



*Nurturing collaborative, grassroots
efforts in the Lake Fork Valley.*

December 2009

Dear Friends and Citizens of the Lake Fork Valley;

Another year has come and gone, making it fifteen years that you have provided vital support to local non-profits with your generous donations. These organizations and the volunteers that staff them are one of the core reasons that the Lake City community is such a happy and healthy place to raise a family. The Foundation wishes to express gratitude to these volunteers and supporters.

Just like the foundation of a house your Community Foundation provides support and a sense of stability for many small non-profit organizations that operate in the Lake City area. Although these are tough economic times we are still building and growing together. We have a number of entities that have outgrown their present homes and are looking to expand not just their buildings but also the services that they can provide. The Lake City family is growing and we all need to pitch in to find room for everyone.

Established in 1994, the Lake Fork Community Foundation promotes and supports the citizens of that portion of Hinsdale County located along the valley of the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. The foundation is a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation, qualified as a Private Foundation, 501(c)(3) by the IRS. The LFCF not only administers a variety of funds with which we can make grants for local non-profit projects and programs but we also act as a conduit for funding for other local organizations. You have control over where your tax-deductible donation goes. You can put money in our Discretionary Fund, which allows us to provide help through a vigorous granting process to numerous small groups with unforeseen expenditures and funding shortages. Or you can designate your money to go to any of the organizations described in the following pages, in any combination that you wish. One check, many choices, all tax deductible. That is the power to build YOUR community.

We wish you all the best in this Holiday Season and encourage you to include the Lake Fork Community Foundation and its many partners in your gift giving this year. Contribute by the end of the year and claim it on this year's taxes. Remember, the more we give the more we get in return.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bruce Vierheller

Bruce Vierheller, Chairman
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DONATION FORM

THANK YOU!

Foundation Funds:

- LFCF Discretionary Fund
- Lake Fork Memorial Park
- Roger Coursey Scholarship Fund
- LFCF Endowment Fund

Lake Fork Partners:

- Brick to Brick Scholarship Fund
- Build A Generation (BAG)
- DIRT
- Friends of Lake City EMTs
- Friends of Lake City Library
- H-CARE
- Hinsdale Co. Historical Society
- Hinsdale Co. Search and Rescue
- Hinsdale Co. Trails Commission
- Hinsdale Haute Route
- Lake City Arts!
- L.C. Continental Divide Snowmobile Club
- Lake City Ice Climbs
- Lake City Mojo 50
- Lake City Ski Hill
- Lake City Stinger Band
- LC Medical Center Endowment Fund
- PTSA Hot Lunch Program
- Washington DC School Trip
- Wee Care in Lake City

TOTAL

Please make checks payable to LFCF, PO Box 322, Lake City, CO 81235

Name: _____

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

May we publish your name as a donor? **Yes** **No**



Discretionary Fund: This is the money that the Foundation receives that is not earmarked for another specific fund or agency. These are the funds that are tapped by our granting process for the small groups that come up short on funds or for last minute projects.

Lake Fork Memorial Park Fund: This is the fund that started the Foundation. This fund is used to provide local matching for grants and for continuing improvements to this Town of Lake City park. This last year saw a new bowl added to the popular skate park as well as extensive drainage work and improvements to the trail system.

Roger Coursey Scholarship Fund: This fund was established to honor Hinsdale County Sheriff Roger Coursey who was killed in the line of duty. This fund has provided much needed support for numerous high school graduates in Hinsdale County.

LFCF Endowment Fund: This fund was founded by The Texas Friends of Lake City to help provide security for the future of your Community Foundation. These monies are invested through the Western Colorado Community Foundation. Despite recent economic downturns this fund is strong and growing, up 20% from last year!

Lake Fork Partners:

Brick to Brick Scholarship Fund: The building of community is dependent on the younger generations building their futures. This fund is available to any Lake City graduate seeking to continue their education.

Build A Generation: This program aids in juvenile delinquency prevention. It provides after school leadership opportunities and wilderness based educational mentoring opportunities.

