

Thankful

2018 Annual Report



Premiere Alliance's Accessible Playground Project



Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona

Promoting Population Health and Community Wellness
Throughout Southeast Arizona

From the desk of the CEO



Season's Greetings!

It seems that just about everyone is remarking on how quickly this year has gone by, and that certainly is the case for the staff at the Legacy Foundation. Barbara, Becky, Susan and I have had a busy 2018 with the work of the Foundation and the year has truly flashed by. Still, as the year draws to a close and our Thanksgiving celebrations approach, it is a time to pause and reflect on the many blessings for which we are **Thankful**.

Guided by our Mission to "Promote Population Health and Community Wellness Throughout Southeast Arizona," the Legacy Foundation Board and staff are **Thankful** to have served our communities for the last five years. Our Mission, along with our priorities centering on improving Community Wellness, Capacity Building, Collaboration and Innovation, are reflected in the various projects described in this report.

You will read about our monthly networking and education sessions at the Olson Outreach Center and our participation with other community organizations in building healthy communities. Also read about our convening of organizations to forge relationships and foster the synergies that result when we work together towards a common goal.

The Legacy Foundation is **Thankful** to have been able to award many grants which totaled \$1,345,034 throughout Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz counties. I hope you enjoy reading about how these awards are improving the communities we serve.

Many of our community not for profit partner organizations are heavily supported by volunteers, in fact some of the organizations function entirely with volunteers. We are **Thankful** for all the volunteers who "work" in our communities and give selflessly to help others.

While on the topic of volunteers, I want to recognize and give thanks for the all-volunteer Board Directors who provide governance for the Legacy Foundation. Thirteen outstanding community members serve on our Legacy Foundation Board and are responsible for the strategic direction and stewardship of our organization. Towards the end of this report you will read about our Board directors including the retirement of Dr. Joanna Micheli who served as a Board member for twelve years, first as a trustee of Sierra Vista Regional Health Center and then as a director and exemplary Board Chair of the Legacy Foundation.

The year may have sped by, but as we pause to reflect, I hope like those of us at the Legacy Foundation, you have much for which to be **Thankful**.

Wishing everyone in the communities we serve and beyond – a Happy Holiday Season and a very Happy, Healthy New Year!



Our Mission, Vision, and Values

Our Mission:

Promoting Population Health and Community Wellness throughout Southeast Arizona

Our Vision:

Southeast Arizona... the Health and Wellness model for the nation

Our Shared Values:

Collaboration

We will partner with others to achieve our mission

Innovation

We will foster and contribute to change and new ideas

Integrity

We will be open and honest in our interactions with others

Respect

We will treat others fairly and honor the dignity and worth of all individuals

Stewardship

We will ensure responsible use of all assets entrusted to us



Our Priorities:

Improving...

Community Wellness

Community wellness, or a healthy community, is one where people have the opportunity to make healthy choices in environments that are safe, free from violence, and designed to promote health.

The Legacy Foundation promotes community wellness by being an active partner in the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for Cochise County. Strategic grant funds designated to the CHIP goal of Healthy Eating, Obesity, and Diabetes will improve community wellness. Other examples of projects funded by the Legacy Foundation that improve community wellness include funding a new accessible playground, adding community health workers, providing eye exams in elementary schools, and funding a mobile health clinic.

Community Capacity Building

Community capacity building is defined as the "process of developing and strengthening the skills, instincts, abilities, processes and resources that organizations and communities need to survive, adapt, and thrive in the fast-changing world."

The Legacy Foundation promotes capacity building by offering funds in the form of a Fast Pitch Grant designated to build organizational capacity through education. Additionally, the Legacy Foundation promotes capacity building by offering monthly nonprofit workshops at no cost to area nonprofit organizations. Topics such as fundraising, board development, strategic planning, and media and marketing are examples of classes offered.

Community Collaboration and Innovation

Community collaboration and innovation occurs when shared passions are convened, synergy takes place and new ideas are fostered.

The Legacy Foundation promotes community collaboration and innovation by partnering in programs such as the Community Coalition for End of Life Care. The Coalition's goal is to provide countywide education on end of life documentation and care. In addition to the Legacy Foundation, Coalition partners include Canyon Vista Medical Center, Valor Hospice, Fry Fire District, SEAGO Area Agency on Aging, Cochise College Nursing and Allied Health, Veteran's Administration, medical professionals, faith-based organizations and community members.

The Legacy Foundation also strongly encourages collaboration between organizations applying for grants.

Each year the Innovative Grant cycle promotes innovative ideas and collaborative projects.





Community Education

Networking

Each month the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona (the Foundation) offers education and networking opportunities to nonprofits. Training is held at the Foundation's Outreach Center, a high tech training and meeting site designed for use by nonprofits. This year's training topics included budgeting, board development, strategic planning, Emotional Intelligence, teamwork (True Colors), fundraising, grant-writing, social media for nonprofits, and more. **The impact?**

The Foundation:

Held 14 networking sessions

Educated 347 participants

Networked 102 different organizations

Convening

This year we also convened organizations providing the same or similar services. Our goal was to bring like-services together, create new relationships, identify successes and gaps in services, and encourage ongoing collaborations.

In March, a Healthy Pantry Summit convened food pantries, food banks, local gardens, and soup kitchens. This convening session was facilitated by the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

In June, the Foundation convened early childhood development groups to include schools, home visitation programs, government entities, and early childhood learning centers. This convening session was facilitated by First Things First.

