



# Our Mission, Vision, and Shared 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.

Respect: We will treat everyone fairly and honor the dignity and worth of all individuals.

Stewardship: We will ensure responsible use of all assets entrusted to us.

Knowledge: We will foster opportunities to gather and share knowledge.

## Our Priorities

Population Health and Community Wellness, in other words a healthy community, is where people have the opportunity to make healthy choices in environments that are safe, equitable, free from violence, and designed to promote health. The Legacy Foundation promotes healthy communities through its focus on four priorities:

### Philanthropy

Philanthropy involves giving initiatives for the public good and a focus on quality of life. In fulfilling its work as a private foundation, the Legacy Foundation's giving initiatives include donations through our Grant Cycles.

- Strategic Grants: grants for specific initiatives the Legacy Foundation Board identifies. Strategic Assessment studies as well as information from existing public health data may be used to identify opportunities.
- Innovative Grants: grants to support innovative ideas that promote the mission of Promoting Population Health and Community Wellness.
- Responsive Grants: grants in response to special requests or needs from the communities served.
- Emergent Grants: grants for assistance with urgent or immediate community needs.
- Fast Pitch Grants: grants for education and technology to strengthen an organization's ability to operate efficiently.

### Innovation

Innovation is the use of new and better ideas and solutions to meet needs.

The Legacy Foundation fosters and contributes to change and new ideas by encouraging community leadership and supporting others to be innovative in fulfilling their organizational missions.

### Capacity Building

Community capacity building is 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.

In fulfilling its mission, the Legacy Foundation plays a significant role in supporting capacity building efforts. The Legacy Foundation offers grants designated to build organizational capacity through education and resource development. Additionally, the Legacy Foundation promotes capacity building by offering free monthly workshops and technical support for nonprofit organizations. Topics such as fundraising, board development, strategic planning, and media and marketing are examples of workshops offered.

### Collaboration

Community collaboration and organization development are fostered when passions are shared and organizations work together to improve communities.

The Legacy Foundation supports community collaboration by partnering with and convening organizations to promote partnerships and synergies.

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

# From the desk of the CEO



Dear Friends,

In the blink of an eye, ten years have passed!

On May 1<sup>st</sup> 2013, the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona came into being and the rest, as they say, is history... but what a history.

Over the last ten years, in addition to the formation of the Legacy Foundation, we watched as the operations of Sierra Vista Regional Health Center transferred to the state-of-the-art Canyon Vista Medical Center and we saw Sierra Vista Medical Center repurposed to Cochise College Downtown Center. We are proud to say that the Legacy Foundation, whose roots are in the Sierra Vista Regional Health Center history, was central to these important community developments.

From our earliest beginnings, the Legacy Foundation has been steadfastly focused on carrying out our Mission of Promoting Population Health and Community Wellness throughout Southeast Arizona. We accomplish this work through our Priorities: Philanthropy, Capacity Building, Collaboration, and Innovation.

In this special ten-year celebratory report, you will read about many of our priorities and accomplishments over the last ten years. These include: grants and donations in excess of \$22 million; countless education and training sessions; new ideas and developments; technology advancements; new and revamped community alliances... all accomplished through our partnerships with our not-for-profit partners and other community organizations. Thank you to all of the dedicated individuals and organizations that work tirelessly to improve the lives of those they serve.

Of course, the Legacy Foundation would not exist without the dedicated directors who make up the Legacy Foundation Board. From our Founding Board of ten visionary directors in 2013 to those currently serving with distinction, over the years we have been fortunate to have incredible volunteer directors whose vision, duty, and strategy have shaped the work of the Legacy Foundation. Thank you to our past and present Board directors - you are true community champions.

"Small but mighty" describes the Legacy Foundation staff. Dedicated, hardworking, team players, reliable, committed, resourceful, and supportive, all describe our small but mighty Legacy team. Thank you, Susan, Barbara, Becky, and Bruce, for all you do and for making a difference every single day.

I hope you enjoy reading about the first ten years of our Legacy Foundation. We anticipate many more successful years to come.

The Legacy Foundation Board and staff join me in wishing everyone in the communities we serve and beyond... a New Year filled with Good Health, Peace and Joy!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. P. ...' with a stylized flourish at the end.



# 2013 through 2015 : Grants and Other New Beginnings

In FY15, 7 grants and sponsorships were awarded totaling **\$463,180**

## The Salvation Army: \$300,000



The dining room in 2015



The new dining room on St. Patrick's Day, 2023



Community Center 2023



Legacy Foundation Board and staff visit with Good Neighbor Alliance

In 2015, The Salvation Army was serving hot meals in a very cozy building, providing meals, services, and office space all in one main room. The kitchen, only 67 square feet, served 300 meals a week and was barely big enough to fit two cooks at the same time. On occasion, people sat outside the back door to eat lunch, weather permitting, due to lack of space inside.

On a plot of land next door, designs were made for a new community center with a large commercial kitchen, a large dining room, office space, meeting rooms and chapel space. With \$300,000 in capstone funding from the Legacy Foundation, the Salvation Army Sierra Vista Corps grew from 1600 square feet to over 10,000 square feet of space in which to serve the community.

In 2016, the Salvation Army served 22,000 individuals. In 2022, that number has increased to over 27,000 individuals served.

The Salvation Army was the recipient of the first major funding from the Legacy Foundation.

## Good Neighbor Alliance: \$52,500

Another grant awarded in 2015 was \$52,500 to Good Neighbor Alliance (GNA) for a program manager position. The position was essential to help build capacity of the homeless shelter and keep it operational. Good Neighbor Alliance continues to be the only emergency temporary shelter for men, women, families and veterans in Sierra Vista. Today, they offer a Day program, PATH program, meals and showers.



# 2015 - 2016: Grant Cycles begin

In FY16, **60** grants and sponsorships were awarded totaling **\$1,797,652**

In 2015, the Legacy Foundation offered its first grant cycles: Strategic, Responsive, and Innovative. Sponsorships were also offered.

## CCHCI: \$165,000

Included in Strategic Grant awards that year was "Adel", a new Mobile Medical Unit that Chiricahua Community Health Centers, (CCHCI) placed in Benson. Collaborating with Benson Hospital, CCHCI began seeing patients, regardless of insurance, two days a week. Today, CCHCI has a bricks and mortar campus in Benson that serves the community.



Adel

## Lori's Place: \$70,000

Cochise Family Advocacy Center, aka Lori's Place, received start-up funds for its Advocacy Center through a strategic grant. Lori's Place filled the need for a facility that compassionately supported children and adult survivors of crime. Lori's Place still operates today, providing advocacy and support for victims of domestic and violent crimes.



Lori's Place start-up funds

## SEAGO: \$600,000

Transportation frequently came up as an issue when discussing the needs of Cochise County. To address the issue, Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) was awarded strategic grant funding for Cochise Connection, an inter-city bus route. Transportation out of Douglas began servicing Bisbee, Douglas, and Sierra Vista in 2017 and is still in operation today.



Cochise Connection ribbon cutting

## Boys and Girls Club of Bisbee: \$133,777

And, for fun, the Bisbee Boys and Girls Club received strategic funding for a new playground on its Bisbee campus.



Boys and Girls Club of Bisbee playground opening

# 2015 - 2016: Outreach Center

In June of 2016, the Legacy Foundation opens the Olson Building (Outreach Center)



Ribbon cutting for the Outreach Center



The Outreach Center



Workshop held at the Outreach Center



Ugly Sweater holiday celebration at the Outreach Center

In June of 2016, a ribbon cutting was held for the grand opening of the Legacy Foundation Olson Building, also known as the Outreach Center.

The Olson Building was named in honor of Dr. Gordon Olson, an internal medicine physician in Sierra Vista from 1973 to 1999.

Designed with nonprofits in mind, the Outreach Center is a state-of-the-art meeting and training center.

Space is available at no cost to nonprofit and government entities. Reservations are required.

The Legacy Foundation sponsors a variety of services to nonprofits and government entities at the Outreach Center.

