

LEAD, SERVE, AND COLLABORATE TO MOBILIZE ENDURING PHILANTHROPY FOR A BETTER ARIZONA

IMPACT REPORT

2025 FALL EDITION



ARIZONA
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

“ Having the flexibility...
to cover operational costs
or larger projects that help
us better care for animals
and push our mission forward
is game-changing.”

— ALESSANDRA NAVIDAD

President and CEO, Arizona Animal Welfare League

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Collaboration, gratitude,
inclusivity, and trust. Our core
values define who we are
and how we operate.

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**Dear
Donors, Partners,
and Friends—**

On behalf of the entire Arizona Community Foundation staff and Board of Directors, we thank you for the impact you have made through your charitable giving. We are proud to continue our nearly 50-year tradition as your trusted, steadfast partner in collective, community-based philanthropy.

We are energized by the continued generosity and dedication of our community. Last fiscal year, which ended April 30, 2025, ACF awarded a record \$137 million in grants and scholarships, a direct reflection of Arizonans' commitment to a promising future for generations to come.

While this Impact Report features just a snapshot of the critical programs and services delivered by our nonprofit partners across the state, each one demonstrates the power of collective philanthropy. We encourage you to explore some of the amazing, often life-saving, work being done across the state.

As we look toward year three of our strategic plan, we hope you'll pay particular attention to pages 10-17, which share stories of some of the partnerships that are making impacts in our three key areas of focus: education, environment, and housing. We are thankful for the assistance of our many key partners who bring critical knowledge and energy to these efforts.

There are many ways we can do even more in the coming year. Consider becoming an ACF champion by sharing your story with others. Like and share our social media posts. Visit our website for a list of upcoming events and join us, because **together, we make more possible!**

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charley Freericks".

CHARLEY FREERICKS
Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna M. Chávez".

ANNA MARÍA CHÁVEZ, ESQ.
President & CEO

Remembering Bert Getz, Sr.

May 7, 1937 – August 31, 2025

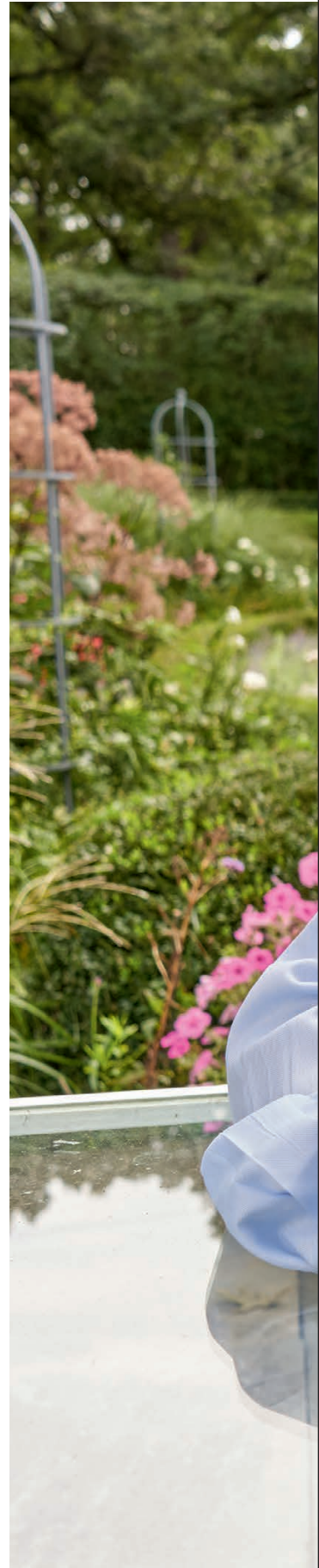
The Arizona Community Foundation honors the legacy of one of its founders, Bert Getz, Sr., a true visionary who helped bring the community foundation model of collective philanthropy to Arizona. Bert passed away in late August at the age of 88.

Bert's greatest joy was his family, but he was also passionate about philanthropy and community, and lived by the motto of his alma mater, North Shore Country Day School: "To Live and Serve." His philanthropy wasn't just about donations—it was about building systems for lasting change.

In 1977, Bert partnered with Arizona civic leaders Newton Rosenzweig and the DeConcini family, and a year later, ACF began with \$300,000 in founding assets. Bert believed true wealth lies not in what we have, but in what we give. His legacy lives on in every grant, scholarship, and life transformed by ACF's work, which is now more than \$137 million in grants and scholarships awarded annually.