Creative brainstorming took place; gaps were identified; "out of the box" ideas were born; systems thinking was practiced; lasting relationships were formed; and collaboration is ongoing. **Success!**



Pictured in the photo from left to right are: Carrie Langley- Director, Cochise County Health and Social Services; Jacquie Clay- Cochise County School Superintendent; Michael McDonald- CEO, Community Food Bank of Southern AZ; Evelyn Whitmer- Area Agent, U of A Cooperative Extension; Margaret Hepburn- Legacy Foundation CEO; Michael Groves- Legacy Foundation Board of Directors/Philanthropy Committee Vice-Chair; Dr. Joanna Michelich- Legacy Foundation Board of Directors, Chair of the Board; and Ruth Britton- Legacy Foundation Board of Directors/Philanthropy Committee Chair.

Building Healthy Communities

The Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona was a collaborative partner with Cochise Health and Social Services in Cochise County's Community Health Assessment (CHA) in 2016 and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) in 2017. That involvement prompted the Philanthropy Committee to recommend that this year's entire Strategic Grant go towards one of three CHIP priorities. The Committee decided on the CHIP priority of "Healthy Eating, Obesity and Diabetes" with a focus on the CHIP goal: "Build and strengthen community-based infrastructure that provides options for healthy eating and active living".

Rather than have an open grant cycle, a request for proposal (RFP) was sent out to five local organizations identified as having the capability to impact this goal. Organizations were encouraged to collaborate. In the end, two organizations submitted RFPs. Both organizations were invited to present their proposal to the Legacy Board of Directors. The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension (University) was the organization selected to receive a \$2 million Strategic Grant over three years. The University collaboratively recruited all four remaining agencies into the partnership: Cochise County Health and Social Services, Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, Cochise County Superintendent of Schools, and First Things First.

Building Healthy Communities, the name of this exciting new project, has three main objectives:

- Increase Capacity for Change
- Cultivate a Healthy Food System
- Expand School Health Initiatives

"The Legacy Foundation is a proud partner in accomplishing the goals set out in the Cochise County Community Health Improvement Plan, an initiative being led by Cochise County Health and Social Services," stated Margaret Hepburn, CEO of the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona. *"The Legacy Foundation is very excited to be working alongside the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension and anticipates great progress towards the Legacy Foundation Vision: Southeast Arizona... the health and wellness model for the nation."*

Dear Legacy Foundation,



Wellness Connections was awarded a Responsive Grant in 2016 to provide dental assistance to individuals who participate in Re-entry and Employment Services, Care Court or Drug Court. Teeth in poor condition lead to a lack of self-confidence, poor self-image, unwillingness to smile, health issues, and often recurring pain.

The following excerpt is from a letter received from one of the Wellness Connection's clients who benefitted from the dental program.

Dear Legacy Foundation,

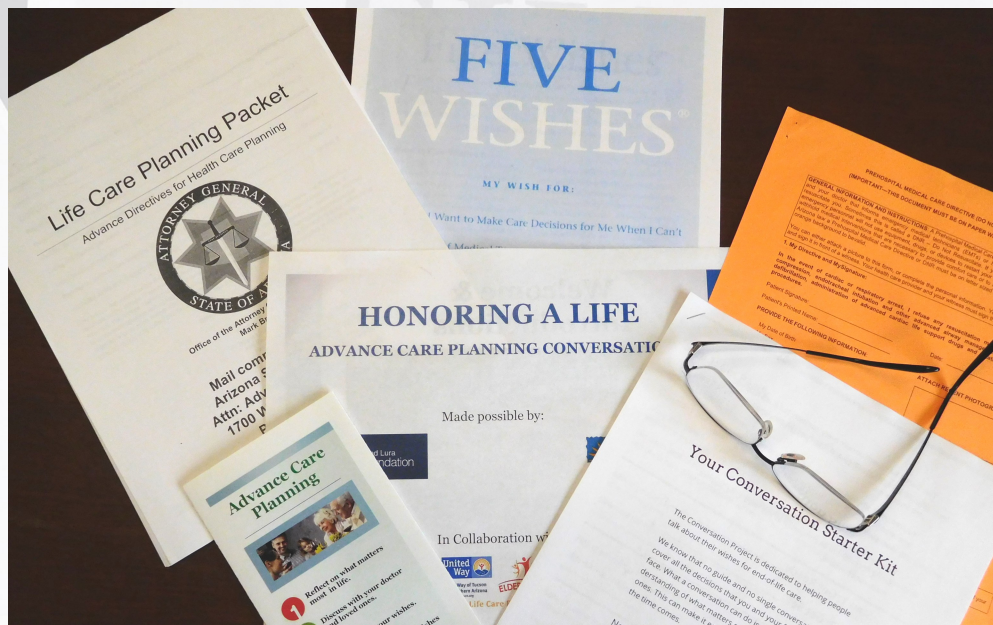
My name is Cassandra, a recipient of your dental grant.... I admire you caring enough for people who suffer and have suffered from drug addiction or who are transitioning back into society....*

I feel truly blessed to have been offered a chance to help undo some of the physical damage done from my drug use. Being able to get my teeth fixed has left me with a new optimism on my new life. I use to have a beautiful smile I was told, but after years of neglect, I never smiled. If I did, I would do it with a hand over my mouth. People like me don't usually pay attention to the negative effects the drugs are doing to us when we are in active use.

