



*Nurturing collaborative, grassroots  
efforts in the Lake Fork Valley.*

Dear Friends of Lake City:

Having this stressful year come to an end will be a blessing for many and full of uncertainty for others. With good news of COVID-19 vaccines, we are optimistic about 2021, but we still have our neighbors and friends in need after so many months with health and economic concerns.

The Lake Fork Community Foundation works hand in hand with the Christian Community Services so that our funds can be distributed to individuals in need. Besides this personal relationship, our other partners have suffered with remote delivery at the Library and summer reading program, reduction in training seminars available for our emergency services, and the cancellation of Arts performances for the summer season.

In addition to our current Partners, we have added the Ben Brownlee fund, established after Ben's tragic death near Lake City. Donations to this fund will be distributed to our Search and Rescue program and to efforts to purchase the Lake San Cristobal Peninsula and Island enhanced by the recent acquisition of a Great Outdoors Colorado grant of \$1,305,000 to The Trust for Public Land (TPL) which covers 90% of the project.

The goal of the LFCF is to facilitate your financial support of our health, educational, recreational, and promotional Partners. Please consider donating to our 501c3 organization for your maximum tax deduction.

We send our best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season and the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Bruce Vierheller, Chairman

Board members: Ruthanna Hall, Leslie Nichols, Luke de la Para, Carolyn Virden, Jerry Gray and Marian Hollingsworth

## *LAKE FORK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS*

**Discretionary Fund:** This money is not earmarked for a specific fund or agency. These funds are tapped by our granting process for small groups that find themselves coming up short on funds or for last minute projects. As always, we find this fund coming up short compared to the requests that are made of it. Please help fill the coffers!

**Lake Fork Memorial Park Fund:** This fund started the Foundation! It is used to provide a local match for grants and continuing improvements to the Town of Lake City Park and Memorial Park

**Roger Coursey Scholarship Fund:** This fund was established to honor the memory of Hinsdale County Sheriff Roger Coursey, who was killed in the line of duty. This is a very popular source of help for our local high school graduates and is in need of replenishment.

**LFCF Endowment Fund:** This is the fund that provides security for the future of the Foundation. This money is invested through Western Colorado Community Foundation and returns are steady, even in economic downturns.

**Ben Brownlee Memorial Fund:** Ben Brownlee was a passionate hiker and outdoorsman who died in a climbing accident on October 3, 2020 in the remote San Juan mountains of Hinsdale County near the town of Lake City, Colorado. This fund was established in his memory to properly equip and train the all-volunteer Hinsdale County Search & Rescue Team, Lake San Cristobal Peninsula Park and needs of other first responders. [www.benbrownleememorialfund.com](http://www.benbrownleememorialfund.com)

*LAKE FORK APPROVED PARTNERS (in accordance with IRS requirements)*

### **ARTS**

**Lake City Arts Development Fund:** Lake City Arts is all about supporting the arts and encouraging imagination in our community. It showcases local talent in both visual and performing arts, and brings in quality guest entertainers and teachers to broaden Lake City's exposure to the wide world of artistic expression. We provide funding and programs for all ages to explore creativity.. Find more at [www.lakecityarts.org](http://www.lakecityarts.org).

### **EDUCATION**

**Brick by Brick Scholarship Fund:** The building of community is dependent upon the younger generations building their futures. This scholarship is available to any Lake City graduate seeking to continue their education.

**Build a Generation:** A community-based process where programs and services are created for youth. Our Summer Youth Program is a proactive approach to teaching children ages 6-12 the importance of making healthy life choices to reduce the likelihood of developing negative behaviors later in life. Participants engage in daily life skills, environmental educational activities, physical fitness, extensive arts and crafts, and learn about community connectedness.

**Lake City Community School Foundation:** This program adds a critical financial foundation layer to support and sustain a strong and exceptional education system. Our current goal is to establish annual scholarships at Lake City Community School for teachers to further their professional development to expand their skills in their classrooms.

**Washington DC School Trip:** This trip provides a unique and invaluable opportunity for LCCS high school students, who hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year. A visit to our nation's capital is an educational and experimental trip of a lifetime for many.

**Wee Care in Lake City:** This priceless commodity provides child care and educational opportunities for pre-school students, setting them up for future success in their school years. This is a true local success story.

## **HEALTH and EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Friends of Lake City EMTs:** This organization supports recruitment and retention of Lake City's volunteer EMTs. It provides the annual EMT appreciation dinner, educational opportunities, personal protective equipment, team jackets and other incentives.

**Lake City Medical Center Endowment Fund** is putting your money to work for healthcare in Lake City through grants to the Lake Fork Health Service District, Silver Thread Public Health District, and Hinsdale County EMS.

