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Drawn by its abundant wilderness, miles of river, and snow-capped peaks, we came to Big Sky for the beauty and outdoor opportunities. The Foundation is proud to support local nonprofits working to protect this wild and wonderful place and make Big Sky sustainable for generations to come.

**LIVABILITY**

Working individuals and families are the heartbeat of Big Sky. As the local cost of living climbs, the Foundation provides funding to partners who help solve critical issues and provide valuable resources to the community in the forms of affordable housing, childcare, transportation, scholarships and more.

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“We are incredibly grateful for YCCF’s support of our efforts to ensure reliable sources of water for drinking and to support a healthy fishery in the Gallatin River. Big Sky aspires to set the bar to the highest standard of responsible water use. Achieving this vision requires proactive planning and everyone in the community actively participating in water stewardship. Thank you, YCCF!”

Kristin Gardner - Chief Executive and Science Officer, Gallatin River Task Force

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Montana is consistently one of the top states in the nation where rates of depression, substance abuse and suicide are the highest. When we normalize struggles, we can create new ways of connecting with one another. The Foundation provides critical funding to partners creating a culture of care with increased counseling services, referral pathways, recreational opportunities as alternatives to party culture, and no cost barriers to accessing care in the greater Big Sky region.

SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS
Arts Council of Big Sky, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County, Big Sky Community Organization, Big Sky Discovery School, Big Sky Futbol Club, Big Sky School District, Big Sky Skijoring Association, Big Sky Ski Education Foundation, Big Sky Spirit Association, Big Sky Youth Engagement, Big Sky Medical Center, Bridger Bay Family Health Center, Bridger Health Foundation, Bridger Sky Skiers Foundation, Community Support Center of Montana, Coral Reef, Eagle Scout Maurice, Gallatin Community Foundation, Gallatin Sports Council, Gallatin Valley YMCA, Montana Health of America, Montana Hope Project, Montana Missoula Project, Montana State University, Montana State University Billings Campus Foundation, Northwest Montana Community Foundation, Tiffany and CharlieMerlin, Livingston Learning Center, Inc., Professional Ski Instructors of America, Professional Ski Instructors of America Billings Chapter, Rose Family Foundation, Southwest Montana Education Foundation, Transpac, University of Montana, University of Montana Missoula Chapter, University of Montana Western, University of Montana Western Foundation, University of Montana Western, University of Montana Western Foundation

“I joined BASE Community Center three weeks after moving to Big Sky, and once I entered the community center, I never wanted to leave! I visit BASE almost every day because I love connecting with the staff, fitness instructors, and new friends I’ve made at BASE. I found my community at BASE, and it gives me the confidence and motivation to pursue my goal of training for a marathon.”
Margaret - BASE Community Center pass holder

EDUCATION
The Foundation invests in the future by providing local students with scholarship opportunities and funding organizations that prioritize quality education in safe learning environments for our youngest community members.

SCHOLARSHIPS
COREY G. GRIFFIN
Awarded three $5,000 scholarships to high school students from the Gallatin Valley, who most closely exemplify Corey’s passion for support and leadership for causes in which he believes, along with his philosophy, and having the courage to create change.

RIESCHEL FAMILY STEM SCHOLARSHIP
This $5,000 scholarship was awarded to a high school senior in Gallatin Valley pursuing education in science, technology, engineering or math.

FRIENDS OF BIG SKY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
One Lone Peak High School student received two $3,000 scholarships for their freshman and sophomore years of college.

BIG BALD DAVE SCHOLARSHIP
The Foundation is proud to honor the memory of “Big Bald Dave” Mueller and his love for outdoor adventure by awarding one extraordinary summer adventure to a Big Sky student in grades 8th-12th. This trip was generously supported and coordinated by Adventures Cross Country.

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“With support and collaboration from VCCF, the American Indian Cultural Center (AIC) is excited to host the 47th Annual AIC Powwow. The AIC looks forward to welcoming friends, family, and community members to celebrate one of Gallatin Valley’s largest vibrant cultural events.”
Lisa Perry - Director of American Indian/Alaska Native Student Success Services, Montana State University

“"We are grateful VCCF identified early education as a priority and stepped up to fund this pilot 4K program. We have received significant positive feedback from families with children enrolled in the 2022-2023 4K program. We hope this program will grow and serve as a model for other communities, especially as childcare costs continue to rise.”
Dustin Shipman - Superintendent-Big Sky School District

“Arts & Culture
The Foundation is proud to support programs that promote the arts and culture as a means for individuals to engage in shared experiences, firm connections, celebrate diversity, express themselves creatively, and cultivate a sense of pride and belonging among those who live, work and visit Big Sky.

SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS
American Indian Council, Arts Council of Big Sky, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, Ramstein Arts of Eden, De La Maestra, Yoga Theater, Warner-Mills Performing Arts Center

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Total Contributions and Support

- General Contributions & Interest: $1,596,158
- Big Sky Medical Center: $1,385,000
- Big Sky Community Center: $2,559,300
- Fundraising and Events: $1,022
- Behavioral Health: $1,022
- Big Sky Relief: $9,054
- Elevate Big Sky: $1,385,000

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GRANTS & EXPENSES

Annual Fund Grants, Sponsorships, & Scholarships: $2,320,918
- Big Sky Medical Center Fund: $1,054,175
- Big Sky Community Center Fund: $1,129,467
- Fundraising Expenses: $154,981
- Management & Operations: $90,456
- Thrift Stores: $272,434
- Livability Fund: $351,502
- Environmental Fund: $99,950
- Behavioral Health Fund: $208,285
- Big Sky Relief Fund: $5,958,642
- Elevate Big Sky Fund: $102,405

Total Grants & Expenses: $5,504,683

Management & Operations as a % of Revenue: 1.9% (2021: 1.1%)

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2021 audited financial statement and IRS Form 990 may be obtained by contacting yccf@yellowstoneclub.com

DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS & EXPENSES

- Elevate Big Sky: 9%
- Big Sky Medical Center: 2%
- Big Sky Community Center: 15%
- Other: 56%
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- Management & Operations: 1%

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