With this grant you have given me hope, and a new self-image that will bring back my confidence. I have already started to get work done and in a short time will have back the smile I've needed to show for a long time now. Thank you again for everything. Thank you for helping change my life. I am eternally grateful.

*Sincerely,
Cassandra*

* fictitious name



Honoring a Life: Advanced Care Planning

Last year, the Foundation introduced the Community Coalition for End of Life Care. This collaborative group of organizations works together to educate community members and clinicians about advanced care planning and making healthcare decisions prior to a serious illness or end of life. This year, members of the Coalition received training from the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association's (AzHHA) Thoughtful Life Conversations Project to provide community education. This education, called Honoring a Life: Advanced Care Planning (HAL), guides people to begin discussing and documenting the healthcare decisions they would want made on their behalf should they not be able to make those decisions for themselves.

In April, the Legacy Foundation awarded \$18,936.00 to Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to coordinate community training. Also a member of the Coalition, SEAGO AAA coordinates HAL education throughout Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz counties. In the first quarter of the grant, April-June 2018, members of the Coalition provided 10 Honoring a Life: Advance Care Planning classes to over 138 attendees. Classes occurred throughout Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz Counties.

Additionally, classes for clinicians, called Communications In Serious Illness, were provided locally by AzHHA. Several classes were attended by physicians, nurses, social workers, nurse practitioners, pastors, pre-hospital personnel, and case managers.

These classes remind us, it's never too early to start a conversation with your loved ones about what your wishes would be if unable to make healthcare decisions for yourself.





Music and Memories

“It greatly benefits our residents’ quality of life.”

Such is the good news on the grant report for the Music and Memories Project

In May 2018, Good Samaritan Society—Quiburi Mission implemented a music and memories program funded by an Innovative Grant award. Goals of the program were to stimulate memory in dementia residents through recognition of music, reduce anxiety, and improve mood and quality of life, all through music.

Music therapy is done through the use of personalized iPods and by a music therapist who leads groups in singing while playing the guitar. Personalized iPods contain music selected especially for that resident’s pleasure. Typically quiet and somber residents of the dementia unit (pictured above in a group sing-a-long) tap their fingers or tap their toes and sing along to the tunes of the Beatles, Louis Armstrong, and Frank Sinatra being sung by the music therapist. The mood in the room changes to a happier place.

According to Dottie Donnelly, Director of Nursing at Good Samaritan Society—Quiburi Mission, music therapy has led to a reduction in anxiety medication and anti-depressant medication in some residents. One resident who had previously resisted physical therapy for strength training began physical therapy with the use of his iPod.

Music therapy results are encouraging. We’re looking forward to future results!





Photo credit: Adam Curtis, City of Sierra Vista

Cochise County's First

Amy and her son Michael enjoy the ADA swings

"I no longer have to avoid the park and I no longer have to worry about my son being bored." is how Amy feels about the new accessible playground in Sierra Vista. "One thing that has been absolutely wonderful to see is children of all abilities using the merry-go-round. It is such a boost to my son's self-esteem and mood to have neuro-typical children playing on the equipment WITH him. He has more fun and he and I feel he is more included."

The playground Amy is referring to is the result of an innovative idea that led to the development and installation of Cochise County's first accessible playground at Veteran's Park in Sierra Vista.

The idea was presented in the form of an Innovative Grant application by Premiere Alliances, Inc. The project, Cochise County's First Accessible Playground, was awarded full funding of \$50,000 and made playground equipment accessible for children who use wheelchairs or children with other physical or developmental disabilities.

Amy continues, *"The biggest impact it has made for my family is that we can actually use the park again. It isn't enough to just have a park be accessible. Parks still need to have equipment for children with different abilities to enjoy and use."*

The playground features a six-seat swing set with supportive seats, a merry-go-round, spinning seat, and individual wheelchair swing. Each piece of equipment sits atop a rubberized surface allowing for access with a wheelchair, while the playground itself is directly adjacent to the park's existing playground which allows for full inclusive play and encourages families and friends to stay and play together. A wide concrete sidewalk also connects the new equipment to an existing walkway, providing greater ease of access.

The City of Sierra Vista is a collaborative partner on the project and will maintain the playground and equipment.





Good Neighbors Program

In 2017, Benson Hospital received funding from the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona for a VISTA, Volunteers in Service to America. That's how Nathan Kohrman arrived on the scene.

Nathan, a graduate of Yale University, arrived in the rural town of Benson, Arizona with a desire to make a difference. With support from Benson Hospital, he settled in and began exploring the community, the culture, the people, and the possibilities. The VISTA grant had an objective to research the hospital district to identify vulnerable populations within the community. Nathan's research identified homebound seniors.

Developing relationships is an important part of any project. Nathan began reaching out to members of the community and soon developed the Benson Community Resource Council (BCRC), a group of over 40 volunteers interested in assisting the senior population. The BCRC was comprised of law enforcement, health professionals, community members, business leaders, higher education, and city representatives.

Soon, the Good Neighbors Program was born. The aim behind the Good Neighbors Program is to pair community volunteers with homebound or vulnerable seniors to conduct welfare checks and provide social visits. Volunteers also direct the Neighbors to resources. The hour-long visit is often the only socialization many of these seniors have.

So far, this pilot program has over 40 volunteers and ten Neighbors participating. The BCRC expects to increase those numbers as the word gets out.

Pictured above and at right is long-time Benson resident, 88 year old Tula. Her BCRC volunteers enjoyed ice cream and sang songs and hymns with Tula. Tula looks forward to their next visit.