Originally a native of Chicago, Bert is survived by his wife Sandy, sons George Fulmer and Bert Jr. and their spouses, and seven grandchildren who carry forward his values of service and love.

Bert Getz will live on in the countless communities strengthened by his generosity and vision, forever being part of ACF's history. His impact on charitable giving in Arizona and across the nation will not be forgotten.





DANCING INTO SEDONA'S FUTURE

SEDONA BALLET IS SHAPING THE CITY'S CULTURAL IDENTITY, INSPIRING PRIDE, AND SHOWING HOW THE ARTS FUEL BOTH COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY.

Sedona Ballet embodies a powerful commitment to bringing world-class performing arts to northern Arizona. Under the leadership of Chairman Winifred Muench, whose executive background in healthcare, business development, and finance has helped strengthen long-term sustainability, the nonprofit continues to elevate access to high-quality, live performances in Sedona.

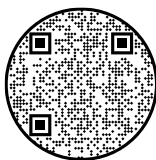
In June 2025, the inaugural Sedona Choreography Retreat, a groundbreaking collaboration between Sedona Ballet and Ballet Arizona, was made possible through an Arizona Community Foundation grant. The retreat positioned Sedona as a national destination for dance innovation, while also inspiring local pride, stimulating tourism, and strengthening the city's cultural economy. ACF's support did not just fund a program, it planted the seeds for an annual tradition that will continue to elevate Sedona's identity on the global arts stage.

The retreat brought nationally recognized choreographers, composers, dancers, and

dramatists into the community for 10 days of creation, dialogue, and exchange. Local students and community members were engaged through open rehearsals, free masterclasses, and conversation-focused events.

Looking ahead, Sedona Ballet is expanding its vision with initiatives such as the Reflections Festival, founded with Christel Veraart. The festival celebrates both performing and visual arts, uniting master teachers, professional performers, and emerging artists to explore contemporary life through global culture and universal wisdom. Winifred hopes the effort "plants the seeds for an annual tradition that becomes the hallmark of our cultural life for the next 30 to 100 years."

ACF's partnership underscores how philanthropy sustains this work. By investing in Sedona Ballet, donors are helping preserve a vibrant cultural identity while ensuring that the arts remain a cornerstone of civic pride, economic strength, and community life in Sedona.



LEARN MORE

ACF supports projects that encourage expression and celebrate our state's rich history and diversity.

“WHEN YOU BRING THE VERY BEST
TALENT INTO THIS INCREDIBLE
LANDSCAPE, YOU INSPIRE YOUNG
PEOPLE TO SEE THE ART OF
THE POSSIBLE.” – WINIFRED MUENCH
Sedona Ballet Chairman



“ I feel like I have an extraordinary career. I get to help our families put greater meaning around their wealth by focusing on their legacy through strengthening their family connections. I help with educating

STRENGTHENING FAMILY

and engaging next generation members, and maximizing their social impact. I like to think that when I see a family laugh together in a meeting that maybe they are just a little bit closer because of me.”

— KIM LLUMIQUINGA, CAP®

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THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH
THE ARIZONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION,
KIM LLUMIQUINGA HELPS FAMILIES
TURN VALUES INTO LASTING
COMMUNITY IMPACT.

LEGACY THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

As Director of Legacy and Learning at TFO Family Office Partners, Kim Llumiquinga helps families move beyond financial planning to define what their wealth truly means. She guides clients in connecting their values with purposeful giving, ensuring that philanthropy becomes an enduring part of their story.

Through her partnership with the Arizona Community Foundation, Kim is able to offer families trusted pathways to make a meaningful difference in Arizona communities. ACF's local expertise and charitable giving vehicles allow her clients to support causes that reflect their values while also creating long-term impact.

"Philanthropy is most powerful when it carries forward the values of a family," said Kim. "Working with ACF allows us to turn intention into action".

Kim and her clients have supported a range of community priorities by working with ACF, from education and the arts to nonprofit services that improve quality of life across the state. By blending thoughtful planning with ACF's deep community knowledge, Kim helps families not only give back today, but also build a legacy that lasts.

ACF is proud to partner with advisors like Kim, whose dedication to aligning wealth with purpose helps transform philanthropy into a lasting tradition of impact.



