

CONNECTING PEOPLE
BUILDING COMMUNITY



Resilient Community
& Responsive
Leadership

Robust Arts, Culture,
& Environment

Connected Youth

Thriving Nonprofits

Eradicated Poverty

Photo: Sarah Bierschwale



Real Connections, Real Change: 2014 Annual Report

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I have worked with a lot of wonderful people to develop the capacity of the community foundation over the past 6 years. During that time, I experienced the true dance of community connection: learning in public, when to lead, when to follow; all the while just dancing together! Robust conversation being a mainstay.

As the Foundation grows, we have discovered it's really about bringing citizen ideas into fruition and being a stop-gap organization for existing assets within the community. I am proud of the reputation of the Foundation-the deep feeling that we can be counted upon for what the community needs and wants. We are known to be grass roots, responsive and timely. The appreciation, feedback and support of our community is intense and I am inspired to work alongside this community in this way again in 2015. We have a diverse team of staff, board members, AmeriCorps VISTA's and volunteers to respond to community opportunities!

I hope that you are inspired about the many accomplishments outlined herein for 2014 and that you will be working side by side, again in 2015. See you there!

Sincerely,

Tracy Timmons

2014 AT A GLANCE

- Number of meetings at the Center: **512**
- Future of Montana: Volunteer Corps hours: **2,005**
- Visits to the Carbon County Resource Directory: **7,283**
- Total funds granted at Fun Run 11: **\$243,660**
- Number of Fringe performances: **6**
- Community Grantmaking: **\$32,264**

Our efforts in the arts, culture & environment create change through cross-sector collaboration.

Together, we're further developing the community's 'sense of place' -you know, the feeling that **Red Lodge is home** whether you're a tourist, transplant, or born & raised in Red Lodge.

PARTNERS IN CHANGE

Beartooth Front Community Forum

Beartooth RC&D

Big Sky Trust Fund

Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery

Red Lodge Area Chamber of Commerce

Red Lodge Clay Center

Red Lodge Chamber Players

Red Lodge Festival of Nations

Red Lodge Music Festival

Red Lodge School of Dance

Red Lodge Public Schools

Red Lodge Public Schools Foundation

Tippet Rise Fund

TBID (Tourism Business Improvement District)

YOU!!!

A PLACE FOR OUR ARTS

- ◇ A 22 member committee meets monthly –reaching over 700 volunteer hours in 2014 –to move projects forward that support local arts.
- ◇ Identified funding strategies and created a strategic plan.
- ◇ Engaged two VISTAs to build capacity for all Arts initiatives.
- ◇ Created the Educating Emerging Artists Fund to fuel local artists' creative growth.



- ◇ Hosted 6 Fringe concerts (5 were local performers) in an effort to bring free/low cost performances –from Bluegrass to Beethoven– to our community.

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OLD ROOSEVELT?

Can you hear the echoes of a small symphony? Or the buzz of a crowd at a convention? Or the chatter of local and visiting artists at their studios?

Restore, Reuse, Revitalize Old Roosevelt is working (diligently) to assess the best uses for the old school.

- ◇ Hosted public tours and working sessions on revitalization visions as Beartooth Front Community Forum's annual meeting topic.
- ◇ Matched a \$15,000 grant from Big Sky Trust Fund to kickstart community engagement and economic impact studies.

- ◇ Became a separate committee from A Place for Our Arts to ensure multiple community groups are represented and the main Arts group can focus on additional pursuits.
- ◇ Received a \$75,000 grant from the Tippet Rise Fund to move to the architectural design phase.



Photo by Gerald Davidson

YOUTH MENTORING

Something happens in middle school that isn't attributed to awkward growth spurts. Kids can become disengaged and disconnected from their peers, schoolwork, and community.

Talks with parents, teachers, and administration spawned a dedicated volunteer committee, led by an AmeriCorps VISTA, which created the Roosevelt Middle School Mentoring program from 6th –8th grade students who simply needed another positive, trustworthy adult willing to listen.

In 2014, 15 middle school students were partnered with 15 trained mentors! 100% of parents, students, and mentors saw benefits in the program and want it to continue and expand.