Photos Credit: Chris Dabovich



Resource for Resources

Tracking down community resources can be time-consuming and challenging. Phonebooks, websites, Facebook pages and internet searches all provide information, but is it current and correct?

The Legacy Foundation often received feedback from the community that resources are hard to find in Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz Counties. Through our outreach, we know that there are plenty of resources available. How do we connect those resources to the people who need them?

The Foundation took on the task of researching and compiling community resources within Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz Counties and developing the Connecting Our Communities Resource Guide. This guide contains:

- Over 400 different resources listed under 15 major categories (see wheel above)
- Resources are listed by community (Bisbee, Benson, Douglas, Sierra Vista/Ft. Huachuca, Tombstone, Willcox, and eastern Santa Cruz County) and by category
- County-wide resources are divided into Government and non-Governmental agencies
- Additional resources include: funding opportunities/low cost loans, links to other resource guides, listings of local coalition and support group meetings, Chambers of Commerce/economic development, local media contacts, health insurance enrollment information, and meeting space locations throughout Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz Counties

The Resource Guide is available on the Legacy Foundation website: www.lfsaz.org and has a mobile-friendly format. The information is reviewed and updated every three months.

The Legacy Foundation website also contains a link to Studies, Assessments, and Publications. These publications are research-based, focused on the 15 categories listed above, and provide easy access to data nonprofits can use in developing their grant applications.

Visit our website: www.lfsaz.org or email Susan Richards at susan.richards@lfsaz.org for more information.

Fast Pitch Grants

Fast Pitch Grants support educational activities to strengthen an organization's ability to operate efficiently and effectively. These grants focus on inner workings of an organization by providing education rather than programs and services.

Organization	Amount Awarded
Good Neighbor Alliance	\$2,500
Friends of Sierra Vista Animal Shelter	\$2,000
Community Synergy Solutions Corporation	\$2,500
Free For Charity	\$2,070
National Alliance on Mental Illness, Southeastern Arizona (NAMI)	\$2,500
Sierra Vista Women's Club	\$2,500
Food Bank of Tombstone	\$2,500
City of Douglas	\$2,500
Senior Citizens of Patagonia	\$500
Sunsites Pearce Fire Department	\$2,431
Willcox Historic Theater Preservation	\$2,500
SEAGO Area Agency on Aging	\$2,500
Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc.	\$2,500

Thankful - City of Douglas

The City of Douglas Parks and Leisure Department received a Fast Pitch Grant to attend the largest gathering of park and recreational professionals in the country. Here is an excerpt from the final report:

As the Department Head for the Leisure Services Department, I (Jennifer Smith) would personally like to thank the LFSAZ. Having all my supervisors attend this conference would not have been made possible without this grant! It truly was a dream come true! Staff came back motivated, inspired, and with a sense of purpose. Most importantly, the division supervisors shared all the knowledge from the conference with their staff. Again, thank you for the opportunity to make our organization the best!

Responsive Grants

Each year the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona collaborates with The Arizona Community Foundation (ACF)-Cochise to award Responsive Grants. Each organization offers grants up to \$5,000.

The Legacy Foundation accepts applications for grants pertaining specifically to *population health and community wellness*. All other grant requests are made directly to ACF-Cochise. Grant applications are reviewed collaboratively at a consensus meeting with the review board of ACF and the Legacy Foundation.

Organization	Amount Awarded
Be Healthy Be Kind	\$5,000
Catalina Council Boy Scouts of America	\$5,000
Cochise Family Advocacy Center (Lori's Place)	\$5,000
Douglas Area Food Bank	\$2,445
Friends of Sierra Vista Animal Shelter	\$4,857
Sierra Vista Symphony	\$5,000
Southeast Arizona Area Health Education Center, Inc. (SEAHEC)	\$5,000
Special Olympics Arizona, Inc.	\$3,000
St. David Unified School District	\$5,000
Sunsites-Pearce Fire District	\$5,000
Willcox Against Substance Abuse (WASA)	\$5,000

Thankful - St. David Unified School District's HOPE Squads

HOPE Squads are an evidenced-based peer support system used in schools to help combat the growing trend of suicides and depression in youth. The following is an excerpt from the final report on the project:

We have had students say, "I am so grateful for the HOPE Squad. It really helped me talk to my friend that was having a hard time" or "I'm so grateful for what I learned in HOPE Squad because I was able to get my friend to a trusted adult". There also have been many comments from the staff and students about the improved climate on campus. It has made an impact to all 400 students on campus.

Innovative Grants

Each year the Legacy Foundation offers Innovative Grants up to \$50,000 a year for up to two years (\$100,000 maximum). These projects must meet at least one of the Innovative criteria contained within the grant guidelines.

In FY 2018, the Innovative Grant cycle inspired grantees to propose nearly \$2 million in innovative project ideas during the Letter of Intent (LOI) process.

With a budget of \$200,000, difficult decisions were made resulting in less than half of the LOI applicants being invited to submit a full application. After full applications were received and reviewed by the Philanthropy Committee, a recommendation of awards was made to the full Board. Final awards exceeded budget and were made in the amount of \$201,770.

In response to the variety and number of innovative ideas proposed in the FY 2018 Innovative Grant cycle, the budget for the FY 2019 Innovative Grant cycle was increased to \$500,000.