LEARN MORE

*ACF makes it easy to navigate charitable giving with clients.
Learn how we work with professional advisors.*



Raising a Paw for Unrestricted Giving

THE ARIZONA ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE IS MAKING IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON ANIMALS AND FAMILIES

For more than 50 years, the Arizona Animal Welfare League has stood as a beacon of compassion for animals in need. As Arizona's oldest and largest no-kill shelter, the AAWL's mission is to provide excellent care, protection, and loving compassion for the lives of the animals entrusted to them, while promoting humane values for the benefit of all animals and people.

Each year, the AAWL cares for more than 4,000 animals, offering them shelter, veterinary care, behavior modifications, and most importantly, a chance at a forever home. This life-saving work comes at a significant cost: approximately \$7 million annually to operate the shelter.

While donations of every type make an impact, unrestricted gifts that are not tied to a specific program provide nonprofits like the AAWL flexibility to direct resources where they are needed most, so the largest impact can be made on the animals in

their care. This type of charitable giving also allows AAWL to pivot and respond to crises that may arise quickly and effectively.

The impact of the AAWL extends beyond the shelter walls. Through program initiatives like access to affordable vet care and post-adoption support, the organization invests in preventive services to keep pets in their homes and out of the shelter. By providing affordable care, the AAWL helps pet owners address health issues early, further preventing costly crises that often force families to surrender their pets. This proactive approach keeps animals in loving homes and reduces shelter intake, creating a ripple effect of compassion across the community and allowing the AAWL to keep costs down and impact up.

The AAWL's programs are driven by the belief that every animal deserves a second chance. But behind every wagging tail and purring companion is a network of donors who understand the importance of giving nonprofits the freedom to decide where resources will have the most impact—and in return, where the donor can have the most impact.

When donors choose to give unrestricted gifts through the Arizona Community Foundation, they're not just funding programs; they're investing in the mission itself. They're ensuring that organizations like the AAWL can adapt, innovate, and continue their vital work for years to come.

Between dedicated volunteers, and staff, including Katie Thorson Wasson, Director of Philanthropy (left), all the animals are given plenty of attention and love.

Why choose unrestricted giving?

Operational costs such as staff salaries, veterinary expenses, and facility maintenance are the backbone of a driven nonprofit. Without them, programs cannot provide the support that's needed to impact our animal friends. Yet, these are often the hardest expenses to fund. Research from the Center for Effective Philanthropy found that recipients of unrestricted gifts accelerated their impact by investing in pay equity, capacity, innovation, and operational initiatives, which improved staff morale and creativity.

The impact of unrestricted giving allowed for:

1,497

DOGS SAVED

1,985

CATS SAVED

105

RURAL RESCUE TRIPS

3,233

SURGERIES PERFORMED



EDUCATION | ENVIRONMENT | HOUSING

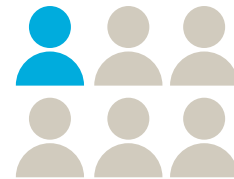
INVESTING IN WHAT MATTERS

Community members gather for a tree planting event and ceremony
at El Oso Park in Phoenix's West Valley.

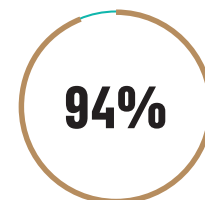


The community defines the challenges and solutions that transform our state.

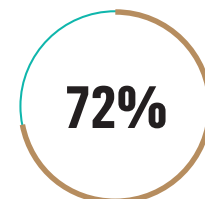
In 2024, we invited individuals representing a range of backgrounds and interests to imagine the better Arizona called out in our mission. Through these listening sessions and research, we have deepened our expertise, engagement, and advocacy power in education, environment, and housing. **Why do these focus areas matter?**



nearly 1 in 6 Arizonans live in a food desert, lacking access to affordable and nutritious food¹



of Arizonans support teacher-focused strategies to improve childhood literacy²



the average increase in rents across Arizona from 2010 to 2022³



INVESTING IN WHAT MATTERS

EDUCATION



85% of Arizonans believe
higher education is critical for
ensuring Arizona's success in the future

Source: Center for the Future of Arizona



Empowering Students and Educators to Learn and Grow

With grants exceeding \$833,000, the Arizona Community Foundation has supported Earn to Learn's efforts in providing students across rural Arizona access to the tools, resources, and confidence they need to succeed after high school.

One program helps place recent college graduates into high schools. These "near-peer college advisors" provide one-on-one guidance as they explore postsecondary education options. They assist with college and financial aid applications, help students understand scholarship opportunities, and offer culturally responsive support that is both practical and encouraging.