What are we doing for youth? Creating a safe and supportive community environment for all kids to *develop and thrive* through volunteerism, mentorship, and college & career readiness. We strive to *connect all kids* to the community and develop *future leaders*.

FUTURE OF MONTANA: VOLUNTEER CORPS

- ◇ In 2014 students logged **2,005 volunteer hours!**
 - ◇ Spring Semester 2014: 1125
 - ◇ Fall semester 2014: 880
- ◇ The value of those volunteer hours to the community? **\$30,805!**
- ◇ Not just seniors are volunteering –middle school, freshmen, sophomores, juniors sports teams, and clubs are developing new skills and giving back to the community.
- ◇ Why do we track hours? It provides official records for college, job, and scholarship applications (we did 6 last year) for students.



Katie Nell is a superstar volunteer considering graphic design once she graduates. What started out as a class project to design a logo turned into a crash course in design development as she spent 15 hours working with the Foundation to perfect the logo. We use it on pens and magnets and Katie can add it to her portfolio. [Win-Win!](#)



FOMVC definitely isn't as easy as doing the YMCA even if you are a superhero (or super volunteer).



PHASE 1 (2013-2014)

The Goal:

Connect people in need to the services and programs designed to assist them.

The Gap: People don't know what is available.

The Connection: Created the Carbon County Resource Directory –a free online and print listing all service providers and programs for low income individuals and families in Carbon County.

PHASE 2 (2014)

The Gap: People don't have the time to determine what they qualify for and apply.

The Connection: Created the Navigators Program which trains people to provide application assistance to those in need – whether that is determining if they qualify or walking through the application process. **In 2014, 4 Navigators were trained.**

EVENTS THAT MAKE AN IMPACT

Our events, led by VISTAs, make a tangible difference in the lives of others and raise awareness. In 2014 they did this three ways:

1. Toiletry Drive on 9/11: Collected **\$2,193** worth of toiletries reaching over 1,800 items donated. Donations were distributed to Carbon County food banks and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services.
2. Free Firewood: Partnering with HRDC in Billings, we distributed **20 half cords** of wood to individuals and families in need of heating assistance.
3. Holiday Toy Drive: When Toys for Tots didn't happen we made sure presents would still be given. The drive received **\$2,611** in toy donations, **\$384** in cash donations, and **\$1,675** in gift cards.

Helping our neighbors in need is a cornerstone to what we do. We help by building awareness of and supporting existing programs, connecting people to resources, and developing sustainable, impactful programs to serve those in need.

GRANTMAKING FOR GOOD

We're confident all our grantmaking is doing good work in the community but two of our grant funds make immediate, tangible differences in the lives of youth and seniors .

SENIOR ARK FUND

You're a senior. Living on a fixed income, retired, or working part time. What if your car breaks down, a tree falls in your yard, or you break your only pair of glasses? Pay your heat bill or get glasses? This Fund makes sure no one has to choose.

In 2014, **9** applications



were funded totaling **\$8,713.**

YOUTH ENRICHMENT FUND

All your friends are going to the city pool, on the class trip, or getting their drivers licenses but your family doesn't have the extra income. Instead of missing out on crucial development activities (academic or social), the Youth Enrichment Fund steps in to aid kids with the desire to participate but not the funding.

IN 2014, 44 KIDS
IN CARBON COUNTY
RECEIVED \$6,156
TO SWIM, SWING
DRAW, & PLAY
their way to a
BRIGHTER FUTURE
SINCE 2012
The fund has provided
97 kids with \$12,461
IN OPPORTUNITIES.

BY THE NUMBERS

- ◇ Hosted **512** meetings.
- ◇ **3,732** People walked through our doors.
- ◇ Race and event equipment was rented **20** times.
- ◇ **65** different groups met in 2014.
- ◇ **12** Mailings shared our Bulk Mail Permit for nonprofits.
- ◇ Hosted 4 nonprofit trainings and webinars.
- ◇ Experience Works volunteer, Amy, completed 32 mailings & projects for outside organizations.
- ◇ Foundation volunteers (not including VISTAs) gave **770** hours.
- ◇ Pro Cut Green Fund granted \$1000 cash and \$1500 in-kind equipment and labor to 3 green projects around town.
- ◇ Community grantmaking supported 13 projects with \$5500 in funding.



