How will 2020 be remembered? For us at Spur, the lasting memory of this year will be witnessing the exceptional generosity of our community. The depth of compassion in the Wood River Valley through donations and action – immediately, often, and everywhere – continually impressed us.

Nonprofits in our valley were among the heroes of 2020. They adapted and expanded their services under radically different circumstances. They collaborated and communicated with each other like never before, ensuring coordination of services and information sharing. Spur is proud to have played a role in many of these discussions and intends to nurture these connections, so they endure.

Donors fueled the engine of the good work done by nonprofits. At Spur, we were honored to help donors give impactfully in new ways by inviting them to contribute to discretionary funds like our Community Response Fund. Grants from Spur’s funds were awarded efficiently and in denominations that made an immediate difference to the recipient organizations.

Looking forward to the year ahead, we will continue to inspire effective philanthropy through a three-tiered approach: 1) helping donors find their philanthropic fit, 2) fostering excellence among nonprofits, and 3) making grants that address important needs in our community. We will stay close to the issues, programs, and nonprofits. It is an honor and a privilege to be doing this work in a community that models the power of philanthropy so well.

Thank you for your engagement with Spur. The circumstances of the past year accelerated our growth and confirmed the case for having a local community foundation. We are excited to expand upon that role in the years ahead.

![Sally Gillespie, Executive Director](signature.png)

![Tim Wolff, Founder and Board Chair](signature.png)

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Some 2020 granting highlights we’re especially proud of:

- $45,000 to provide Blaine County students with internet connectivity and to improve the efficiency of distance learning
- $40,000 to support COVID-safe and enriching summer programs for children through the BCRD and Wood River Community YMCA
- $35,000 to expand senior meal delivery services through the Senior Connection
- $35,000 to provide financial assistance to people facing hardships through the Blaine County Charitable Fund
- $30,000 to launch a bilingual extension of the Crisis Hotline and a door-to-door outreach program for Hispanic families
- $18,000 to certify 14 Wood River Valley residents as trainers in the CRM technique for reducing the impact of mental and emotional traumas
**Nonprofit Services**

**Convenings:** In 2020, Spur brought together groups of nonprofits working on the same issues – including education and vulnerable populations – to help encourage communication and collaboration throughout the nonprofit sector. These efforts led to greater peer-to-peer understanding and partnerships.

**Leadership Coaching:** Spur's Leadership Coaching provided individualized training to three nonprofit executive directors to help them lead their organizations more effectively. We look forward to enrolling another class in 2021, our fifth year of the program.

**Assessment Process:** Spur continues to engage nonprofits in a voluntary assessment process that results in a deep understanding of their strengths, challenges, goals and opportunities. Five new organizations participated and one completed an updated version in 2020.

**Sector Advocacy:** Spur’s Executive Director represented the nonprofit sector on the steering committee of the Blaine County Recovery Committee, ensuring that the needs of nonprofits were included in county-wide efforts to navigate the impact of the pandemic.

**Discretionary Grant Activity**

*Local recipients of discretionary fund grants in 2020*

The Advocates  
ARCH Community Housing Trust  
The Argyros  
BCRD  
Blaine County Charitable Fund  
Blaine County Education Foundation  
Crisis Hotline  
Flourish Foundation  
Friends of the Hailey Public Library  
Hailey Chamber of Commerce  
Hailey Ice  
Hospice and Palliative Care of the Wood River Valley  
The Hunger Coalition  
Men's Second Chance Living  
Mountain Humane  
Mountain Rides  
Sun Valley Culinary Institute  
Sun Valley Institute for Resilience  
Sun Valley Museum of Art  
Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation  
Sun Valley Wellness Institute  
The Senior Connection  
The Space  
Swiftsure Ranch  
Wood River Community YMCA  
Wood River Land Trust  
Wood River Trails Coalition

**$724,500**  
Granted to Local Organizations

**50**  
Number of Grants

**$14,490**  
Average Grant Amount
### DOLLARS OUT

**$1,531,000**

**Total Dollars Distributed**

56% granted from donor advised funds

44% granted from discretionary funds

WHERE WE GAVE

### DOLLARS IN

**EIGHT DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**

- **$1,171,133**

**COMMUNITY RESPONSE**

- **$283,265**

**MEMORIAL**

- **$369,333**

**FOCUS**

- **$105,750**

**CORE IMPACT**

- **$200,765**

**OPERATIONS**

- **$204,239**

**TOTAL DOLLARS RECEIVED**

$2,334,485

84 total donors

53 donors to discretionary funds

### COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

When the pandemic began to take its toll on the Wood River Valley, Spur was able to quickly respond to emerging needs. We established the Community Response Fund and began granting immediately to address acute needs.

$283,265 total donated to the Community Response Fund

40 total gifts

17 total grants

$235,000 total amount distributed by the end of 2020

We continue to accept donations to the Community Response Fund and will make more grants in 2021 to address critical, unmet needs.

100% of Spur's operating expenses are paid by board members, advisors, and special donors. No fees are assessed from charitable contributions.
### OUR MISSION

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<td>By fostering nonprofit excellence and accountability through assessments, capacity building, outcome reporting, and convening conversations</td>
<td>By granting locally based on knowledge of the issues and opportunities in the community while managing philanthropic capital with fiduciary excellence</td>
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### DONOR TESTIMONIALS

"The Spur Community Foundation has been a game changer in facilitating good decision-making in giving back to the Wood River Valley. Spur acts as advisors and consultants for the nonprofit organizations themselves, with a common goal of improving the quality and efficacy of these programs to better our community as a whole."
- Kim Kawaguchi and Bob Disbrow

"What attracted us to Spur was the ability to get information about all Wood River Valley nonprofits in one place. Spur understood our gifting preferences and was able to match them to organizations that had the most immediate need. We highly recommend Spur Community Foundation as your gifting resource."
- Sandy and Jodi Sanders

"The devastation wrought on our community by the pandemic made me realize that more than good intentions are needed to help the community survive. I committed my financial support on a regular basis to Spur’s Community Response Fund. My good intentions have really paid off – the Community Response Fund is a winner."
- Susan Blair

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