April Meadows, a double major in astrophysics and mathematics at Northern Arizona University, felt that her path to finding the right postsecondary option was overwhelming. She decided to become a near-peer college advisor at Flagstaff High School to help others learn from her personal experience. "I joined this program so that high school students could know that they aren't the only ones who felt the process of navigating what to do after high school is confusing," said April. "It's confusing for most of us."

Students and their parents were particularly perplexed about FAFSA. April rented a space at the high school library to meet with parents and students to help them better understand the process.

This funding comes at a critical time. While Earn to Learn works across the state to support low-to-moderate-income students, rural communities often face additional barriers to higher education. Limited access to college planning resources, financial aid guidance, and mentorship can leave students feeling uncertain or unsupported. Strategic investments like this help fill those gaps and create lasting change.

APRIL MEADOWS AND KATE JAFFIE-WILHELM



ACF Kicks off Environmental Accelerator Project

The Environmental Accelerator Project, a program of the Arizona Community Foundation, fosters a co-created community with a shared sense of responsibility to spark innovation and expand environmental solutions. Convening from across sectors is a cornerstone to ACF's environmental strategy and rarely are local leaders from different industries afforded the time to unplug and collaborate on environmental solutions for the future.

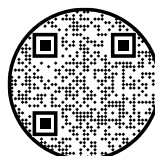
In October 2025, the project launched with an immersive two-day experience in Greer, where participants built a statewide peer network and shared visions for scalable impact in their communities and regions.

One participant shared, "I now have a better understanding of the wide variety of approaches to environmental efforts across Arizona, especially those impacting rural, tribal, and borderland communities."

The one-year program will continue with collaborative field trips across the state, deepening connections and compounding investment opportunities. ACF will sustain support through pulse surveys, ongoing technical assistance, and regional collaboration.

photos courtesy of members of ACF's Community Engagement & Impact team

[Learn more about or give to the Environmental Accelerator Project.](#)



PARTICIPANTS:

- Bikooch Agricultural Cooperative
- Borderlands Restoration Network
- City of Tucson
- Environmental Protection Office, Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Hopi Foundation
- Reel Earth Films
- Regenerating Sonora
- University Arizona, School of Garden Workshop
- Wildlands Network

PARTICIPATING FOUNDATIONS:

- BuildUS
- Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation
- Vitalyst Health Foundation
- Waverly Street Foundation
- Arizona Community Foundation



photo courtesy of Brett Frame

WATER RIGHTS OF THE WEST

Water is essential to life, and water rights help determine how this limited resource is allocated in the arid West.

Granting WATER RIGHTS

Water rights in the western U.S. are governed under the Prior Appropriation Doctrine, which grants rights based on when the water is first diverted for beneficial use. In other words, the earliest water users have the highest priority to continue using that water. This is commonly summed up by the saying, "first in time is first in line!"

Indigenous tribes have relied upon the Colorado River since time immemorial, making tribes the highest priority users.

(Anagenet image, coloring Midgmore)

Law OF THE RIVER

In the arid West, usage of the Colorado River has long been a source of contention due to greater demand than supply. Competing water interests have resulted in the creation of a large body of laws, court decisions, and guidelines that regulate Colorado River management and are known collectively as the "Law of the River." Yet as the Colorado River experiences extreme pressures, many fear that the existing management system could collapse.

"OUT THERE, THEY USE WHISKEY FOR DRINKING AND THEY SAVE THE WATER FOR FIGHTING!"

Governor of Arizona Bruce Rabbitt, speaking before a U.S. Congress subcommittee in 1984, quoted this oft-repeated Western saying.

(Historic photo courtesy of the Library of Congress)

Discerning Water Rights, A Western Pastime

The FIRST in LINE

Arizona has six tiers of water users, with Priority 1 users having the earliest—and thus highest—priority.

Arizona Top Priority Users

1. Cocopah Indian Reservation (7,681 af)
2. Colorado River Indian Reservation (358,400 af)
3. Colorado River Indian Reservation (252,016 af)
4. Colorado River Indian Reservation (51,986 af)
5. Fort Mohave Indian Reservation (27,969 af)
6. Fort Mohave Indian Reservation (75,566 af)
7. Fort Yuma Indian Reservation (6,350 af)
8. Yuma County Water Users' Association (254,200 af)
9. Yuma Auxiliary Project (Unit B) (6,800 af)
10. North Gila Valley Unit, Yuma Mesa Division (24,500 af)

Protecting our State's Most Vital Resource

The Arizona Community Foundation of Yuma awarded a \$20,000 grant to support a new exhibit at the Colorado River State Historic Park titled "The Colorado River: Lifeblood of the Yuma Community." Funded by Yuma's Field of Interest Funds with support from the Sturges Charitable Trust and the Burton Family Foundation, this project highlights the region's deep agricultural and economic ties to the Colorado River. Interpretive panels, thematic displays, and a mini documentary produced by the Yuma Fresh Vegetable Association will educate thousands of visitors annually on the critical importance of water to rural infrastructure and food systems.