Organization	Amount Awarded
Alzheimer's Association, Desert Southwest Chapter, Southern Arizona Region	\$7,000
City of Sierra Vista	\$26,000
Community Synergy Solutions Corporation	\$50,000
Premiere Alliances, Inc.	\$50,000
Sierra Vista Lions Club	\$14,110
University of Arizona Cooperative Extension	\$54,660
Willcox Against Substance Abuse (WASA)	\$50,000

Thankful - Sierra Vista Lion's Club

The Legacy Foundation grant to the Lion's Club purchased two SPOT Vision Screening machines. With these machines the Lion's Club is performing eye exams on elementary children across Cochise County. Marge Dailey, Director of Great Expectations, was delighted to learn about the program and commented:

"It's an incredibly efficient new technique that gives results immediately for purposes of referral to an eye doctor. This is important for young children because the sooner we're able to detect a problem in early childhood, the better the outcome for the child."

A parent also commented:

"Through this program, we found out my son needed glasses . Thank you!"

Discretionary Emergent Grants

Emergency and urgent needs for nonprofit organizations may occur outside the routine grant cycles. These types of grant requests are considered on an individual basis.

Organization	Amount Awarded
Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits	\$2,500
American Red Cross of Southern Arizona	\$5,000
Arizona Community Health Outreach Workers (AzCHOW)	\$2,500
Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista	\$5,000
City of Douglas	\$7,500
Disabled American Veterans	\$5,000
Family Health Care Amigos	\$5,400
Good Neighbor Alliance	\$619
National Alliance for Mental Illness, Southeastern Arizona (NAMI)	\$500
SEAGO Area Agency on Aging	\$9,468
Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	\$2,500
Wellness Connections	\$2,500
Willcox Against Substance Abuse (WASA)	\$1,000

Thankful - Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista

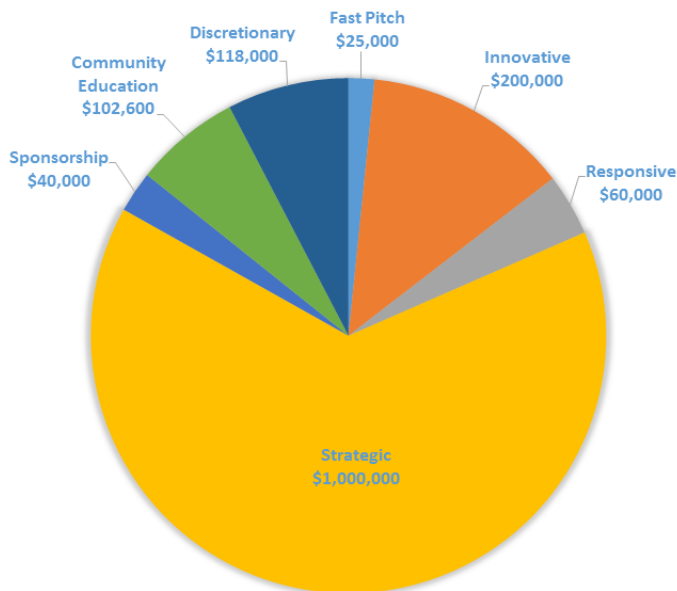
The Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista was in urgent need of roof repairs before school summer vacation started and before the onslaught of monsoon rains. They received a matching grant for \$5,000 from the Legacy Foundation. The following is an excerpt from a letter from Jay Hamwright, Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Club:

“You have made a valuable investment in the lives of our youth. Thank you for making a meaningful investment in our children’s futures. Thank you for making a difference”.

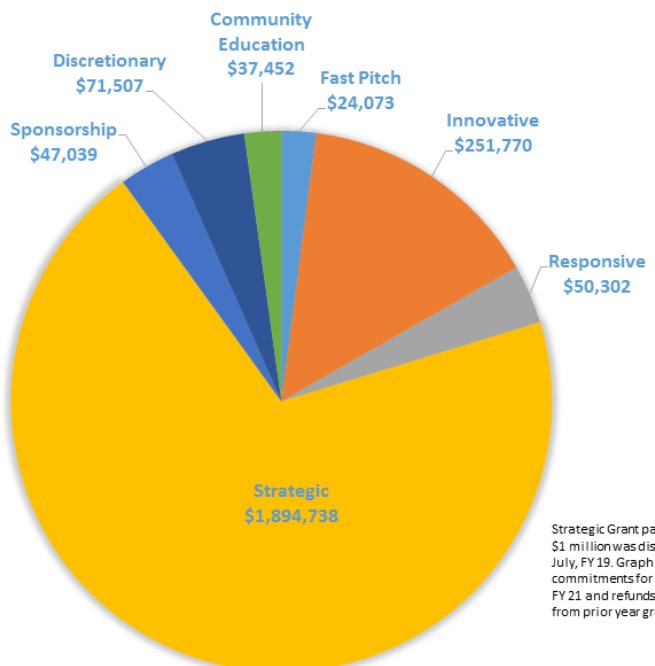
FY 2018 Audited Financials

REVENUE	
Residual Business, Net	\$633,789
Investment Activity, Net	\$3,525,500
Other	\$21,149
Total Revenue	\$4,180,438
EXPENSES	
Grants (includes grants committed in FY 20 & FY21)	\$2,292,390
Sponsorships (includes refund)	\$47,039
Community Education/Outreach	\$37,453
Other Expenses (2.3% of Total Assets)	\$1,407,323
Total Expenses	\$3,761,634