**Lake City Fire-Rescue** is a volunteer organization consisting of 13 well-trained firefighters., having a total of 97 years of fire and rescue experience. Our current unfunded needs include 6 dry suits for use during swift water rescue operations. Estimated total cost is \$4,200.00. Our website address is [www.lakecityfiredept.org](http://www.lakecityfiredept.org).

## **COMMUNITY**

**Christian Community Service:** An interdenominational ministry with the purpose of providing help on a temporary basis to anyone in the Lake City area who has basic or urgent needs, that often seem to "fall through the cracks". CCS seeks to fulfill in practical ways the great commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40)

**Friends of the Bears:** This organization is dedicated to the reduction of bear-human conflict through community educational outreach projects and the use of Colorado Parks and Wildlife approved bear deterrents.

**Friends of the Library:** The Friends of the Library continue to support our wonderful public library. The FOL provide volunteer and financial support for the library summer reading program. The group also sorts book donations, as well as organizes and staffs the annual July Book Sale. Our future projects include the purchase of new computer chairs, helping with the purchase of LED lighting, and planting trees on the south Library lot.

**H-Care (Hinsdale County Animal Rescue):** HCARE continues their mission of providing aid to pets in need of emergency care. They also are able to provide help with fostering and placement of pets. HCARE also strives to promote awareness of the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

**Hinsdale County:** Hinsdale County oversees all aspects of our local government. Programs include Veterans' Services, Search and Rescue, EMS, Veterans' Memorial Park, Ute-Ulay Mining Town & Mill Site, and Lake San Cristobal peninsula, and Phillip H. Virden Dark Skies Observatory.

**Hinsdale County Historical Society:** The Society operates the Hinsdale County Museum, preserving artifacts and archival materials documenting the history of the Lake City area. Other activities include Walking Tours of the Historic District, Cemetery Tours and the infamous Ghost Tours. In addition to day-to-day operations at the museum, the historical society is presently raising funds for the renovation of Car 211, a narrow gauge passenger and freight car which was used on the Lake City Branch of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in the 1910s and 20s. Find more at [www.lakecitymuseum.com](http://www.lakecitymuseum.com).

**Hinsdale County Trails Commission:** These enthusiastic volunteers are still busy tying together the trail system, running from Pete's Lake to Lake San Cristobal.

**Lake City DIRT (Downtown Improvement & Revitalization Team):** DIRT oversees the Main Street program; hosts the annual Uncorked Wine and Music Festival; Lake City Blooms; and works with area organizations, businesses and the Chamber of Commerce for community development. Find more info at [www.lakecitydirt.com](http://www.lakecitydirt.com).

**Lake City Stinger Band:** Bands have played an historic role in Lake City and this latest incarnation was formed in 1997. Playing year-round at community events, the band is open to all musicians and guests. They need help updating their instruments and equipment. More at [www.lakecityband.org](http://www.lakecityband.org).

**Lake Fork Valley Conservancy:** Their mission is to facilitate long term environmental sustainability in the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River valley through collaborative partnerships and actions that foster land conservation, ecosystem health, and community resiliency. Our main focus is development of the Slumgullion Center, located three miles south of Lake City. The Center will be used for conservation, research, and education purposes, where the public can learn about the unique geology and ecology of the Earthflow and San Juan Mountains, and become effective stewards of our valley. Learn more at [www.lfvc.org](http://www.lfvc.org).

**Town of Lake City Ice Climbs:** Now in the 5th year of farming ice on the Lake City Ice Climbing Wall, one block south of town. The 100' high wall has 10-15 routes which climbers can ascend with anchors on the farmed ice. The Town continues to work on an expansion of the wall just south of the main area on Henson Creek. There is no charge to climb! Keep up with conditions at [Facebook.com/LakeCityIceClimbs](https://www.facebook.com/LakeCityIceClimbs).

**Town of Lake City Ski Hill:** Ride one of the oldest operating ski lifts in the country! Locals and visitors learn to ski in a supportive and invigorating environment. Rentals are included in the price of a lift ticket. Kids sharpen their racing skills with volunteer coaches. The Ski Hill has been in operation since 1966. Find more information at [www.townoflakecity.co](http://www.townoflakecity.co)

**Young Life:** The mission of Young Life is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their faith. This is accomplished through prayer, going where kids are and building relationships with them, and providing fun, adventurous, life-changing and skill-building experiences. Lake City Young Life was formed in 2016 and replaced the work of Lake City Student Ministries.



**Lake Fork Community Foundation**  
**Donation Form**  
P.O. Box 322  
Lake City, CO 81235

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Please make checks payable to LFCF or donate online at lakeforkcf.org (note your distribution choices)

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May we publish your name as a donor? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No