INVESTING IN WHAT MATTERS

HOUSING

CANDACE DEWITT AND LAZZIE

Addressing a Growing Housing Crisis, Locally

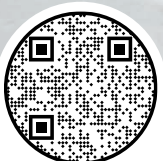
Attaining affordable housing in Bisbee, in the southeastern part of the state, remains a challenge for those working in the area. Factors like increased tourism, the conversion of long-term rentals into vacation rentals, and the rising cost of home sales and rentals make it especially difficult for Bisbee's residents to obtain long-term affordable housing options.

The Workforce Housing Initiative, a partnership between Step Up Bisbee Naco and the City of Bisbee, is a self-sustaining program that reinvests proceeds from home sales into future projects. Since 2020, the nonprofit has renovated or built 10 homes, providing affordable housing for essential workers and addressing Bisbee's growing housing crisis. Step Up Bisbee Naco is starting a nine-house development project that a \$25,000 grant from the Arizona Community Foundation will help bring to fruition.

"The funding from ACF will help us expand our workforce housing program," said Danielle Bouchever, SUBN Board Member, "It will allow us to renovate or build more homes for hospital staff, teachers, firefighters, city employees, and police officers."

Once a home is ready to sell, SUBN provides up to a 20% discount on the appraised value for the vital workers they hope to recruit and retain in the community.

Candace DeWitt works at Copper Queen Community Hospital in Bisbee. She is also a caretaker for her mother and her best friend's father. Before she was approved for the loan to purchase a house through Step Up Bisbee Naco, she was traveling over two hours per day between caretaking and work. "Every day, I wake up and say thankful prayers," said Candace. "The work of this organization is so important. Owning a home is something I take a lot of pride in. It's a blessing beyond imagination."



GET INVOLVED *Help us impact environment, education, and housing challenges across Arizona.*





40% of jobs in Bisbee are in service or blue-collar sectors

16.9% of Bisbee residents are living below the poverty line

\$43,512—Bisbee's median household income

130 new funds and **63 new legacy gifts** were established at ACF between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. We recognize these individuals for their generosity, as well as those who wish to remain anonymous.

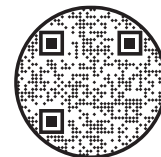
New Funds established at ACF have the power to make a difference in the lives of Arizona residents today and into the future.

AKN Family Scholarship
Amanda Lavallin Family Fund
Andrea and Jerry Lewkowitz Charitable Fund
Ann-Marie D. Irizarry
Arizona Climate Smart Economic Development Fund
Arizona Golf Fund Permanent Endowment
Barb and Pete Stewart Fund
Benner-Nawman Foundation
Blue Cross Blue Shield AZ & Prosano Health Svcs. Employee Dependent Scholarship
Camille Brune Family Fund
Carolyn Provenzano Family Fund
Chinese American Foundation of Arizona Spendable Fund
Clarkdale Historical Society & Museum Reserve
de Berge-Astorga Sustaining Fund
Double Down Scholarship
Edward & Leslie F. Williams Family Foundation
Elliott-Nelson Scholarship Fund
Elsie A. Brodtkin Fund for the Common Good
Endowed Environment Fund
ENV Charitable Fund
Environment Fund
Fidelity Charitable Catalyst Grant Admin Fund
Freeman-Javitch Education Fund
Friends of PACC Reserve Fund
Friends of the Verde River Board Controlled Reserve Fund
Gammy's Gift Fund
Grand Canyon Youth Donor Endowment Fund
Grand Canyon Youth Quasi Endowment Fund
Go dehp Charitable Foundation
Housing & Homelessness Endowment Fund
Housing & Homelessness Fund
Jack W. Ross (Ahhbidigaga) Aviation Fund
Jean Held Endowment Fund
Jerry and Diane Lindfelt Scholarship
John Koeberer Foundation
Jose Hernandez Memorial Fund
Juntos Field of Interest Fund
K&J Impact Fund
Lane Foundation
Latino Initiative
Leona Locket-Joyce & Joe Nathan Joyce DREAMS Scholarship
Libra Rising
Lisa A. Wright Fund for the Common Good
Literacy for All Endowment
Maravilla Scholarship Fund