The Bob Moran Memorial Garden came to life outside of City Hall thanks to Pro Cut Green Fund, Community Grantmaking, and the dedicated volunteers of Red Lodge Proud and Beautiful!

NONPROFITS ARE VITAL TO A HEALTHY, VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

That's why our work focuses on making their work easier –whether that means hosting the Fun Run, providing grant funding, hosting training opportunities, connecting volunteers to their cause, or creating the space for them to meet.

FUN RUN 11: THE SPIRIT OF GIVING



Save the date: Fun Run 12 is September 5th!

- March 18**
Leadership Development w/ Elation
- April 1**
Local Business Relationships
- April 15th**
Technology (Smart Board intro)
- April 22nd** (all day)
How to Recruit & Manage Volunteers/Nuts & Bolts of Fundraising
- April 29th**
Board Development
- May 13th**
Financial Management

- ◇ Awarded \$243,660.65
- ◇ Benefitted 66 charities in Carbon County
- ◇ Volunteers gave 2,108 hours to make it happen
- ◇ 1,156 Runners and walkers (and a couple dozen four legged friends)
- ◇ **Want to read some Fun Run feedback? Check the last page!**

Resilient Community & Responsive Leadership

LEADING TOGETHER: A MINI CASE STUDY

We see ourselves as a platform for the community to transform ideas, resolve needs, and take advantage of opportunities. We do this by listening to the community across sectors, gathering the public, and creating plans and programs –together.



What does that mean? Here's an example: [Lunch in the Sun.](#)

1. We were notified of an opportunity: free access to food in the summer for kids.
2. We gathered the community to assess what programs existed and where the gaps were.
3. We partnered with Calvary Episcopal Church, Boys and Girls Club, and many volunteers to create a free lunch program for any kid under 18.

The result? Swift action and community collaboration led to 515 free meals being served to local kids –averaging 26 kids a day!

AMERICORPS VISTAS: MAKING IT HAPPEN

They've graduated from college and are ready to give back. AmeriCorps VISTAs come to Red Lodge from all over the country to make a difference –make people's lives better. This year we said goodbye to three VISTAs and welcomed 3 more. In 2014, VISTAs:

- ◇ Served 7,338 hours –leveraging \$112,271 in staffing costs.
- ◇ Raised over \$30,00 in cash and in-kind donations.
- ◇ Worked in the areas of poverty, Veterans, youth, communications, and arts.

2014

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jo Ann Eder, *President*

Merv Coleman,
Vice President

Mark Schubert, *Treasurer*

Gordon Gallagher,
Secretary

Sarah Ewald

Wayne Engebretson

John Walsh

Judith Gregory

Diane Zook

Kathleen Delahanty

William Foisy

Alan Schuyler

Lyle Zimmerman



TO OUR MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS:



Members make it happen! Without members supporting all our initiatives and programming, we couldn't open the doors, host AmeriCorps VISTAs, have the Fun Run for Charities and so much more. It is thanks to their continued support that we are able to grow each year and strengthen our community.

Being a member means you have chosen to strengthen the voice of the community.

Special Gifts for Special People

In Honor Of

Jerry & Betty Brekhus
Mary Clare & Gary Ferguson
Jo Ann Eder
Judith Gregory & Alan Goldin
Zoe Kern
Sally Martin
Newt Sacks
Munson Grandchildren