Budgeted

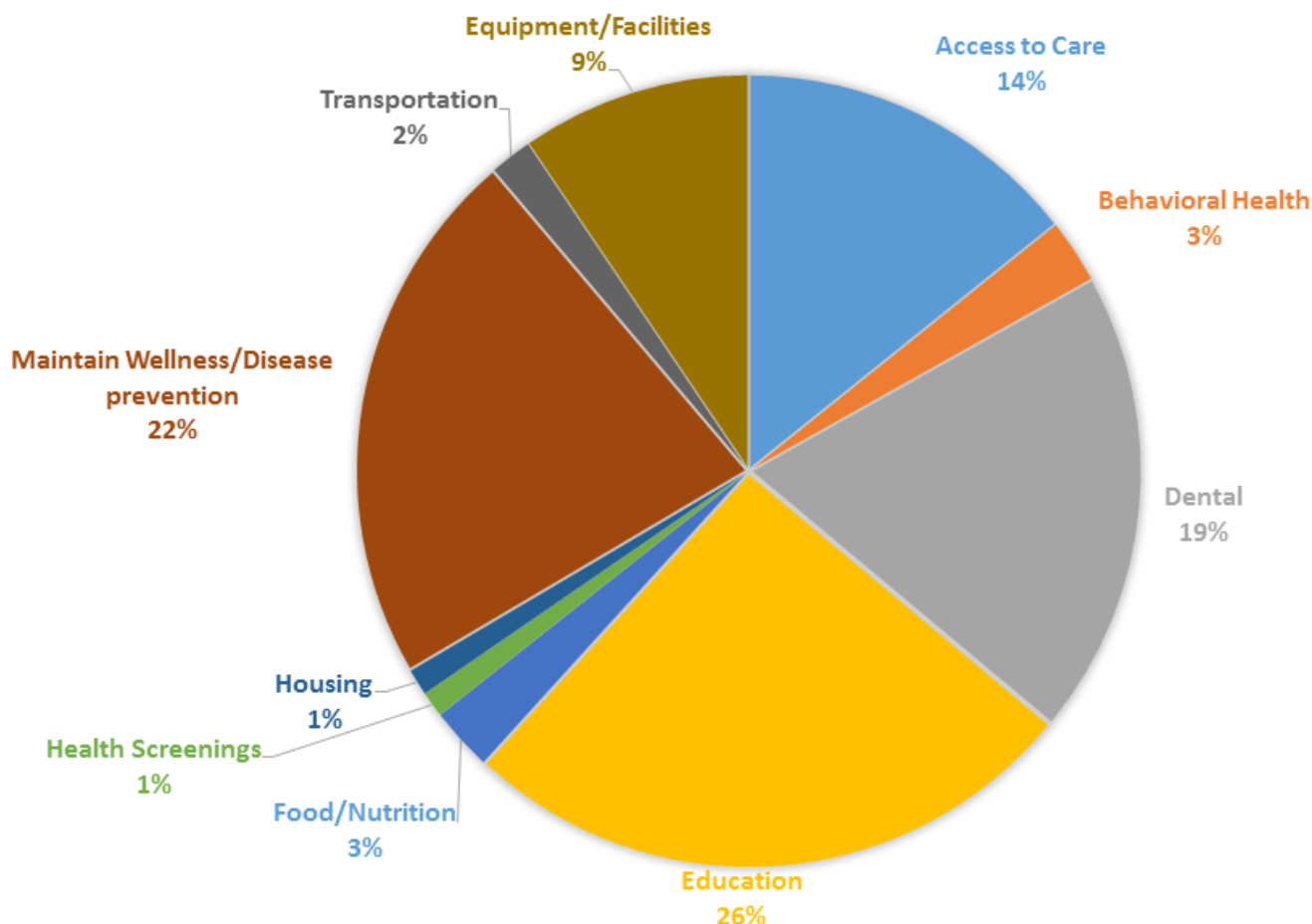


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Strategic Grant payment of \$1 million was distributed in July, FY 19. Graph includes commitments for FY 20 and FY 21 and refunds received from prior year grants.