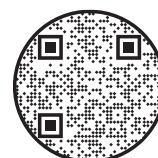
Mark Koops Family Fund
Matt Shott Arizona Hockey Legacy Foundation
MBW Fund
Michael & Kristen Vanderwey Family Foundation
Mountain Artists Guild Fund
Nancy Pearlman '66 Collection and Environmental Archives at VVS Fund
Naquin Family Donor Advised Fund
NextEra Energy Resources Pinal County Community Fund
Obrzut Ling Scholarship - First Star Academy
Paradise Valley Country Club Scholarship Fund
Pendergast Foundation Fund
Phoenix Future Talent Fund
Rainbow Bridge Fund
Robert A and Mary M Flaisig Bequest
Roz Rich Charitable Fund
Ruth B. Bristol Bond and Robert F. Bristol Jr. Endowment Fund
SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue Network
Scott Wilson Family Fund
Secular Arizona Investment Fund
Seeds for A Future Reserve Fund
SOCUSD Educational Foundation Endowment
SOCUSD Educational Foundation Reserve
Soldier's Best Friend Endowment Fund
Sonoran University - Khalsa Endowment Account
Stanley A. Dashew Family Foundation
Sunset Health Reserve Fund
Suntec Double Down Scholarship
Suzy Van Sickle Scholarship Fund
Tara Rester Family Fund
TechSmart Learning Fund
Tess Collins Memorial Scholarship
The Bright Futures Scholarship Fund
The Dan Kuiper Master Teacher Endowment Fund
The ENGAGE Fund
The George Fund
The Gillette Family Foundation
The Good Samaritan - Elder Care Fund
The Good Samaritan - Spiritual Ministry Fund
The Gracie Fund
The Ken Schutz "Plant Science and Desert Ecology" Scholarship
The Macavity Fund
The Ramirez Family Fund
The Sedona Car Club
The Suzi Fund
Todd Wilson Family Fund
True Good
Tyler Hugon Memorial Scholarship Fund
Woudenberg Family Fund
Yavapai County Housing Fund

Legacy Donors are helping ACF build a pipeline of gifts that will support Arizona communities beyond their lifetimes.

Ann-Marie D. Irizarry
Jay Johnson and Warren Shepperd
Leslie Dashew
Matthew P. Feeney
Michele M. Feeney
Peter S. Fine and Rebecca Ailes-Fine
E.S. Lorimor
Michael J. Seiden
Stephan Cardon
Richard & Linda Warren Charitable Fund
Craig P Eberle
James S. Guenther and Robert K. Irland
David Reno
Taylor Pineda
Janice and David Swanson
The Day Family Foundation
Jennifer and James Perry
Charles C. Emery Jr. PhD and Marcia A. Balestrino
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Monty & Terri Lira
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Sandra and Gary Javitch
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Leroy Olivier



*View all ACF
Legacy Donors*



View all ACF Funds

TOGETHER, WE MAKE MORE POSSIBLE WITH A LEGACY GIFT

1

Make sure you have an up-to-date estate plan that reflects your charitable objectives. Without a plan, you surrender control of your property and assets to the probate courts.

2

Contact your financial planner, attorney, or accountant for help in establishing a charitable component in your will, trust, or other gift instrument. We recommend that you encourage your advisor to work with ACF's team so we can collaboratively serve your charitable interests.

3

Consider donating a percentage of your assets along with cash alternatives such as retirement assets, investment accounts, annuities, business interests, real estate, insurance policies, personal property, or other assets.

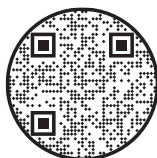
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Get in touch with ACF's planned giving professionals to complete a legacy gift agreement.

“

Not only is ACF knowledgeable at the local level, but they are truly engaged with us.”

— DAWN BERSHADER, *Mission Endowment Committee Chair*



Explore ACF's additional resources to enhance your charitable giving legacy.

WHEEL FUN
AIMS TO
OUTSIDE THE
ODDS

LOCAL ROOTS, STATEWIDE IMPACT



“ACF has been with us from the very beginning, believing in our mission before we fully believed in ourselves. Over seven years, ACF has been more than a funder, it’s been a trusted partner, opening doors, strengthening our community ties, and helping us turn ideas into real impact for kids.”