In Memory Of

Jim Hoiness
Doug Mckown
Pat Clinton
Bob Moran
David Gamper

Anonymous
Joel & Margie Adams
Alpha Graphics
American Legion Carbon Post 17
Vince & Mary Ames
Alexander & Rebecca Anderson
Archie Cochrane Motors, Inc.
David & Sharla Arend
Babcock & Miles
Lynda & David Ballard
Grant & Laurie Barnard
Barb Bates
Dave & Linda Beach
Beartooth Electric Cooperative
Beartooth Humane Alliance
Beartooth Market
Beartooth Pass Harley Davidson
Barb Beck
Sarah Bierschwale
Donald & Joanne Blyton
Bryce Bochy
Boyd's Auto Body
Marlene Bradford
Jim Brien & Holly Hall
Bridge Creek Adventures
Jessica Briggs
Keith & Susie Brighton
Martha Brown & Marty Clague
Duncan & Vicki Burford
Scott & Lynn Cain
Carbon County Sewer
Lauren Carr
Wesley & Karen Chapman
Chateau Rouge
Corky & Betty Christman
Clay Center
Merv Coleman
Coleman Gallery and Studio
Conoco Phillips
George & Pat Corbe
Thomas & Virginia Coursey
Covering Broadway
Karen Current
Daily Enterprises LLC dba Red Lodge Inn
Frank & Kathryn Daley
Dan and Jeanne Scott Family Foundation
Elizabeth Dane
Robert & Patricia Daniels
Cheri & Gene Davey
David G. Evans, D.D.S., PC
Gerald Davidson
Paul & Marilyn Davis
Carmen DeBello
Tricia Decker
Kathleen Delahanty
Jeff DiBenedetto
James & Cindy Dickert
Julie Dickinson
Julie Dickinson
Nancy Dunlap
Courtney Duren
David & Linda Eckhoff
Bert & Jo Ann Eder
Edward Jones Investments
Wayne & Jane Engebretson
Patricia & Dick Espenscheid
Bo, Sarah, & Tyler Ewald
Brooke Feister & Richard O'Brien
First Interstate Bancsystem Foundation
First Interstate Bank
Kadie Fischer

Don and Nancy Hamilton
Linda & Steve Hanson
John Harmon
Charles & Bonnie Hash
Laurie Haugen
Betty Hecker & Kerry Burns
Les Hedquist & Janet Peterson
David & Robin Heinen
Lanny & Sally Hilderman
Karen Hoiness
Julie Holzer
Homer A. and Mildred S. Scott Foundation
Hope Chapel - Red Lodge Foursquare Church
Susan Hovde
Terrie Hoyt
HUB International Insurance
Jeanne Hull
Myrna Hunt
Imagine If...
Irish Rose B&B
Joel Todd, Attorney At Law
Willis Johnson
Bob & Launie Jorgenson
David Kallenbach
Tom & Rosina Kastelitz
Deborah Keir
David & Kathleen Kelley
Peter & Barbara Kendrick
Wanda Kennicott
Kibler & Kirch
Kids Corner
Eloise Kirk
Marlene & Frank Klessens
Jerry & Marlyce Koskovich
Kay Kovach
KTVQ Channel 2
KURL 8
Miles LaRowe
Lazy EL Ranch
Joe & Mary LeFebvre
Bob & Betsy Legnini
David Lehnher
Lone Pine Enterprises, Incorporated
Pat Luptak
Katy Lysinger
Helen Mackay
Robert & Phyllis Mamayek
Mark A. Schubert, CPA, P.C.
Kim & Shirleen Martens
Art & Grace Maxwell
Elizabeth McGee
The Estate of Sally McInnis
Terry & Bonnie McKown
Medicine Flower Lodge
Messiah Lutheran Ministries
John & Karen Miskimins
Montana Community Foundation
Montana Realty Company of
Moon Lake Market, LLC
Mountain Springs Villa
Kathy & David Munson
Steve & Deborah Muth
Brooke Neubauer
Jeremiah & Angela Newell
Janet Nixon
Richard & Gretchen Nolan
Wally & Shari Nordstrom
NorthWestern Energy
The O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation
Will Oley
Nannette Oltrogge

Andrea Fiscus
Bruce & Carole Fishburn
FM 99 The Mountain
William & Susan Foisy
Dick Forehand
Scott & Lauren Fosdal
Judith Foster
Rich & Holly Furber
Gordon & Leah Gallagher
Harriet Gamper
Marshall & Lizabeth Gardner
Alan Goldin & Judith Gregory
Granite Peak Plumbing & Heating
Neil Gunderson