- Workshops are offered monthly and are a good way for nonprofits to network. Topics include marketing, nonprofit finance, and fundraising.
- One-on-one technical support is offered monthly by appointment in grant writing/research, finance/budgeting, fundraising/endowments, and Board development.
- GrantWatch, a grants search engine, is available for nonprofits to use onsite to search for grant opportunities.

The Outreach Center also serves as a place for nonprofit celebrations and fun gatherings!



# 2015 - 2016: Cochise College Downtown Center

In 2016, the Legacy Foundation handed over the keys to the future Cochise College Downtown Center, an estimated value of

\$8,000,000

After construction of Canyon Vista Medical Center, a new state-of-the-art hospital was complete in 2015, the Sierra Vista Regional Health Center campus at 300 El Camino Real was left vacant.

The Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona owned the now empty hospital. The Board of the Legacy Foundation had a big decision to make: what to do with an abandoned hospital campus?

With community input, a feasibility study was done to assess the potential to convert the campus to a retirement home for veterans. When it was determined that a veterans home was not a viable option, serendipity opened other doors.

Cochise College needed space for its allied health programs. The Legacy Foundation had space, the empty Sierra Vista Regional Health Center. In October 2015, the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona gifted the campus to Cochise College, handing over the keys to an estimated \$8 million donation.

In August, 2016, the new Cochise College Downtown Campus held its ribbon cutting ceremony. No longer abandoned, new life was breathed into 300 El Camino Real as a state-of-the-art campus for nursing and allied health services. The old campus was the perfect space to be renovated into nursing simulation labs for adults and babies, a respiratory therapy lab, a nurses' lounge, a student café, paramedic training, and space for culinary training too!

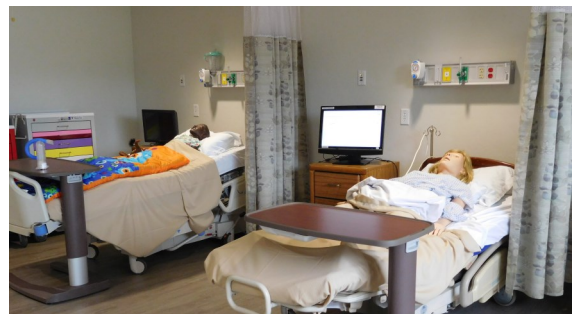
A longstanding agreement by Sierra Vista Regional Health Center to provide office space to Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program (VICaP) and Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was upheld, and both organizations continue to provide their services from space allocated to them at the Cochise College Downtown Center.



Handing over the keys to Cochise College



Ribbon cutting at the new Cochise College Downtown Campus



Mock patient care rooms



Members of DAV attend the ribbon cutting



# 2016 - 2017: A Series of Firsts

In FY17, community engagement resulted in a series of firsts



Fast Pitch Grant applicants from Bowie

A new grant cycle was added in 2017, the Fast Pitch Grant. The grant covers requests for educational expenses for nonprofits, such as annual conferences and training. In 2019, funding for technology and software was added to the grant.



Recipient of Nonprofit of the Year

In 2017, the Legacy Foundation was honored to be recognized as the first Nonprofit of the Year by the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce.



Veterans Wall Honorees

A wall of honor that continues today, the first Veteran's Wall dedication took place in 2017. The Legacy Foundation, in collaboration with Canyon Vista Medical Center honors Cochise County veterans for their military and community service.



Sierra Vista Health Promoters

The first Health Promoters graduated in Sierra Vista in May of 2017. The Health Promoter program was training for community members to promote health and wellness to their friends, family, co-workers, and clients. Sponsored by the Legacy Foundation, the program was offered for one year and graduated classes in Sierra Vista, Bisbee, and Douglas.

# 2016 – 2017: Winchester Heights

A new community center creates a healthier, more cohesive community

## Winchester Heights Health Organization: \$210,360

In the far northeast corner of Cochise County sits an unincorporated community of mostly farmworkers. Known as Winchester Heights, this community was identified by Southeast Arizona Area Health Education Center (SEAHEC) as an area in desperate need of infrastructure and support. Poverty, poor housing, lack of transportation, lack of healthy nutrition, lack of healthcare, and lack of community “space” impacted this colonia of 600 people. As part of their “Healthy Farms” initiative, SEAHEC received an Innovative Grant in 2017 to build a community center in Winchester Heights.

With the support of SEAHEC-trained Community Health Workers and with collaboration from the residents of Winchester Heights, the community center was constructed with the health and wellness needs of the community in mind.

Since project completion in 2018, the community center serves as a location for health providers to visit. At the community center, youth and adults receive health vaccines. Health education is provided. A food pantry is located there. Community celebrations take place. English as a Second Language (ESL) is taught.

A playground, basketball court, and soccer field have since been added to the community.

In 2015, what began as a health coalition developed into the Winchester Heights Health Organization (WHHO), a nonprofit 501(c)(3), that continues to build infrastructure for the community into the future.



Mother’s Day celebration at the community center



Chiricahua Community Health Center mobile clinic offers services at the community center



Winchester Heights youth enjoy the playground



SEAHEC students and Winchester Heights Community Health Workers



# 2016 - 2017: Grant Awards

In FY17, **81** grants and sponsorships were awarded totaling **\$937,287**



New transportation for the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista

## Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista: \$34,400

The Sierra Vista Boys and Girls Club received funding for the purchase of a 10-seat van to transport its youth to sporting and outdoor events.



Ribbon cutting at the new clinic in Naco, Sonora

## Naco Wellness Initiative: \$75,000

Naco Wellness Initiative received funding to expand the clinic in Naco, Sonora, and to create a Connections Program between Naco, Sonora and Naco, Arizona elementary school.



Participants in the Music and Memories Program

## Good Samaritan Quiburi Mission: \$44,289

Good Samaritan Quiburi Mission in Benson received funding for a Music and Memories Project. Using music therapy, the goal was to reduce stress and help spark memory of those with dementia. Although the project showed early signs of progress, the project could not be completed due to turnover of staff.



AmeriCorps VISTA, Nathan Kohrman, and former CEO of Benson Hospital, the late Rich Pohlheber

## Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits: \$17,650

Through a grant to the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits, Benson Hospital received an AmeriCorps VISTA. The VISTA's project was to outreach to isolated seniors in the Benson area. Through this project, the Benson Community Resource Council (BCRC) was formed and still meets monthly.



# 2017 - 2018: Community Convening

Strategic community partnerships provide countywide education

## SEAGO AAA : \$18,936

In late 2016, the Legacy Foundation was approached about providing education to the community on health care at the end of life. The Foundation recognized the need and agreed to explore ways to provide education on advanced care planning including living wills, healthcare power-of-attorney and Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) forms.



EOL Train-the Trainers

From this early discussion, the first convening of the Cochise County Coalition for End of Life Care took place. The coalition was comprised of community members, nurses, pre-hospital workers, lawyers, pastors, physicians, hospice workers and social workers. The coalition worked with Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association, the United Way, and the Lovell Foundation to provide End-of-Life (EOL) education through a train-the-trainer program. Education was provided throughout Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz Counties on EOL and advanced care planning documentation.

## Cochise Health and Social Services: \$48,500

Cochise County Health and Social Services reached out to the Legacy Foundation as a funding partner to assist with the County Health Assessment (CHA). The funding was used to hire Health Management Associates as consultants to help guide the County Health Assessment process.



CHIP Interview Group

In collaboration with Bisbee, Benson, Willcox, and Sierra Vista hospitals, Chiricahua Community Health Centers, University of Arizona, and Cochise Health and Social Services, community meetings were held, stakeholder interviews were conducted, and health questionnaires were distributed throughout Cochise County.

The 2017 CHA resulted in three major priority areas for the County Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): Healthy Eating, Diabetes, and Obesity; Mental Health, Alcohol, and Substance Abuse; and Good Jobs and a Healthy Economy.