— KEVIN ADAMS
Wheel Fun Board Treasurer



Wheel Fun believes that the health and well-being of young children is the foundation for developing strong communities. They aim to improve the emotional, mental, and social states of rural Arizona youth by teaching life skills, encouraging physical activity, and spending time outside.

2018

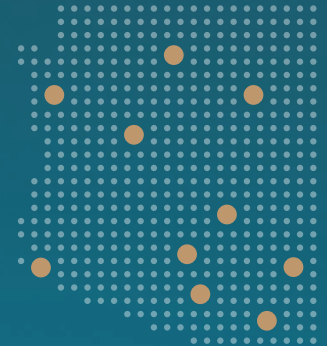
As a program under Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition, the work of Wheel Fun receives its first grant from ACF of Yavapai County.

2019

Wheel Fun establishes its own 501(c)(3) and becomes certified as an Arizona Qualifying Charitable Organization, serving 80 Verde Valley youth.

2025

With a focus on rural, Title I students, Wheel Fun serves 2,000 students annually in 10 Arizona counties.



Wheel Fun has received these ACF awards

49

bike clubs for students in grades 3-8

Items provided: bikes, helmets, trail stewardship, nutrition education, coach training, and mentorship.

Upcoming bike club to launch in the fall of 2025 at Ft. Thomas Elementary School in Graham County, serving grades 4-6; 97% of the student population is Native American.

Witten Armstrong receives a letter informing him and his parents of his \$22,000 scholarship from the Logan's Hero Dirt Fund.

photos (left and inset) by Kevin Adams

\$40K

in annual post-secondary scholarships for student alumni through Logan's Hero Dirt Fund, a component fund of ACF

The first scholarship was awarded in the spring of 2025 to Witten Armstrong (pictured to the left in red and below), who was part of the Wheel Fun's inception at Oak Creek School in Cornville in 2018.



ACF OF SEDONA 2024 NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

ACF OF SEDONA 2022 COMMUNITY COLLABORATOR OF THE YEAR

ACF OF YAVAPAI COUNTY 2019 & 2021 SHINING STAR AWARD

LEARN MORE

ACF impacts communities across Arizona with the support of our six regional offices.

STATEWIDE IMPACT

Grants, scholarships, loans, and distributions awarded by ACF and its regional offices
between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025:

\$137,026,703



SUM OF GRANT AMOUNT
\$110,002,606*

GRANTS FUNDED
5,429

ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTED
2,603

APACHE	COCHISE	COCONINO	GILA	GRAHAM	GREENLEE	LA PAZ	MARICOPA
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\$1,800	\$447,750	\$4,280,719	\$749,428	\$143,267	\$12,416	\$22,300	\$66,066,099

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STATEWIDE

71
grants
funded,
totaling
\$751,159

OUT OF STATE

1,537
grants
funded,
totaling
\$38,954,844

MOHAVE

7
grants
funded,
totaling
\$195,650

NAVAJO

53
grants
funded,
totaling
\$314,348

PIMA

206
grants
funded,
totaling
\$3,732,372

PINAL

18
grants
funded,
totaling
\$208,800

SANTA CRUZ

24
grants
funded,
totaling
\$335,550

YAVAPAI

418
grants
funded,
totaling
\$9,476,680

YUMA

108
grants
funded,
totaling
\$2,604,762

Summary Financial Statement

For the year ended March 31, 2025

ASSETS

Cash	\$	2,574,000
Receivables		71,359,000
Investments		1,440,419,000
Other		2,787,000
Total Assets	\$	1,517,139,000

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Account Payable & Other Liabilities	\$	981,000
Grants Payable		31,268,000
Annuity Liability		14,458,000
Agency Funds & Funds Held for Others		163,824,000
Other		2,004,000
Net Assets		1,304,604,000
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$	1,517,139,000

REVENUES

Contributions	\$	136,888,000
Investment Income		55,918,000
Change in Split Interest Agreements		2,823,000
Miscellaneous		2,551,000
Total Revenues	\$	198,180,000

GRANTS & EXPENSES

Grants & Scholarships	\$	117,203,000
Other Program Expenses		9,263,000
Management & General		6,547,000
Fundraising		4,240,000
Total Grants & Expenses	\$	137,253,000

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$	60,927,000
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NET ASSETS