Anita & Gregory O'Neil
Jean Owen
Sylvia Parman
Traute Parrie & Don Carroll
Richard & Vicki Peck
Pelican Properties, LLC
Barb Pitman
John Pope
Pro Cut Lawn Care
Adam & Denise Quick
Commander Gary Race
Red Lodge Area Chamber Of Commerce
Red Lodge Beverages
Red Lodge Drug
Red Lodge Granite Peak VFW Post 4725
Red Lodge Mountain
Red Lodge Pizza Company
Red Lodge Rotary International
Red Lodge Surveying, Inc.
Red Lodge True Value
Red Lodge Youth Soccer
Republic Services
Polly Richter
Mary Ringer
Franklin & Peggy Robbie
Phil Robertson & Martha Sobral
Rock Creek Home & Garden
Rocky Mountain Flower Farm
Evelyn Rolshoven
Rosalind Rose
Deloris Rosekelly
Cynthia Rozamus
Newt & Bobbie Sacks
Intermountain Division Salvation Army
Sam's Tap Room
Richard & Nina Sauter
Norma Scheidecker
Bruce & Sharyn Schelske
Lana Schenderline
Alan Schuyler
Jerry Schuyler
Schwab Charitable Fund
SCL Health Systems
Shann & Jessica Scott
Sella Foundation Trust
Ruth Sheller
Daniel Seifert & Erinn Ackley
Sidney E. Frank Foundation
Karen Simmons
Sisters Of Charity Of Leavenworth
Valentine Smith
Rodney & Judy Smith
Carol Ann & Steven Souders
Ruby Star
State Of Montana
Dave and Sue Stauffer
Jerome Stewart
Bridgette & Derek Stiegemeier
Stillwater Mining Company
Eric Sutphin
Sylvan Peak
Estelle Tafoya & Earl Andersen
Pat & Wally Tate
C. Marlene Tetrault
The Other Woman
Jack Thielen
Dustin and Tracy Timmons
Tom's of Maine
Jim & Mitzi Vorachek
John Walsh
Edward & Joan Warnshuis
Virginia Watt
Eugene Weightman
Georgia & Terry Wells
Bob & Ruth Wendt
Bob & Ruth Wendt
David & Cheryl Whitcomb
Katherine Williams
Don & Janis Williams
Bill & Elsie Wilson
Clare Witcomb
Harry & Betty Wright
Lesley Zier
Lyle & Leita Zimmerman
Wally & Diane Zook

FINANCIALS

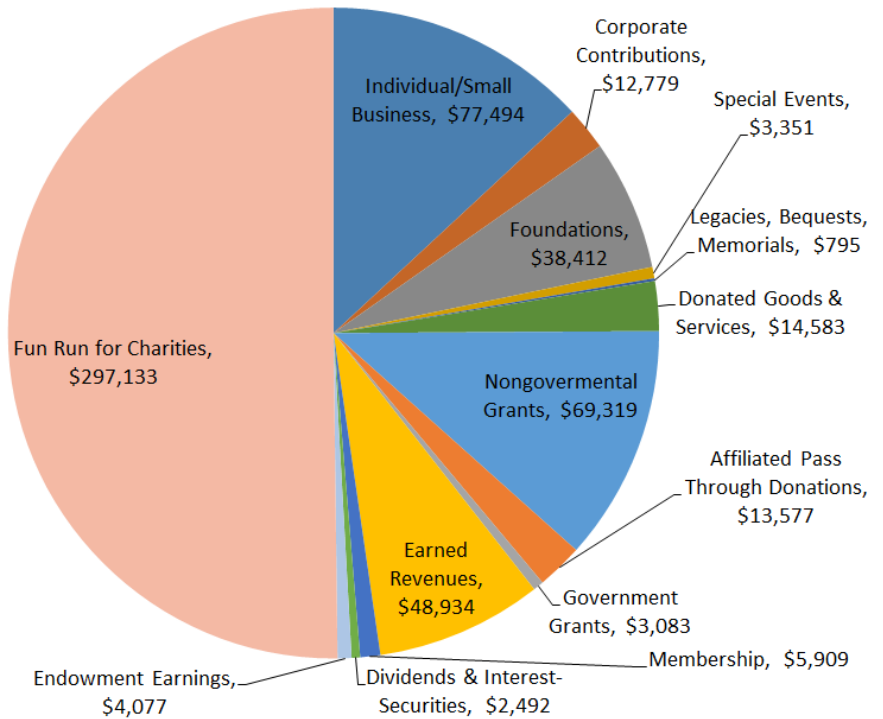
We are excellent stewards of our resources –unrestricted cash, program grants, in-kind, and volunteer. Wherever our funding comes from we make strategic, goal and impact oriented decisions regarding how to utilize it in our programs.