The Legacy Foundation Board of Directors continues to use these priority areas as areas of strategic focus for major funding.

## 2017 – 2018: Grant Milestone

In FY18, the Foundation awarded its first multi-million dollar grant totaling **\$2,000,000**

In 2018, a new approach to awarding Strategic Grants was implemented in a Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

The Legacy Foundation Board of Directors selected Healthy Eating, Obesity, and Diabetes as the strategic focus, with a grant budget of \$2 million available for funding. Five organizations were invited to submit an RFP; Cochise County Superintendent of Schools, Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, First Things First, and Cochise County Health and Social Services. Emphasis was placed on collaboration and community partnerships.

In the spirit of collaboration, the five organizations made the strategic decision to work together as part of a single RFP submission through the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. Their project, Building Healthy Communities, was awarded the first multi-million dollar grant from the Legacy Foundation, and received \$2 million over 3 years. The grant received additional funding in FY21 and FY22, culminating as a 5-year project.

The Building Healthy Communities project prioritized food insecurity, school health policy, school gardens, Healthy Community Committees (HCC's), and the Cochise Leadership Academy. The project supported 7 active HCCs in Cochise County and graduated 77 future community leaders through the Cochise Leadership Academy.



2023 Cochise Leadership Academy Graduates





# 2017 - 2018: Grant Awards

In FY18, **92** grants and sponsorships were awarded totaling **\$679,596**

## Premier Alliances: \$50,000

With a mission to improve the lives of people with disabilities, Premier Alliances had an innovative idea to design and install a playground at Veteran's Park in Sierra Vista using adaptive playground equipment.

With support from the City of Sierra Vista, the new playground gave children in wheelchairs or who used other mobility devices the ability to play side-by-side with their friends and family.



Adaptive Playground at Veteran's Park

## City of Sierra Vista: \$26,000

The City of Sierra Vista implemented the PulsePoint App throughout Cochise County. The App pushes out notification to the public registered with the app when a cardiac arrest is happening nearby. An increase in bystander involvement in cardiac arrest can increase survival rates.

Along with the App, the city trained over 220 people in hands-only CPR.



Bystander CPR training

## University of Arizona: \$40,728

Focusing on youth in schools, the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension provided education in basic nutrition, oral health, and physical health. In the photo, first graders are learning how much sugar is contained in some of their favorite drinks. They are encouraged to drink less sugary drinks for their health and for healthier teeth.

Nutrition programs reached: 1,391 preschool-aged children and 1,808 school-aged children.



Learning about sugary drinks



## 2018 – 2019: Mental Health Convening

In FY19, the Legacy Foundation took its first steps in addressing mental health services

In December of 2018, the Legacy Foundation was instrumental in convening organizations that were associated with acute mental health and substance use crisis services in Cochise County. This served as an introductory and first networking meeting for many organizations.

At a second meeting in March of 2019, the room was packed with people from law enforcement, healthcare providers, mental health services, recovery services, health plans, Cochise County health department, probation services, pre-hospital services, peer support specialists, reentry coalitions, harm reduction services, homeless shelters, county administrators, city representatives, youth services, and community members.



Mental Health Crisis Services convening

The goals of the meeting were to: 1). determine whether there is a need for increased access to acute mental health and substance use crisis services in Sierra Vista and Cochise County, 2). share information across organizations about current services, 3). identify any gaps that may exist in currently available services, and 4). identify next steps and leaders. The meeting resulted in robust discussions, information sharing, new collaborative relationships, and a clearer awareness of gaps and resources for everyone involved.

Fast forward to December 2021 when some of the same stakeholders were invited to a Mental Health Priorities convening meeting facilitated by the Legacy Foundation. From this convening, a Request For Proposal (RFP) was issued to the stakeholders by the Legacy Foundation for projects that addressed gaps in mental health and substance use disorder in Cochise County.

Through the RFP process in 2022, over \$2.8 million was awarded to address behavioral health and substance abuse needs in Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz Counties. More information about the award is located on page 21.

# 2018 - 2019: Grant Awards

In FY19, **100** grants and sponsorships were awarded totaling

**\$1,369,383**

## Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona: \$62,233

A new mobile dental unit began traveling around Cochise County in 2019 to help improve the dental health of children. The Care Mobile, provided by Ronald McDonald House Charities and operated by Chiricahua Community Health Centers, with new equipment funded by the Legacy Foundation, saw 469 patients this year, nearly half of which had not seen a dentist in 2 years.



Mobile Dental Clinic

## City of Sierra Vista: \$49,000

Funding to the City of Sierra Vista for the Rothery Sports Complex included a new sports building for the community, fencing for sports fields, benches, grass and landscaping improvements, signage, and water fountains. Fast forward to 2023, the Legacy Foundation gave additional funding for solar benches for the park, and the City held its grand opening of Veterans Memorial Park Sports Complex.



Rothery Sports Building Open House

## Salvation Army: \$55,000

In the autumn of 2018, the Salvation Army began exploring afterschool programming for youth. They received a strong response from the community to provide culinary and nutrition education. Youth were invited to participate in hands-on cooking classes at the new community center. When COVID-19 hit in early 2020, the classes pivoted to virtual classes. The home chefs received all of the cooking necessities from the Salvation Army. The program expanded from youth to entire families cooking together at home. Virtual classes reached as far as Texas! Classes continue today.



Kid's' Culinary Academy



# 2019 - 2020: COVID-19 Pandemic

In FY20, **42** COVID-19 Emergent grants were awarded totaling **\$224,000**

July of 2019 began like every other start of a new fiscal year. The budget and the grant cycles were in order. The Innovative Grant was in progress. Little did we know, there were major changes just over the horizon.

In November, a special event was held to kick-off the holidays. Nonprofits from Cochise and eastern Santa Cruz County were invited to a holiday dinner celebration featuring Irish Tenor, Ronan Tynan. The celebration was a way to say thank you to nonprofits for the amazing work they do within our communities throughout the year. It was a joyful evening of great music and story-telling.

In early 2020, the Coronavirus was big news. By March, businesses and schools began shutting down, and offices began sending their staff home to work, Legacy Foundation included. Life as we knew it was drastically changed. The challenges were just beginning with what was now called the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Legacy Foundation wasted no time responding to the pandemic by shifting funds into a COVID-19 Emergency Grant. Forty-two emergency grants were issued by June 30, 2020, totaling over \$224,000. Legacy Foundation staff began making phone calls to nonprofits across the county to check-in and ensure they were doing ok. Staff also let the nonprofits know that emergency funds were available.

Although staff was working from home, all of the grant cycles continued on schedule. Zoom meetings became the norm, along with masks, hand sanitizer, 6 feet of social distancing, toilet paper hoarding, and drive-thru vaccination clinics. The Legacy Foundation remained at the ready to offer assistance throughout this very challenging year.



Chiricahua Community Health Center drive-thru vaccination clinic located in front of the Legacy Foundation



Mask distribution by Peach's Pantry with help from the Rotary Club



# 2019 - 2020: Resources at Your Fingertips

In FY20, The Legacy Foundation Resource Guide App makes its debut



The Resource Guide kiosk at the library

In January 2020, the Legacy Foundation launched the Legacy Foundation Resource Guide App and website. Available in both Google Play and the App Store, the Resource Guide App puts finding resources at your fingertips.

The City of Sierra Vista partnered with the Legacy Foundation to place a Resource Guide kiosk at the Sierra Vista Public Library for easy public access.

*Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona*  
Promoting Population Health and Community Wellness  
Throughout Southeast Arizona

## Resource Guide App

Access Resources Throughout the County; Anytime, Anywhere  
Using the Legacy Foundation's Resource Guide App or Website.

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# 2019 – 2020: Grant Awards

In FY20, **155** grants and sponsorships were awarded totaling **\$1,649,845**

## Huachuca City Community Garden : \$50,000

The Huachuca City Community Garden is a large production garden located behind the library. It offers local produce to a community with no grocery store. In 2020, it harvested vegetables three times a week for a total of 3,556 lbs. for the season. The garden has continued to expand its reach and production over the years to include a partnership with the local elementary school's new garden club!



