



HISTORY

Established in 2009 by local family physician, Dr. Matthew deKay, Four Corners Foundation (FCF) is a grassroots 501c3 organization committed to addressing the needs of the Four Corners community. Originally, FCF was created to respond to the serious issue of homelessness and assisted PATH—People Assisting the Homeless, in raising funds to construct and operate a new homeless shelter and family apartment complex.

Since its inception, FCF has collaborated with other nonprofits to improve our community and champion for the needs, interests and priorities of our neighbors. FCF works to raise community awareness and provides funding and support to nonprofits that work to empower the citizens of our community and end the hardships that create barriers to health and well-being. Our vision, to be the most effective steward of our community's philanthropic resources, is what guides our effort and diligence, aspires us to be ever transparent and accountable to our supporters and continually drives us to identify new opportunities in which we can serve our commonwealth.



OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to identifying and creating awareness of those in need and connecting people, business and organizations who aspire to enrich and transform our Four Corners community.

OUR VISION

To be the most effective steward of our community's philanthropic resources.

OUR CORE VALUES

Integrity. We do the right thing.
Commitment. We keep our word.
Effectiveness. We produce good results.
Caring. We are concerned for others.
Compassion. We care for those in need and act to improve their lives.

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Planting Seeds of Change

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ANNUAL REPORT



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Friends,

Mother Teresa once said that there are no great acts, only small acts done with great love.

Since the inception of Four Corners Foundation, I have been witness to so many generous acts of love and I am humbled and grateful for the community in which I live. It is a real blessing to be part of a kinship that embraces the same values and goals. Together, we have the ability to reach past what is and create what can be and it is that very fellowship of like-minded people that will create and sustain any successful endeavor we choose to accomplish.

Our potential to do good is as real as the threats that our community faces; poverty, homelessness, poor health, addictions, loneliness and despair. It takes only one simple act of kindness to create a ripple effect to change lives forever. As a foundation, we have the joyful task of bringing together people to have a greater impact collectively, than any of us could do alone.

The desire and need for community cannot be overstated. As humans, we are designed for relationship. Without it, we lack the roots that nourish our well-being. We need community to give us a sense of purpose and belonging and it is that network of caring that nourishes the human spirit.

Our community has an abundance of good seed. But we cannot hold onto that seed, we must sow it in order to reap its benefit. We must give, in order to receive. I pray that you will join me in planting seeds of hope and be a part of something bigger, something that has the power to transform a community for the better. Let us bring the gifts and talents God has blessed us with and I will see you in the field!

Forever grateful,

Matthew deKay, M.D.
President



As the Four Corners Foundation closes out its 6th year, we are excited to bring you the latest news on how the foundation is impacting your community. It is our greatest desire to continue identifying high-impact programs that we can create or partner with in order to create a stronger San Juan County.

CURRENT PROJECTS

BYRON'S HOUSE OF HOPE

FCF is working with Byron's House of Hope, a 501c3 non-profit organization, to establish a residential facility for inmates transitioning out of incarceration where men can serve out their parole in a safe, stable environment as they learn the skills necessary to successfully reintegrate into our community as productive citizens. Currently, there are no transition or work release programs in San Juan County but our crime rate is twice the national rate. According to the New Mexico Corrections Department over half of inmates released from prison will be back within five years. In San Juan County, the parole office estimates that up to 5 eligible parolees a week are often forced to fulfill their parole requirements in prison due to difficulties in finding housing placement and other obstacles, resulting in a \$10 million bill to taxpayers annually.

There is no benefit to reintroducing inmates back into the community with untreated addictions, and without educational and vocational tools needed to succeed. For many, gaining meaningful employment and adequate housing can prove impossible to those trying to do "the right thing". The purpose of Byron's House of Hope is to mitigate these serious issues by allowing the male resident to focus on adjusting to life on the outside through a support system that assists them in attaining the necessary life skills to become self-sustaining. The program will offer parolees short-term housing, job assistance, access to community resources and other therapeutic benefits that will work to stabilize and empower them to become self-sufficient and to develop a sense of purpose as productive citizens in the community.

SAN JUAN COMMUNITY GARDENS

In an effort to combat obesity and poor nutrition, FCF will establish a community garden for the PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) residents and surrounding low-income neighborhoods whereby individuals and families may participate in growing and accessing healthy fruits and vegetables.