A dedicated committee of board members ensure all financial decisions are prudent, ethical, and responsible.

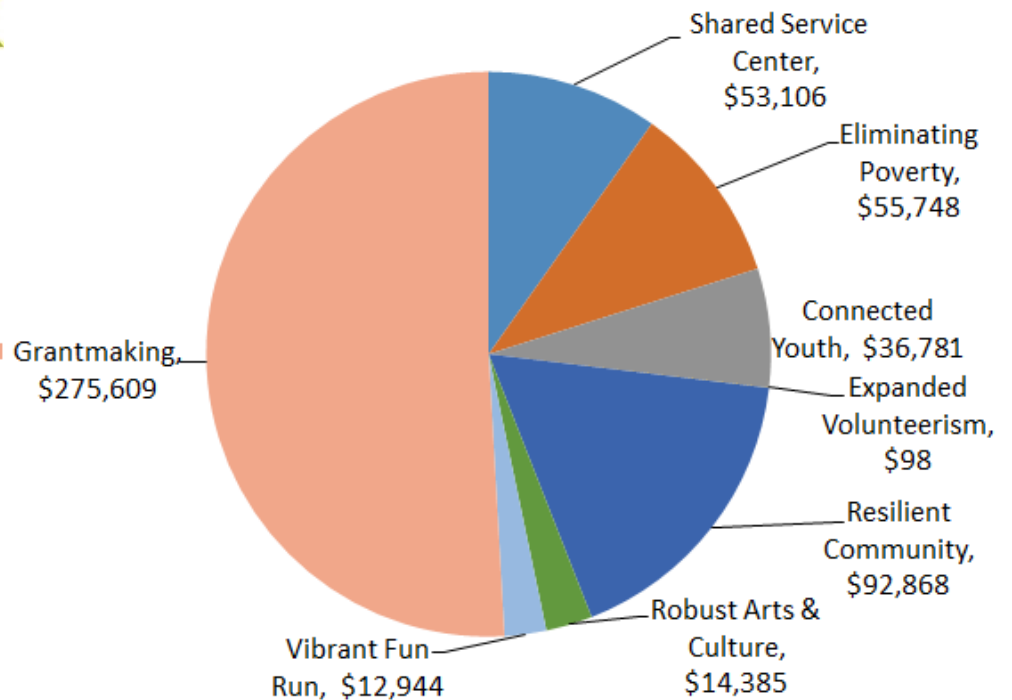


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INCOME



EXPENSES



FINANCIALS

BALANCE SHEET

Total Current Assets	\$93,557.19	
Total Fixed Assets	\$349,529.47	
Total Other Assets	\$138,735.07	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$581,426.73
Total Current Liabilities	\$91,453.02	
Total Equity	\$489,973.71	
TOTAL LIABILITES & EQUITY		\$581,426.73

Did you know we do a lot more grantmaking to support local charities than just through the Fun Run? In 2014, Fun Run 11 granted **\$243,346** to 66 charities but we also granted **\$32,264** through our other grantmaking programs!

GRANTMAKING W/O FUN RUN



LOOKING BACK, THINKING FORWARD

Volunteers and staff, are the lifeblood of our organization. They spread the word, write the grants, and most importantly, share the vision.

Hearing their impressions of 2014 and hopes for 2015 resonate with us so strongly, we had to share!