Huachuca City Community Garden

## The Town of Huachuca City: \$50,000

The Town of Huachuca City had a vision to offer bus services from both Tombstone and Huachuca City to Sierra Vista for medical appointments, shopping, and socialization. Although COVID-19 caused major delays and the service from Tombstone didn't work out, Huachuca City now offers services to Sierra Vista twice a week by appointment.



The Town of Huachuca City bus

## West End Boys and Girls Club: \$68,000

A lack of afterschool programming on the West End left many youth unattended after school. The Sierra Vista Boys and Girls Club worked collaboratively with Carmichael School and the school district to open a West End Boys and Girls Club at the Carmichael School campus. Although COVID-19 brought the Club to a stand-still for months, the West End Boys and Girls Club is alive and well and has successfully served over 400 students.



West End Boys and Girls Club



# 2020 - 2021: COVID-19 Pandemic Continues

In FY21, 126 grants and sponsorships were awarded totaling **\$1,562,825**

As COVID-19 continued, Emergent Grants continued to be awarded. Food insecurity became a pressing issue with more frequent requests from food pantries. Out of the \$228,200 awarded in COVID-19 Emergent Grants in FY21, just over \$110,000 was awarded to food pantries.



Gold medal winner

## Special Olympics, Arizona : \$10,000

The Sierra Vista Special Olympics received funding for new equipment and new uniforms. After a 2 year hiatus, the Special Olympics co-ed basketball team wore its new uniforms to the state tournament in Phoenix and brought home a gold medal. Pictured is a proud Amber Ray with her coach, Gabriel Lewis.



Home Renovation

## Step Up Bisbee/Naco : \$50,000

With Legacy Foundation funding, The Bisbee Workforce Affordable Housing Program was developed by Step Up Bisbee/Naco. The program buys houses in disrepair, remodels them, and offers them for sale to targeted essential workers like teachers, first responders, and healthcare workers. Although COVID-19 caused some delay in renovation, the first home owner is a single mother who commented, "I just feel really blessed". Step Up Bisbee/Naco continues to buy, renovate, and make affordable homes available in Bisbee.



The Be Kind Crew

## The Be Kind People Project : \$50,000

The Be Kind People Project offered the *Be Fit. Be Healthy. Be Kind. Program* to 21 schools and nearly 8,000 students both in-person and virtually. The Be Kind Crew's high energy, exciting, outdoor recess visits inspired and encouraged the youth they encountered. They also brought smiles to a long line of people waiting for COVID-19 vaccines when they visited a Buena High School vaccination clinic.

# 2021 – 2022: Strategic Focus on Behavioral Health

In FY22, four Strategic Behavioral Health grants were awarded totaling **\$2,844,289**

As mentioned on page 14, mental health crisis services initially convened in FY19 for discussions about existing resources and gaps in resources in behavioral health crisis services. Discussions were placed on pause with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. During COVID-19 though, struggles with mental health and substance use disorder became even more distressing and apparent.

The Legacy Foundation brought in a consultant, Rosetti Consulting Group, to assess existing behavioral health services and gaps and get feedback from community stakeholders. A secondary convening took place in November 2021 with key stakeholders from behavioral health and substance use disorder services. Rosetti Consulting shared the results of the assessment and next steps were discussed.

The following needs were identified as priorities through the behavioral health assessment:

- Crisis intervention training including first responders and trauma response providers.
- School counseling services including Student Assistance Programs and a mental health consortium.
- Support for existing behavioral health support organizations.
- Workforce development including training programs for behavioral health workers.
- Support for Alzheimer’s services.
- Support for the county jail and programs offered for incarcerated individuals and to decrease recidivism rates.

The Legacy Foundation believes peer support is an important component of any proposal.

Based on the data, the Legacy Foundation Board chose Behavioral Health Services as its next strategic focus. Several organizations were solicited to submit a request for proposal (RFP) to address the concerns identified above. Organizations were invited to present their proposal before the Legacy Foundation Board of Directors. From six proposals, four were chosen for funding.



First Behavioral Health Technician graduating class



# 2021 - 2022: Behavioral Health Grants

The following organizations received funds totaling **\$2,844,289** over three years.



La Frontera/SEABHS

## La Frontera/SEABHS : \$750,778

Funds helped to furnish Casa de Esperanza, a new 40-bed inpatient substance abuse treatment center in Sierra Vista. Funding also went towards the expansion of transitional housing in Benson for the homeless and for persons reentering society after incarceration or rehabilitation.



Chiricahua Community Health Centers

## Chiricahua Community Health Centers: \$280,000

Funds helped to renovate space for dedicated outpatient behavioral health services in Sierra Vista. The renovation creates space to hire 5 additional behavioral health staff and serve twice the number of patients. The space facilitates support groups, group counseling, and family support, as well as individual counseling and case management services.



Cochise County Sheriff's Office

## Cochise County Sheriff's Office: \$1,263,449

Cochise County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$1,263,449 to create and implement a Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Cochise County. The team responds to crisis calls, supports school counselors, creates multi-level peer support and mental health wellness programs.



Cochise College

## Cochise College : \$550,062

To address a shortage of behavioral health providers, Cochise College created a Behavioral Health Sciences Certification program. The program is an entry level certification for those persons interested in a career in behavioral health and substance use disorder. The program is open to anyone.

# 2021 - 2022: Grant Awards

In FY22, **132** grants and sponsorships were awarded totaling **\$3,770,891**

COVID-19 Recovery Grants replaced COVID-19 Emergent Grants. Nineteen Recovery Grants were awarded totaling \$81,867.



City of Willcox LED lighting

## City of Willcox: \$100,000

The City of Willcox installed energy efficient LED lighting in its parks and sports fields. The cost savings gives the city the opportunity to create new programs and events to address community needs. Youth, family, and adults use the well-lit parks for exercise and social engagement.



Airport Park walking path solar LED lighting

## City of Douglas: \$96,471

The City of Douglas is still in the process of installing solar LED lights along the walking path at Airport Park. The long-term goal for the City of Douglas is to increase the public's use of the outdoor walking path, increasing community health and wellness.



Willcox Theater and Arts STEM Program

## Willcox Theater and Arts : \$50,000

Willcox Theater and Arts was able to make much needed upgrades and modifications to its current space. They updated and added new Creative Workshops including the Kids Art Club, Teen Art Club, and ACE of Arts, providing creative social outlet for all ages.



# 2021-2022 Capacity Building Initiatives

## Empowering Nonprofits through Capacity Building

### Nonprofit Management Intensive



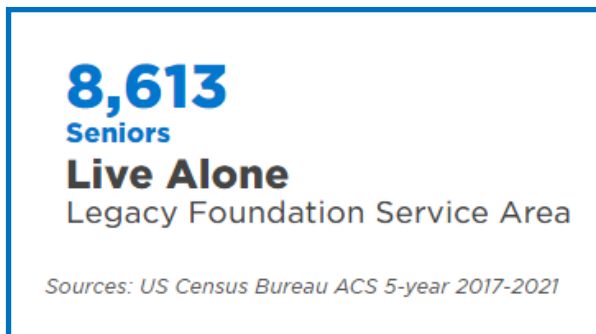
Nonprofit Management Intensive graduates

In October of 2021, the Foundation offered a 2-day Nonprofit Management Intensive. Due to COVID-19, class size was limited. Participants received essential knowledge in nonprofit theory, leadership, finance, grant writing, fundraising, board development, marketing/communication, and human resources.

Pictured are Jim Howe, Linda Huffstetler-Dearing, Sue Baz, Cynthia Conroy, Nathalie O'Shea, Jennifer Arvizu, and Kathy Stevens, graduates of the program.