FY 2018 Grant Distribution by Category



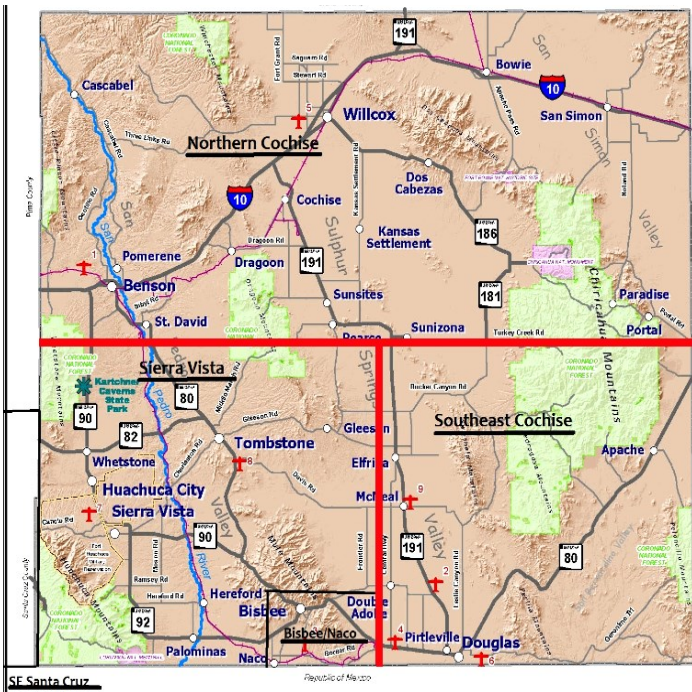
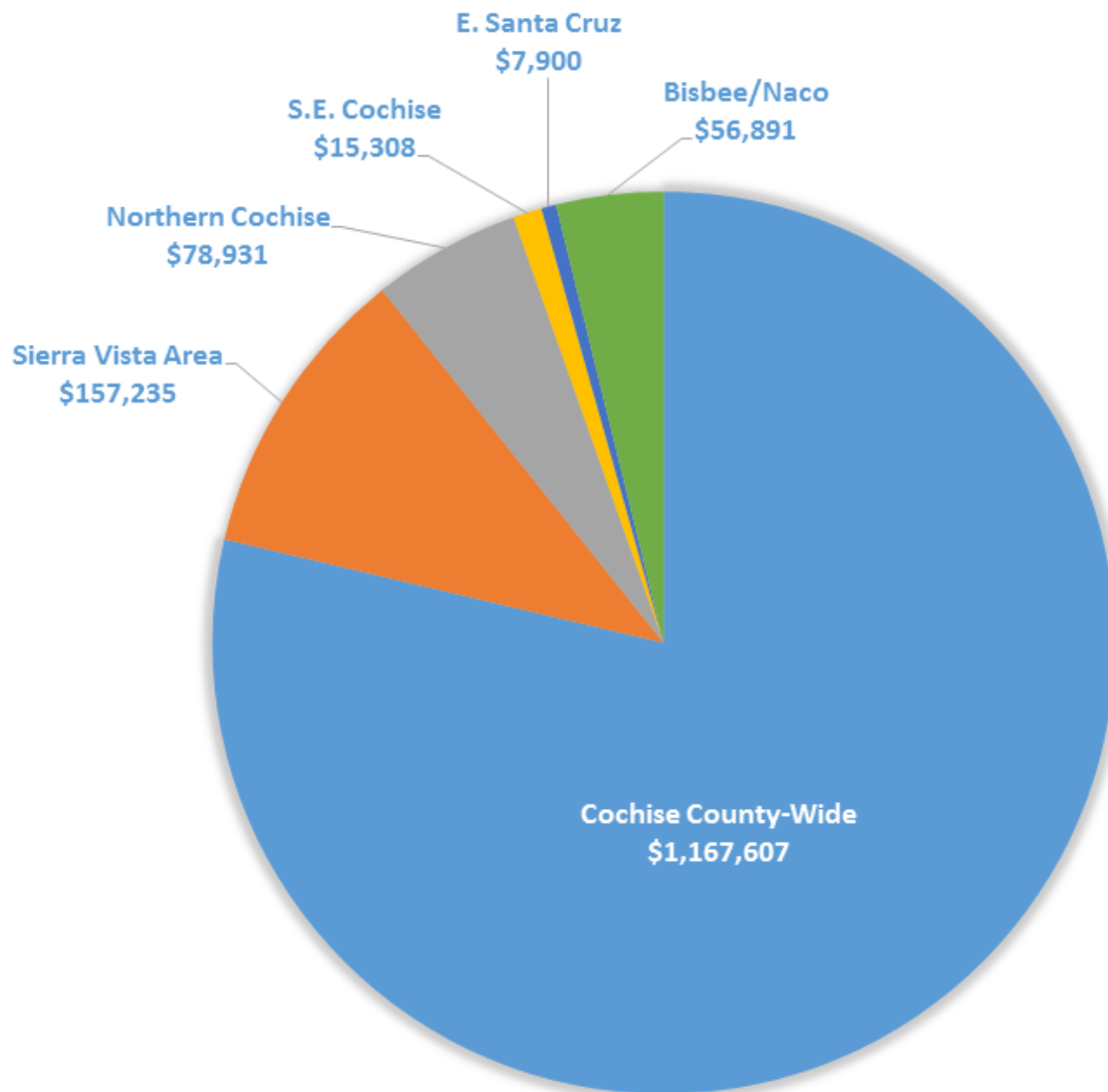
Just over 25% of all grants given in FY 2018 were categorized as Education. Examples of educational grants include the Future Leaders Opioid Education Initiative, the Alzheimer's Outreach and Education Project, and the National Alliance for Mental Illness Rural Outreach Project.

The second largest distribution of grants comprise the Maintain Wellness/Disease Prevention category. Examples of grants in this category include an integrated accessible playground, a music and memories program, a lending shed for seniors, and eyesight screening for elementary schools.

Many categories overlap and impact each other. For example, funds in one category, such as Dental, can also impact a category such as Maintain Wellness/Disease Prevention. Funds are categorized where the major benefit is clearly seen.