I liked working at the Foundation in 2014 – staying busy with projects and learning more filing. The staff and volunteers are like family and I'm the grandma. I expect more changes in 2015 with new projects and new VISTAs!
-Amy Hetland, Experience Works Volunteer



Next year the mentor program will continue to foster positive relationships and expand to include students from 6th –10th grade. –Austin Terreri, AmeriCorps VISTA

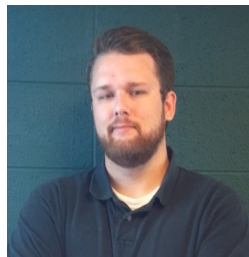


Our programs really grew into their skin this past year and I look forward to following RLACF's impact, through collaboration, in the community.
-Kristen Hollum, Former VISTA/Staff



We like what we've learned about the Foundation so far and are excited to help locals gain employment through our job board and expand skill sets through job training courses. -Bill Eickman & Stephen Stefan, AmeriCorps VISTAs

Strengthening the Arts by providing funding for artists to develop their craft, bringing affordable performances to the community, and developing the Old Roosevelt school are some of the things I loved being a part of and look forward to making great strides in 2015 for the Arts in our community. –Alex Albright, AmeriCorps VISTA



The Center was used, projects were funded, and trainings were held last year. I'm excited to continue supporting the nonprofits that make this community thrive! –Sarah Bierschwale, Staff

In late 2014, we set up a "Welcome" process for Foundation volunteers: mentors, navigators, board and committee members, and those working on individual projects. In 2015, we'll strive to ensure that these wonderful folks have a gratifying experience as they serve our community. -Sue Bury, Volunteer Advocate



In 2014, the seeds of possibility were planted. In 2015, individuals and families are beginning to harvest the benefits of opportunity. –Yvonne Johnson, AmeriCorps VISTA

FAVORITE FEEDBACK

Sometimes we get feedback that makes us smile and reinforces why we do the work we do. It also makes us want to shout it off the rooftop, do a jig, or plaster it on a billboard...instead of doing that, we thought we'd share it with you!

'It is amazing how the Red Lodge Community Foundation has utilized VISTA resources to build the capacity of your community. I appreciate all that you do to support the projects. Thank you.'

Jackie Girard

AmeriCorps VISTA State Director

Thank you very much for sending your staff to serve as volunteers. They were top-notch – just did everything that was expected of them and more with a gracious, thankful attitude. They will be great leaders for the future of the nonprofit sector. I had a wonderful time working with them.

Gail Tronstad, *Training & Events Manager, Montana Nonprofit Association*

As volunteer organizations, we fully understand and deeply appreciate the time and effort it takes to be successful. The Red Lodge Area Community Foundation deserves a heartfelt "Thank-you" from our entire Community as well as all the beneficiaries. Your outstanding unselfish commitment sets exemplary goals for us all

George Clow - *President, Emergency Medical Service Association*

Jon Trapp - *Director, Search & Rescue*

Eakle Barfield - *President, Volunteer Firefighters Association*

Overall the Mentor Program was a good starting point. Hopefully we were able to make a difference in the lives of some great kids.

-Founding Mentor

In 2014, Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS) celebrated our 15th anniversary. In our effort to cultivate a more transparent, less formal relationship with our donors, we decided not to host an annual fundraiser last year. We also made this decision to honor the spirit of the annual Red Lodge Fun Run for Charities. The Fun Run was created as a way for Red Lodge's many nonprofits to condense their major fundraising efforts into one central event, easing the pressure on local businesses and citizens to support over 60 organizations in our community. DSVS has participated in the Fun Run and also hosted an annual fundraiser for years but this time we changed our strategy. We invited our donors to a free appreciation party to celebrate our anniversary and their commitment to our mission. A very generous couple from our DSVS family hosted the event so no cost was incurred to the organization. At that event we asked people to give to DSVS through the Fun Run and the response was overwhelming. Our Fun Run donations in 2014 were double the average amount received, an organizational record! Although the proceeds from our annual fundraiser historically brought in a little more revenue, the savings in staff salaries for time spent planning the event and the overall time we can instead use to focus on our mission, is worth the difference. We plan to continue with this model, hosting a donor party and asking for gifts to be made to the Fun Run. This central event and the matching funds provided by the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation's (RLACF) fundraising efforts, make it a viable and sustainable fundraising option for our organization. We are honored to be a recipient, appreciate the incredible amount of work by the RLACF staff, and look forward to many more years of partnership and FUN!

Kelly Heaton
Executive Director