### Community Dashboard

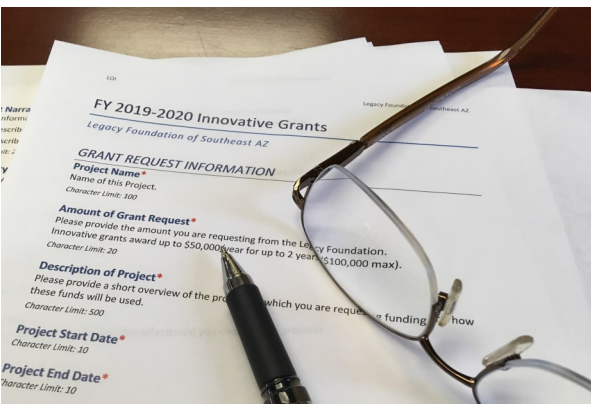
In order to serve its community best, a nonprofit should have a comprehensive understanding of the problem it is addressing. To fill the data gap, Legacy Foundation worked with mySidewalk to create the Community Dashboard – an interactive site that presents the data insights needed to serve Southeast Arizona. Available on the Legacy Foundation website, the Community Dashboard offers data insights for both local and national data.



### Technical Support

Technical support helps to build capacity of a nonprofit organization through personalized training and coaching. The Legacy Foundation began providing 1:1 technical support to nonprofit organizations in April 2022 in the areas of grant writing/research, finance/budgeting, fundraising/endowments, and board governance.

Appointments are available monthly at no cost to nonprofit and government organizations.





# 2017 - 2022: Festival of Trees

The Legacy Foundation, thanks to the creative talents of our very own Susan Richards, enters the Festival of Trees each year



2017 Connecting Our Communities  
Third Place



2018 Polar Bear Tree  
Second Place  
Mayor's Choice Award



2019 Every Time a Bell Rings,  
an Angel Gets its Wings  
Second Place



2020 Advent Calendar Tree  
Mayor's Choice Award



2021 Rudolph Winter Wonderland  
Second Place



2022 I'll be Gnome for Christmas  
Mayor's Choice Award



# 2023 Celebrating 10 Years of Giving!

This year, the Legacy Foundation celebrates 10 years of giving.

Over the years:

- Over 200 distinct organizations have received funding from the Legacy Foundation
- 800 different grants and sponsorships have been awarded
- More than 65 networking workshops have been held
- Over 1,360 people participated in workshops
- Nearly \$8 million awarded in Strategic Funding
- Over \$3 million awarded in Innovative Funding
- Over \$2 million awarded in Discretionary and COVID-19 funding
- Nearly \$1 million in Responsive, Fast Pitch, and Sponsorships awarded
- Over 91 project sites have been visited throughout the county

The community attended a celebratory Open House on May 1st at the Outreach Center in Sierra Vista. Over 200 guests enjoyed food, gifts, hourly drawings, and festive company.

During the month of May, nonprofits were entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 voucher to be used towards education for their organization. At the end of May, four nonprofits were randomly selected. The voucher was for education to build capacity of their organization and could be used for training or technology. Recipients were Bisbee Vogue, Bisbee Science Exploration and Research Center, Dancing On, and Bisbee Holistic Wellness Center.

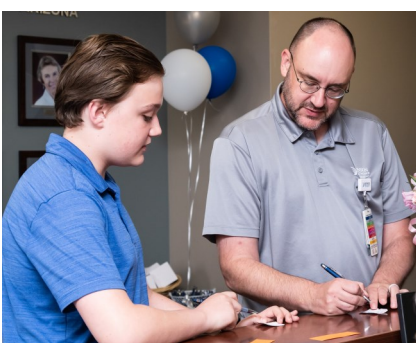


Open House Gifts and Goodies



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## Enjoying the Festivities!





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# FY23 Innovative Grants

In FY23, **6 Innovative Grants** were awarded in the amount of **\$348,010**

## **Bisbee Vogue: \$66,000**

Bisbee Vogue, Inc. (BVI) named its project, Recreation Equals RE-Creation. The project transforms a 100 year old parking lot at St. Patrick's Parish, a centrally located and easily accessible location in Bisbee, into an enhanced open-air venue for a variety of health and wellness programs. Planned activities include pickleball, low-impact exercises, outdoor games, and age-specific programs. BVI sees its project as preventative 'medicine', increasing positive interactions between the community and healthcare providers.

## **Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista: \$35,000**

The S.E.T. Project (Safety, Efficiency, Training) renovates the Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Vista Administrative Office, making the office a training space where technology and training meet innovation and continuity. This much-needed renovation promotes the Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Vista's culture of continuous learning. This training facility will be used by the Board and staff and enable new training opportunities from outside sources, including Boys & Girls Club of America (BGCA). New software helps the Club be more efficient in compiling data for grants, state reports, and reports. The new software will also provide better tracking of youth and have emergency contact information more readily available.

## **Cochise Harm Reduction: \$100,000**

Cochise Harm Reduction's project, the Cochise County Street Outreach Team (CCSOT) has a vision to reduce overdose deaths, Hepatitis C, and HIV in three to five years. The team works to provide harm reduction services to street populations and other at-risk communities. Meeting participants "where they are", the team has regular routes throughout Cochise County, personally and compassionately delivering harm reduction education and supplies, legal advocacy, and referrals to other resources. CCSOT provides a vital link in the continuum of care for people who use drugs (PWUD) and unhoused street populations.



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## **Patagonia Regional Aquatics Center: \$43,000**

Opening a year-round heated swimming pool is a big project but one about which the Patagonia Regional Aquatic Center (PRAC) is passionate. The project revitalizes the pool owned by Patagonia Union High School, upgrades the facility, replaces the pool heating equipment, and creates a space for year round swim programs. Patagonia Regional Aquatics Center application states, "We are committed to building the overall physical, emotional, and mental health of people living in the region. We believe the public pool is a community asset and will contribute to building resiliency in our area communities".

## **Willcox Community Food Pantry: \$25,500**

Adding an outdoor refrigeration unit is a win-win for the Willcox Community Food Pantry. Not only does it add more food storage capacity, it reduces costs by replacing inefficient, more costly old refrigerator units. The addition of a new 10 x 12 walk-in refrigerator will increase capacity from 207 sq. ft. to 1047 sq. ft. This includes removing 120 sq. ft. of outdated refrigerators now in service. These outdated refrigerators also pose a safety issue and are prone to electrical problems. The pantry states the new walk-in refrigerator with updated technology represents a 44% average reduction in operating refrigeration costs per year.

## **Winchester Heights Health Organization (WHHO): \$78,510**

The Salud para Nuestra Gente (Health for Our People) project expands the health promotion services that its Promotores de Salud (Community Health Workers) provide to the farmworkers and their families in the rural, agricultural areas of Bowie and San Simon. New services include guidance to community residents to create a Healthy Community Coalition in order to identify needs and increase community services. WHHO staff will train and support local residents as Promotores de Salud to provide outreach, education, and referral for fellow residents.

# 2023 Celebrating 10 Years of Giving!

## Community Conversations

*Celebrating 10-Years of Giving Open House* was held in Sierra Vista, quite a distance to travel from other parts of the county. In order to reach other communities in Cochise County, the Foundation took the celebration to Willcox, Benson, Bisbee, and Douglas.

Promoted as Community Conversations, the community was invited to join the Legacy Foundation staff and Board for an evening of food, fun, and conversation. Each gathering offered food catered by a local caterer, raffle prizes, and a gift basket. A presentation about the Legacy Foundation by its CEO, Margaret Hepburn was followed by a series of questions and discussion. In every town a sense of pride was felt from the community members as they talked about what their community has to offer and what would make their community an even better place to live.



Willcox Community Conversation

Each community was asked to respond to the following questions:

Do you think you live in a healthy community?

In one word, how would you describe your community?

What are the biggest healthcare challenges in your community?

What one thing would have the greatest health impact in your community?

What are other thoughts on how the Legacy Foundation might help your community?

Attendees described their own community in Cochise County with words like collaborative, charitable, beautiful, caring, hopeful, diverse, vibrant, historical, and spirited.