FY 2018 Grant Distribution by Geography

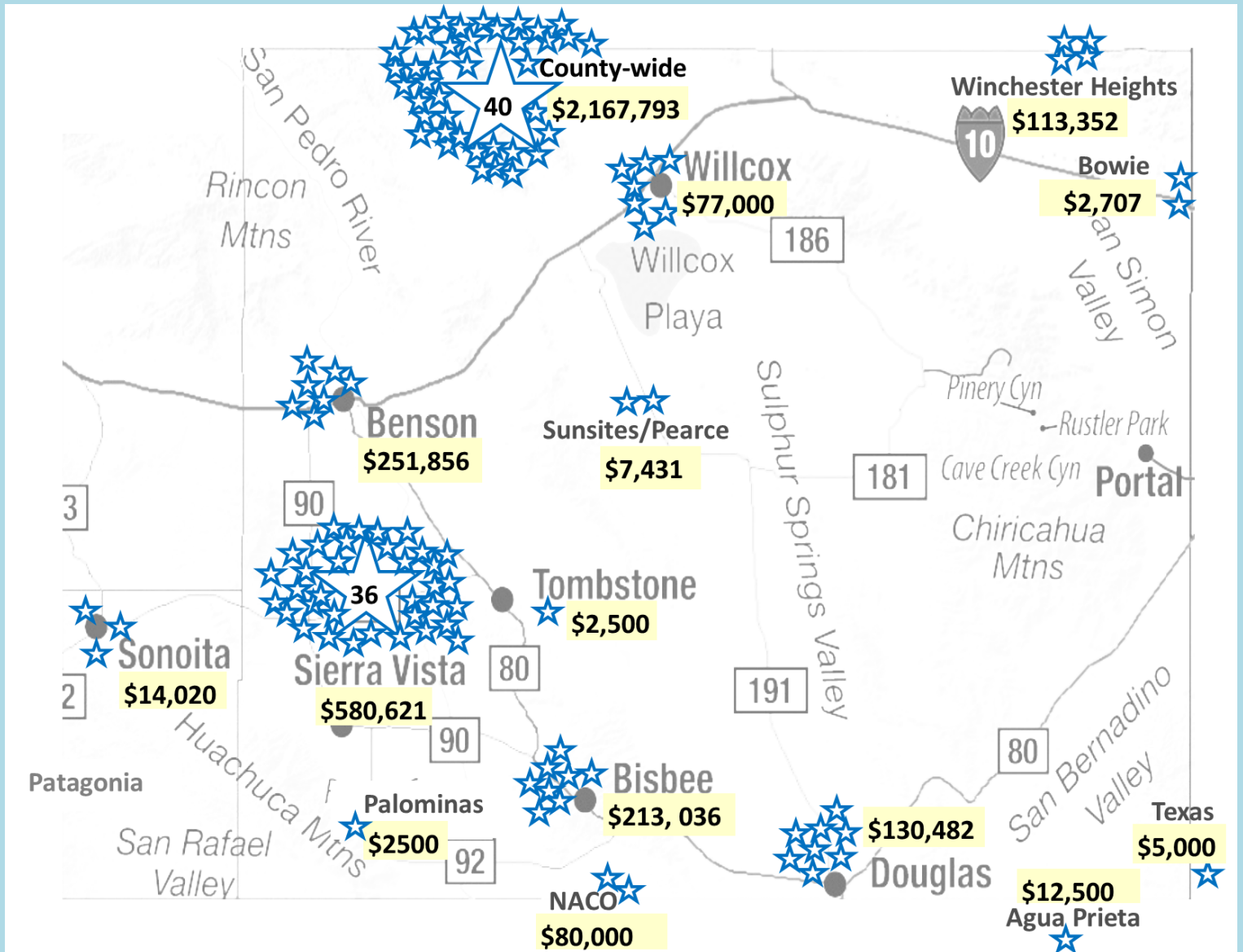


The map to the left shows how Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz Counties are divided geographically.

- Northern Cochise contains the communities of Benson and Willcox and surrounding areas.
- Southeast Cochise contains the communities of Douglas, McNeal, Elfrida and surrounding areas, east to New Mexico.
- Bisbee/Naco contains Bisbee and Naco, US, and Naco, Sonora areas.
- Eastern Santa Cruz contains Sonoita and Elgin areas.
- Sierra Vista Area contains Sierra Vista, Tombstone, Ft. Huachuca, and surrounding areas.

Grant Distribution by Community

FY 2016, 2017, 2018



Since the first grant cycle in FY 2016 through current FY 2018, the Legacy Foundation has given \$3,660,798 in grants throughout Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz Counties.

Each ★ represents a grant award.

Dr. Joanna Michelich Reaches End of Term

As Joanna Michelich, PhD, reached the end of her term as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona, we didn't say, "Goodbye"; we said, "See you around!".

Dr. Michelich, a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Legacy Foundation, became Chair of the Board on July 1, 2015. Unfortunately, all good things come to an end, and her term reached completion on June 30, 2018. She previously served as Vice Chair of the Board from 2013-2015.

Prior to her tenure on the Legacy Foundation Board, Joanna served on the Sierra Vista Regional Health Center, now Canyon Vista Medical Center, Board of Trustees for nine years, including terms as Board Vice Chair and Board Secretary. She received the Outstanding Trustee of the Year award in 2010 and was appointed to a Blue Ribbon Panel on Governance for the American Hospital Association's Center for Healthcare Governance.



Dr. Michelich, an active and dedicated Board member, was a wonderful mentor, dedicated leader, and irreplaceable gem to the Legacy Foundation. She will be missed. We know for sure, Dr. Michelich will continue to make a difference in Cochise County in whatever endeavor upon which she embarks. We wish you well, Dr. Michelich, and thank you for your service to the Legacy Foundation and the communities we serve.

With Dr. Michelich's departure, the Legacy Foundation welcomes Brian J. Barkdull, President/CEO of American Southwest Credit Union, as Chair of the Board.

Brian has served on the Legacy Foundation Board since July 2014 including a term as Chair of the Finance Committee. He became Vice Chair of the Board on July 1, 2017 and Chair of the Board effective July 1, 2018.

Congratulations, Brian, and welcome to your new role as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona!

We'll see you around, Dr. Michelich! Best wishes as you begin new adventures!

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