike Millisor and Mike Dudick thank the supporters of the event that is held in memory of Rob Millisor.



The 31st Annual Golf Tournament

The 31st Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Breckenridge Grand Vacations and hosted at the beautiful Breckenridge Golf Club, will follow on Sunday, June 10th. On Saturday evening, June 9th, Vail Resorts will host an amazing welcome party and dinner, which includes the annual Calcutta auction. Sunday begins with the Mayor's breakfast, tournament play, gifts, on-course food and beverages, as well as participation in course challenges. The event culminates with a lively awards dinner immediately following Sunday's tournament. For details and to sign up to participate in Summit County's best golf event, contact Elisabeth Lawrence at 970.453.5970 or elisabeth@summitfoundation.org.



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Ted Lawson putts during the three-way playoff for first place during the 2017 tournament.



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Thank You to Our Partners for a Stronger Community

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June 10, 2018
31st Annual Breckenridge Grand Vacations
Golf Tournament, Breckenridge Golf Club

September 1, 2018
31st Annual Great Rubber Duck Race
Breckenridge

September 22, 23, 29, & 30, 2018
Summit County Parade of Homes

November 15, 2018
28th Annual Philanthropy Awards



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