Common challenges included concerns about access to healthcare and mental health resources, seniors living in isolation, transportation, the need for inter-generational activities, youth mentoring, effective communication, and lack of support groups.



Bisbee Community Conversation

Each community had its own ideas about what one thing would have the greatest local health impact as well as thoughts about how the Legacy Foundation might help the community. The Philanthropy Committee of the Legacy Foundation will review and discuss the comments from all of the Community Conversations and determine next steps. Future conversations are being discussed in each of the communities.



# FY23 Responsive Grants

In FY23, **16** Responsive Grants were awarded in the amount of **\$59,977**

## Arizona Rangers: \$4,607

The Rangers purchased One Digital trunking radio. This radio will assist the Rangers in providing security for the Sierra Vista Public Schools.

## Catholic Community Services: \$4,000

Catholic Community Services provides support services to families and children involved with the Department of Child Safety. One of the programs is Parent Aide Services which supervises parenting time between parents and their children. The funds will be used to renovate the Parenting Time Visitation Office to make it more family-friendly and comfortable.

## City of Douglas: \$3,500

The City of Douglas will create a space where social determinants do not prevent access to optimal mental health and physical well-being. This project will be the installation of game tables, such as checkers and chess, at Castro Park that can accommodate people of all abilities in an open space.

## City of Sierra Vista: \$3,000

The Police Department requires a fit and healthy workforce to meet the needs of the community and a proper gym is critical. The funds will be used to purchase new fitness equipment for the Sierra Vista Police Department (SVPD) Gym. The new equipment will replace poorly functioning equipment so that members of the SVPD may meet their fitness goals.

## City of Willcox: \$4,000

The funds will be used to create Musical Art-Inspired Active Play. By adding arts-related play equipment to Willcox public park, the City of Willcox will increase active play, introduce music making, facilitate engagement across generations, and support creativity. While the project targets children, the equipment is designed to support interactive play for all sizes and abilities.

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## **Cochise County Master Gardener's Association \$3,503**

The Cochise County Master Gardener educational outreach project funds will help to support 3 program: hands-on garden workshops, a seed library, and three-hour educational fieldtrip programs to the Discovery Garden for Cochise County school students

## **Cochise Serving Veterans: \$4,000**

The "Veterans Assistance Program" (VAP) provides eligible veterans and their families with emergency housing, utilities, food, transportation, employment opportunities and counseling. VAP supports a veteran's ability to sustain safe and secure conditions in a difficult financial environment.

## **Douglas ARC \$4,000**

Douglas Arc is involved with community wellness by preparing and delivering 175 home-delivered meals five days per week in Douglas, Bisbee, and Elfrida areas. These funds will purchase the take-out food trays, salad and desert containers that are used daily.

## **Easterseals Blake Foundation: \$2,500**

The funds will be used to identify developmental delays in Cochise County children through an online screening tool. The pandemic's impact on services for young children has caused a decrease in the number of children identified as having developmental delays. By using social media to promote an on-line tool, Easterseals Blake Foundation will identify Cochise County children with developmental delays and help them receive needed support.

## **Operation Toothbrush for Homeless Veterans: \$3,900**

This project provides personal hygiene items for our homeless and low-income veterans in Cochise County communities. On the street mental health support will be provided and specific resources and guidance will be offered while providing these "street" setting non-traditional support groups.



# FY23 Responsive Grants

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## San Simon Fire District: \$4,935

San Simon Fire District wants to make sure its firefighters have the best equipment available to fight fires and also be well protected. These funds will be used to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus for use by the firefighters.

## Senior Citizens of Patagonia: \$850

Senior Citizens of Patagonia will use the funds to provide First Aid and CPR Training to its volunteer transportation drivers and dining room helpers. As most of its clients are seniors and people with disabilities, it is beneficial that these volunteers be familiar with First Aid and CPR. With this grant, eight people will be trained.

## The Be Kind People Project: \$5,000

BE KIND will offer 2 Cochise County schools a comprehensive youth development program that will create and inspire a positive, supportive and successful classroom and school culture. Students will develop the skills and mindsets they need to thrive socially, emotionally & academically now and in the future.

## Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program (VICaP): \$5,000

This project funds the use of wheelchair vans based in Sierra Vista and Willcox to serve wheelchair-bound Neighbors better with access to critical medical care. Funding will also be used for annual vehicle insurance as well as some fuel costs.

## Willcox Theater and Arts: \$4,182

Funding will support ACE of Arts, a community wellness art program supporting seniors in their quest to explore, discover, learn, and create. Sessions combine creative exploration with social interaction, culminating in the collective sharing of their creative accomplishments. Sessions span 6 months.

## Winchester Heights Health Organization: \$3,000

The Winchester Heights Health Organization Community Center has a soccer field that was built and is maintained by community members. It is used by men's, women's and children's soccer teams. These funds will be used to fence in the field for Jugamos Futbol! (Let's Play Soccer!).

# FY23 Fast Pitch Grants

In FY23, **15 Fast Pitch Grants** were awarded in the amount of **\$33,029**

## Arizona Rangers: \$2,123

Funds will be used to train two officers as School Resource Officers.

## Bisbee Restoration Association and Historical Society: \$939

Funds will purchase an up-to-date computer with word processing, excel, and photo editing software capabilities.

## Bisbee Science Exploration and Research Center

Funds will be used for national conference attendance by program director, project director, and lead high school intern.

## Boys and Girls Club of Bisbee: \$2,500

Funds will be used for national conference attendance by program staff.

## Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista: \$2,500

Funds will be used for national conference attendance by clubhouse director, resource development staff, and Chief Program Officer.

## Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc.: \$2,500

Funds will purchase 3 laptops to be used in medical education to support and expand the Community Health Education Program.

## Cochise County Master Gardeners Association: \$2,500

Funds will purchase a large screen TV monitor.



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## **Ecotopia: \$1,784**

Funds will be used for a technology/marketing consultant, marketing platform, and website/domain.

## **Friends of the Sierra Vista Animal Shelter: \$2,000**

Funds will provide education for the Board in resource development, budgeting, financial planning, community outreach, strategic planning, and professional development.

## **Love Muziq Operation 13:2: \$2,478**

Funds will provide training for media arts director and 2 assistants in music production and mixing mastering.

## **Patagonia Regional Aquatics Center: \$2,500**

Funds will provide training in use of technology and social media and marketing and social media software.

## **Patagonia Regional Times \$2,500**

Funds will provide staff training for implementing a sponsorship program and nonprofit finance education.

## **Sierra Vista Symphony: \$1,250**

Funds will purchase an office printer.

## **Tombstone Marshall's Office: \$2,497**

Funds will purchase Mantis X equipment along with Bluetooth technology. The Mantis X has the technology to improve firearms proficiency and accuracy.

## **Willcox Theater and Arts, Inc.: \$2,458**

Funds will purchase a one-year subscription to Google Workspace and a 2-day board and staff training retreat.