DIRT or the Lake City Downtown Improvement & Revitalization Team: This Colorado Main Street organization is committed to enhancing the appearance of our vital downtown business district. This year saw the unveiling of Lake City Uncorked! a restructuring of the popular Wine and Music Festival of years past. More information can be found at lakecitydirt.com or lakecityfestival.org.

Friends of Lake City EMTs: This organization provides educational opportunities for our local volunteer EMTs. They also supply personal protective equipment, incentives and pagers for the volunteers who provide this vital service.

Friends of the Library: The pressure is on to get the Library into a bigger space! This move will allow for enhanced community services that serve locals and visitors alike, such as the free WIFI service, children's programming and expanded tutoring opportunities.

H-CARE (Hinsdale County Animal Rescue): They continue their mission of providing aid to pets in need of emergency care, raising public awareness of the need for spaying and neutering, and the fostering and placement of pets.

Hinsdale County Historic Society: The society operates the Hinsdale County Museum, preserving artifacts and archival materials reflecting the history of the Lake City area. This year saw the completion of the Transportation Building.

Hinsdale County Search and Rescue: One of the main reasons people live and visit Hinsdale County is to take advantage of the incredible backcountry adventures awaiting us out our doors. The volunteers for HCSAR have to be ready for anything that comes up and they need your assistance to pay for training and gear.

Hinsdale County Trails Commission: This hard working group of volunteers has completed trails around Pete's Lake replete with three wooden bridges, wildlife viewing areas, and parking areas. They are eager to continue with their good works, which they can do with your help.

Hinsdale Haute Route: Attracting snow enthusiasts from around the globe this tiny organization operates three backcountry yurts, with the Colorado Trail Yurt up year round. Help is needed for deck repairs and roofing material.

Lake City Arts!: After a successful opening season for the Mary Stigall Theatre there is more to be done to get the Anthony Gallery ready for its debut. The Moseley Arts Center has had many structural problems fixed and work continues to make a safer and more comfortable venue.

Lake City Continental Divide Snowmobile Club: These enthusiastic volunteers are responsible for grooming and marking of Hinsdale County trails. They sponsor the annual Balloon Festival and Snowmobile Races, this year being held Feb. 5-7, 2010.

Lake City Ice Climbs: A popular new attraction, the Lake City Ice Park is growing our winter economy along with its fantastical walls of ice. Money is needed for equipment repairs and future expansion.

Lake City Mojo 50: This newly formed mountain bike race has hit the ground rolling and is already expanding to fill the demand of the biking community. Money is needed to invest in equipment and supplies.

Lake City Ski Hill: Riding one of the oldest ski lifts in the country, Lake City children learn to ski and sharpen their racing skills with volunteer instructors and a dedicated Ski Coach. A fund helps the local team travel to venues across the state to compete. The Town of Lake City provides season passes for local school children and EMTs.

Lake City Stinger Band: Bands play a historic role in the Lake City area and this latest incarnation was formed in 1997. Playing year round at community events the band is open to all musicians, but they need your help updating their instruments.

Lake City Medical Center Endowment Fund: This fund is governed by an advisory panel that has set a goal of \$ 1 million dollars for its endowment principal and needs your help to reach that milestone.

PTSA Hot Lunch Program: With food prepared by local restaurants this program provides lunch twice per week to paying students and teachers as well as a scholarship program to supply disadvantaged students with a hot nutritious meal. Studies show that students that eat better learn better. This is a vital serve that needs all the help you can give.

Washington DC School Trip: This trip happens every four years and provides a unique and invaluable learning opportunity for the Lake City High School students. The students themselves hold numerous fund raisers but they can't do it without your assistance as it takes considerable funds to get all the students and their teacher and parental chaperones to the DC area.

Wee Care in Lake City: A priceless commodity in our community, Wee Care provides day care and educational opportunities to pre-school students. Tuition does not cover daily operating costs and there are always safety improvements to be made to this fifty year old facility. Your donations are very much needed to keep the doors open and the heat on!