Beginning of Period	\$	1,243,677,000
End of Period	\$	1,304,604,000

FY25 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

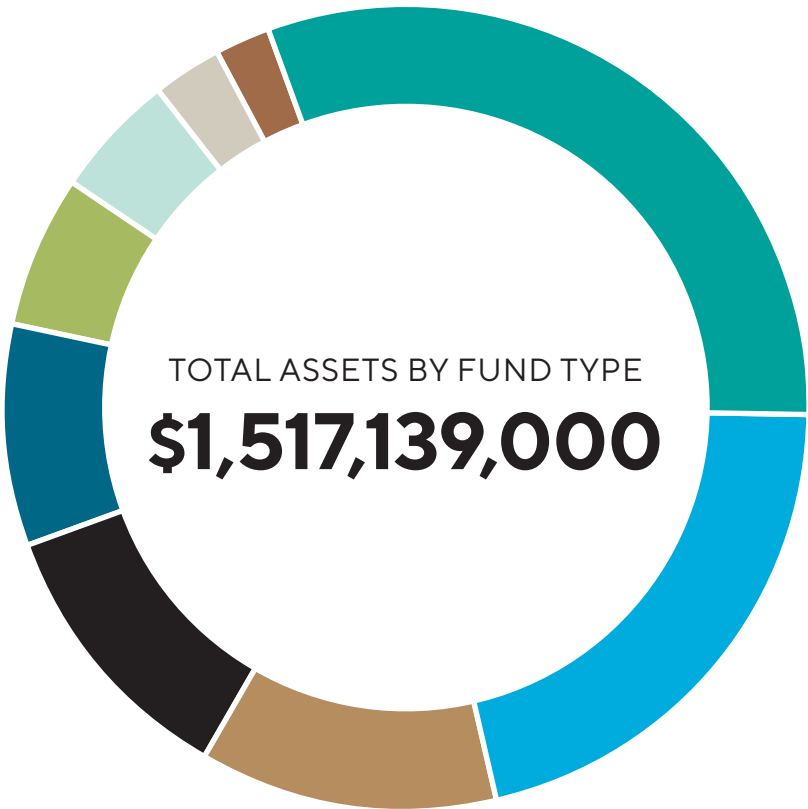
Donors contributed a total of **\$138.9M** to new and existing funds.

130 new funds were created.

63 planned gifts were promised.

The financial statements are the responsibility of the Arizona Community Foundation's management. The Foundation maintains a system of internal accounting controls designed to provide responsible assurance that transactions are properly executed and recorded in all material respects, assets are safeguarded, and established policies and procedures are carefully followed. The above are audited results for the Arizona Community Foundation's fiscal year ended 3/31/25. Copies of the three most recent years' financial statements and corresponding Form 990 tax filings can be viewed online at azfoundation.org/financials or can be provided upon request. Official statements and filings are posted as soon as they are available.

Financial Assets



31%
Advised
\$470,313,090

21%
Supporting
Organizations
\$318,599,190

12%
Field of Interest
\$182,056,680

11%
Nonprofit
\$166,885,290

9%
Designated
\$136,542,510

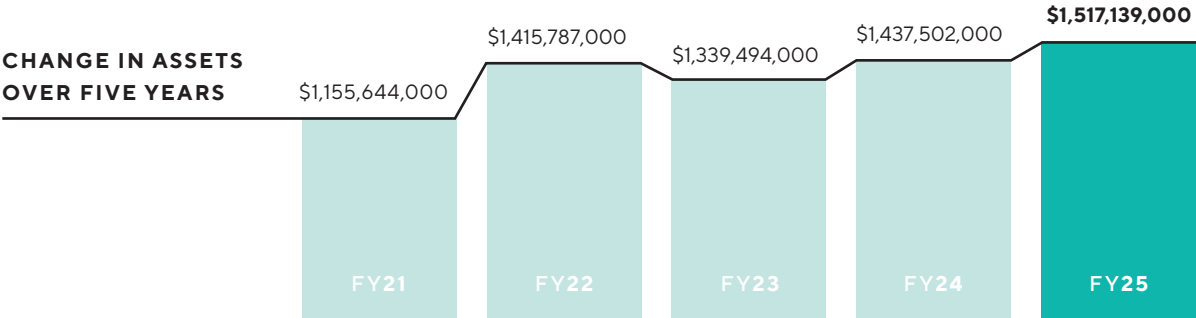
6%
Other*
\$91,028,340

5%
Scholarship
\$75,856,950

3%
Discretionary
\$45,514,170

2%
Trusts & Annuities
\$30,342,780

*Includes administrative, collaborative, project-based, and initiative support funds.



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