# FY23 Sponsorships

In FY23, **48 Sponsorships** were awarded in the amount of **\$44,956**

- Love Muziq Operation 13:2: \$1,000
- Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona: \$1,000
- Echoing Hope Ranch: \$1,000
- Sierra Vista Rotary Club Charities: \$1,000
- Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista: \$750
- Bisbee Coalition for the Homeless: \$1,000
- Chiricahua Community Health Centers: \$1,000
- City of Benson: \$1,000
- Coltz Swim Club: \$500
- Parents of Addicted Loved Ones: \$1,500
- Cochise College: \$1,000
- Mentoring Cochise Kids: \$1,000
- City of Willcox: \$1,000
- Bisbee Vogue: \$1,000
- Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Vista: \$1,000
- American Cancer Society: \$1,000
- Crossroads Nogales Mission: \$1,000
- Boys and Girls Club of Bisbee: \$1,000
- Kiwanis Club of Sierra Vista: \$1,000
- City of Benson: \$1,000
- Love Muziq Operation 13:2: \$1,000
- Peach's Pantry: \$1,000
- Cochise Education Foundation: \$1,000
- Bisbee Rotary Charities: \$1,000
- RYSESV: \$1,000
- Willcox Theater and Arts: \$1,000
- Healthy Tombstone: \$1,000
- Keith Hampton Foundation: \$500
- Copper Queen Community Foundation: \$1,000
- Patagonia Sonoita Rotary Foundation: \$1,000
- Warrior Healing Center: \$500
- Willcox West Fest Ranch Rodeo: \$1,000
- Butterfly Club: \$1,000
- The Salvation Army: \$600
- Northern Cochise Community Hospital: \$500
- University South Foundation: \$1,000
- Community Montessori School of Bisbee: \$1,000
- Red Cross: \$106
- Santa on the West End: \$1,000
- Mentoring Cochise Kids: \$1,000
- Town of Huachuca City: \$1,000
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- NAMI SEAZ: \$1,000
- Good Neighbors Alliance: \$1,000
- Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona: \$1,000
- Healthy Bisbee: \$1,000
- Hope for Kids: \$1,000
- Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc.: \$1,000



# Ten Years of Partnership

## In The Voice of a Nonprofit: Willcox Theater and Arts

**The following excerpt is from Gayle Berry, Executive Director of Willcox Theater and Arts**

Willcox Theater and Arts (WTA) has grown from a small group of Willcox residents determined to save its historic theater to an organization providing a wide variety of arts and culture opportunities, encouraging creativity and growth for all ages. The Legacy Foundation of Southeastern Arizona has been our partner and supporter on our 10-year journey.

In so many ways, Legacy has helped not just to support our programs in the community, but helped provide tools and knowledge so that we could become a stronger and sustainable organization.

Our people have participated in many of the wide range of webinars, workshops and trainings offered by or supported by Legacy. These educational and growth opportunities are nearby, in Cochise County, so we are able to access them easily. Legacy grant programs have helped us launch specific programs – such as arts for Seniors which also fosters positive socialization, while other grants have helped in staff development and getting resources for basic tasks.

Legacy's recognition of the breadth and depth of Population Health and Community Wellness has helped WTA become a central hub and resource for Willcox – to support our organization in building a central, welcoming place that helps keeps downtown Willcox vibrant and thriving, and provides residents a place to gather, enjoy the feeling of community, and express themselves.

THANK YOU, Legacy Foundation, for all you do, and congratulations on ten years as a positive force in our area!



Margaret Hepburn, Gayle Berry, Michael Groves



# FY23 Convening Food Resources

## Convening of food pantries and food banks creates Cochise County Food Network

In November of 2022, the Legacy Foundation sponsored an appreciation luncheon for nonprofit organizations that provide food resources to their community. Food pantries, food banks, community gardens, school backpack programs, senior centers, community lunch programs, and healthcare representatives attended. It was a great opportunity to recognize the organizations for the work they do every day, a chance to network, and a chance to asset map current resources.

From that luncheon, an ongoing monthly convening of food pantries and food banks took place. With assistance from Cheyenne MacMasters, the monthly meetings led to the development of the Cochise County Food Network. The organizations chose a logo and began working collaboratively together. Their common objective was to address food shortages and hunger across Cochise County.

In March of 2023, the Cochise County Food Network embarked on a major endeavor, a Cochise County-wide food drive. Willcox Food Pantry; Tombstone Food Bank; Benson Community Food Pantry; Salvation Army; St. Vincent de Paul in Douglas, Bisbee, Hereford, and Sierra Vista; Dragonfly Community Alliance; Bisbee Homeless Shelter; and Sunsites Bread Basket participated. The Legacy Foundation facilitated weekly meetings, marketing and public media, and outreach to community partners.

During the week of June 18 – 24, over 100 food collection boxes were placed at participating organizations throughout Cochise County. A tractor trailer delivered pallets of food items donated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Lawley Automotive Group donated warehouse space. Sierra Cycles donated forklift services. An anonymous donor through the Cochise County Sheriff's Office donated a pickup truck full of canned goods. Every item donated went to fill a need.

The generosity of the communities in Cochise County raised over 52,000 pounds of food. An army of volunteers from JustServe, Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul and the Legacy Foundation sorted items received in Sierra Vista by type of food and expiration date. Each community kept the food it collected, with Sierra Vista donations being shared with the smaller pantries across Cochise County. Several pantries also received financial donations.

The Cochise County Food Network continues to meet. Building stronger relationships with the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and the Arizona Food Bank Network is ongoing. Relationships with local producers has led to pantries receiving locally produced ground beef, eggs, beans, and tortillas.