Obesity has been identified as a super-priority for the New Mexico Department of Health. In 2014, over 33% of San Juan County adults and almost 15% of adolescents were considered obese. For the first time we have a co-existence of food insecurity and obesity and as a result of poor nutrition, the Baby Boomers generation is now expected to outlive their children.

Community gardens allow families and individuals the opportunity to produce food as well as to serve as areas for recreation and exercise. They can provide employment, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities and teach the importance of community stewardship and environmental responsibility. Gardens also have the potential to foster social enterprise, decrease violence in neighborhoods and improve social well-being through strengthening social connections.

Through the development of this and future community gardens, FCF hopes to educate the community on healthier lifestyle choices that are nutritious, affordable, and provide healthy, productive activities. The gardens would also provide mentorship to the underserved and encourage local organizations and businesses to contribute their resources to the production of home grown produce for those in need.



ONGOING PROJECTS

PATH

FCF's biggest project to date is the Emergency & Transitional Housing Facilities at A Path Home Campus. Together, we raised over \$3 million to construct the new facilities and the Foundation continues to support PATH in their mission to combat and end homelessness. The Foundation also provides a medical clinic at the shelter where local health professionals volunteer their time to treat residents of the shelter.

FARMINGTON SCHOOLS HOMELESS LIAISON PROGRAM

In collaboration with Farmington Municipal Schools, FCF helps the Homeless Liaison Program provide quality backpacks to support children, identified as homeless, for learning success. So far the program has positively impacted hundreds of children.

GRACE PLACE FOR WOMEN

Grace Place provides women educational counseling on pregnancy options, healthy lifestyles choices and parenting skills. The Foundation offers mini grants for education, mentoring and baby items for pregnant moms and new fathers in support of the Healthy Beginnings Program.

FOUR CORNERS COALITION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Four Corners Coalition for Healthy Marriage & Family is dedicated to raising awareness and advocating for healthy marriages and families. FCF provides funds to support the organization in its mission to reduce divorce rates and strengthen marriages through mentoring, marriage enrichment classes, workshops and special events that are open to the whole community.

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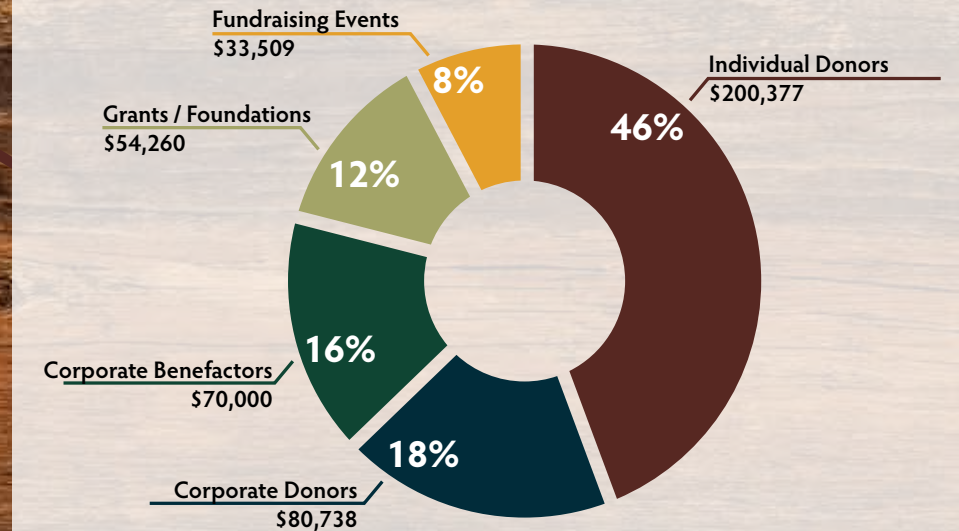
Each year Kiwanis humanitarians hold a drive to raise money to provide clothing to children living in poverty. FCF provides funding to help purchase clothing, shoes, socks, and other necessities. Since Clothes for Kids was started, the Farmington club has helped to clothe about 350 children per year.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Four Corners Foundation's annual operating budget is governed and regulated by the volunteer Board of Directors and its Executive Director to ensure the responsible management of funds. Every dollar that is donated to the Foundation is allocated towards providing project and local community organization support. Our administrative and fundraising expenses are covered entirely by the generous contributions of our corporate benefactor. The Foundation upholds the principles of sound financial stewardship and works diligently to maximize your donation dollars for the benefit of the community.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY CATEGORY

November 1, 2015 - October 31, 2016



USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

November 1, 2015 - October 31, 2016