# FY23 Convening Food Resources



## Cochise Countywide Food Drive

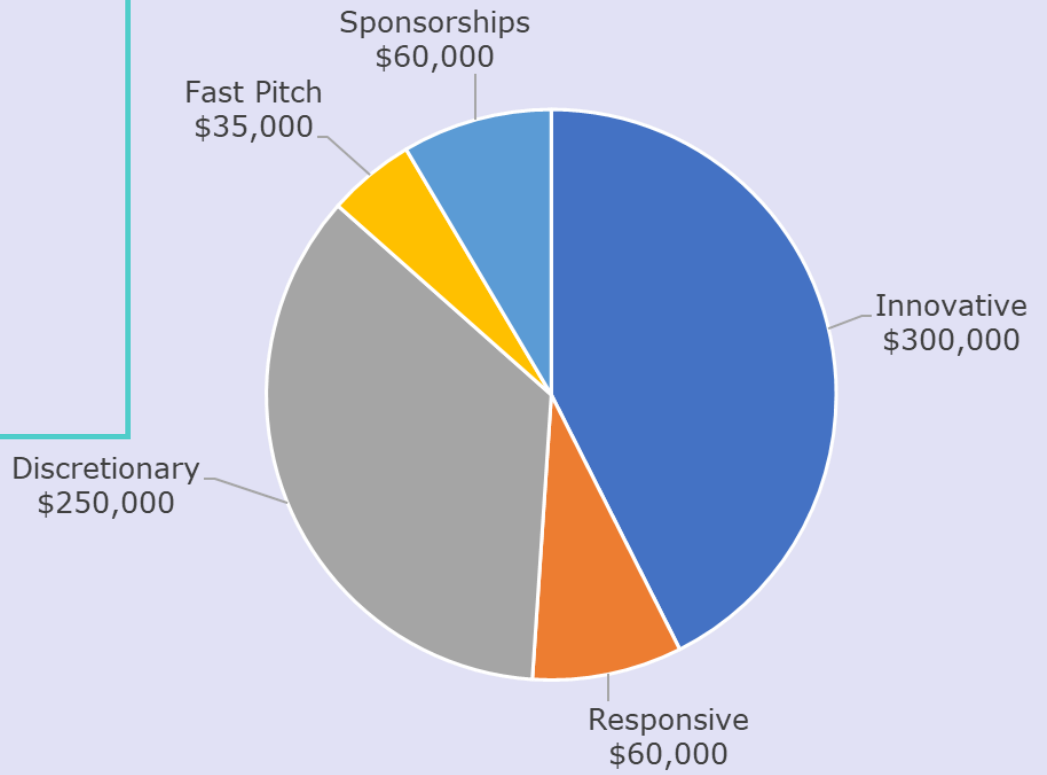




# FY2023 Audited Financial Report (July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023)

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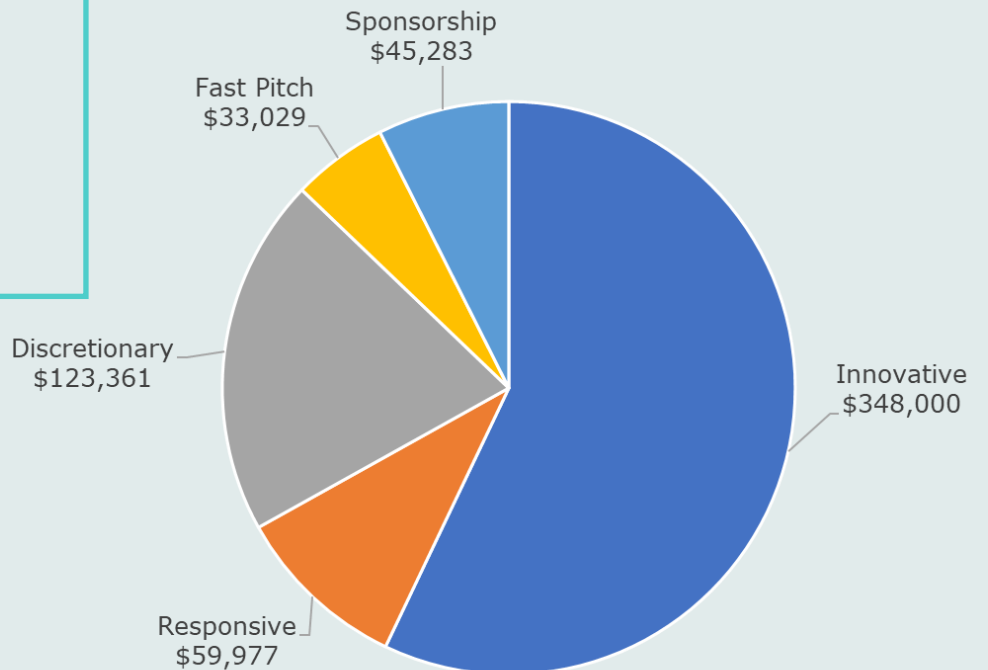
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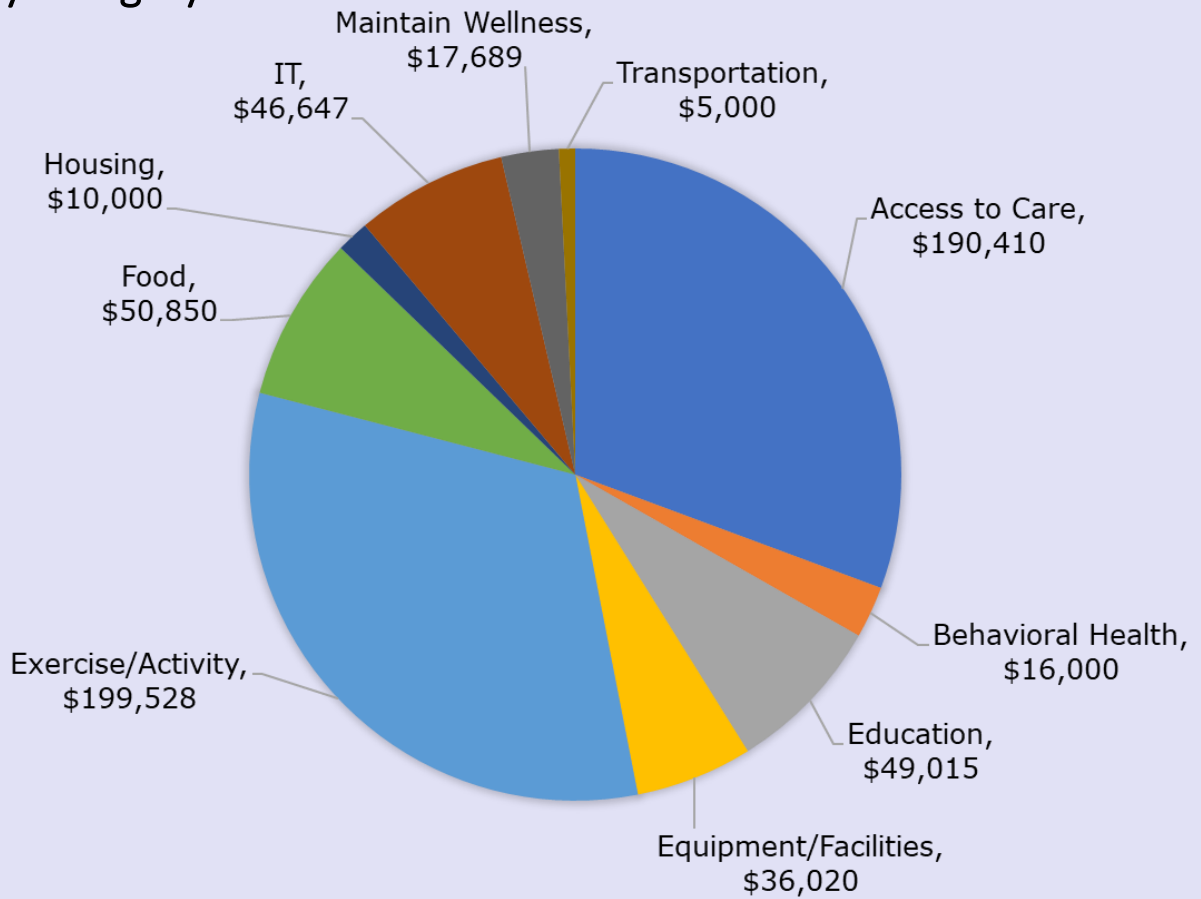
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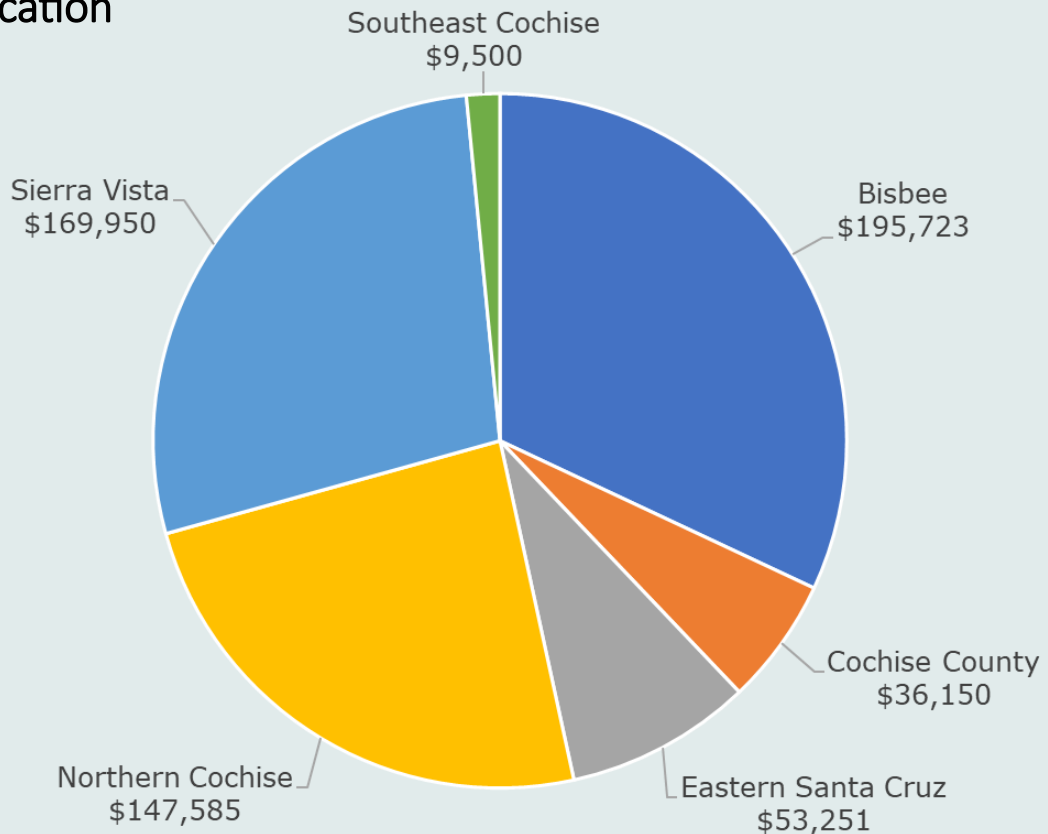
## Grants Paid and Committed



## Grants by Category



## Grants by Location





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