

# Our 2021 Community *Impact Report*



## DEAR FRIENDS OF THE GOLDEN CIVIC FOUNDATION,

It is with pride and gratitude that we present you with the Golden Civic Foundation's 2021 Community Impact Report. We hope you find, within these pages, inspiration from the lives of Golden residents that have been positively impacted from our work *For the Good of Golden* via our community grant program and our small business loan program. Of course, none of this work would be possible without the selfless work, time and donations of our Board of Directors, countless community members, and businesses that have partnered with us to help Golden thrive.

As we enter into our 52nd year of operation, we are profoundly grateful for your continued confidence and support as we work together to invest in the economic and cultural vitality of our Golden community. We welcome your feedback on how we can enhance our role as your strategic partner in giving and look forward to working closely with you to build on the progress we made in 2021 to achieve even more impact in the years ahead.

Yours in Golden,

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# 2020/2021 Community Investment

The Golden Civic Foundation made an impact on our community via two primary focuses:

## Community Grants and Small Business Loans

### Community Grants

The Golden Civic Foundation invested \$243,732 into the Golden community via four main areas: Community Grants, Special Grants, COVID-19 Community Relief Grants and Critical Needs Services. The grants, which were awarded from April 2020 through April 2021, were provided to the below Golden-based non-profit organizations that provide social, civic, cultural and education-based services to Golden residents:

**American Alpine Club Library:** Fund a RAID (external hard drives) backup system for the American Alpine Club Library's digital collections.

**American Mountaineering Museum:** Purchase a stand-alone exhibit case that can be used for changing exhibits.

**Bell Middle School:** Support the purchase of "Read Alive" licenses to support all Bell students who need reading support.

**CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties:** Support expenses related to the Youth Alliance Initiative (YAI) that supports Golden's youth that age out of foster care.

**City of Golden Public Art Commission:** Help with one-time maintenance and treatment for Golden's public art collection.

**Colorado Fourteeners Initiative:** Acquire a new canvas wall tent to serve as the base of operations for one of the four backcountry basecamps. The basecamps provide shelter for volunteer crew members working on their multi-year trail reconstruction project.

**Colorado Railroad Museum:** Support the next phase of their accessibility improvement projects including a paved pathway needed to the Roundhouse and providing wheelchair access to their Upper Gallery/Orientation Center area in their main Depot building.

**Christian Action Guild:** Annual financial support for ongoing operations to their volunteer-run food bank as well as a special grant to help fund the construction of a new awning attached to the front of their building.

**Executive Director/Nonprofit Roundtable:** Fund professional development speakers for the Golden Executive Director Roundtable (EDRT). The EDRT is a networking group of Golden's nonprofits that share learning on best practices including fundraising, board development, volunteer recruitment, and more.

**Family Tree:** Assist Golden residents utilizing the Family Tree Homelessness Program.

**GoFarm:** Fund research, purchase and recommendations to incorporate more sustainable/eco-friendly supplies and materials into their operations and assist nearby farmers and community members in doing the same in their work and personal lives.

**Hands of the Carpenter:** Help single low-income women who live in Golden to have their cars repaired and, if needed, get them into a "new" safe and reliable vehicle.

**Foothills Animal Shelter:** Matching grant to build their first-ever barnyard for homeless livestock that come through their shelter.

**Foothills Art Center:** Matching grant to support their Young Curators Program and to support Jefferson County educators and students with established Social Emotional Learning through the Arts (SELA) programming.

**Free Horizon Montessori School:** Provide smaller lunch room tables needed for students returning to in-person learning.

**Golden Concert Choir:** Funds to purchase a camera and to provide scholarships for their members.

**Golden Elks Lodge 2740:** Provide an opportunity for Golden area youth to participate in the Golden Elks Hoop and Soccer Shoot.

**Golden Fire Department:** To purchase, ship and install a 40-foot used container to use for storage.

**Golden History Museums:** Fund improvements to their chicken coop site for the safety and comfort of both the chickens and their devotees.

**Golden High School After Prom:** Although Prom was cancelled in 2021 due to the pandemic, this funding provided two scholarships that were given out as a prize to Seniors at their year-end gala.

**Golden Landmarks Association:** Fund development and printing of a History Coloring Book given to Golden students.

**Golden Police Department:** Help fund expenses related to their annual National Night Out. National Night Out is a nationally recognized law enforcement community engagement event that is focused on building partnerships and offering education in public safety to those they serve.

**Golden Senior Santa:** Funding to support the purchase and distribution of food and gift items that were given to low-income senior citizens living in the City of Golden.

**Golden Schools Foundation:** Matching grant with the City of Golden to fund a Trauma Informed Instruction Program that addresses the adverse effects COVID-19 has had on Golden students' Social/Emotional wellbeing.



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**Golden Visitors & Information Center:** Funding for the purchase of client relationship management software to manage expanded GVIC activities.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Funds to help Golden residents with mortgage assistance due to the economic impacts of the pandemic.

**Jefferson County Library Foundation:** Funds to help them provide books (as prizes and program incentives) for babies, toddlers and children who participate (and reach their reading goals) in the Jefferson County Public Library's (JCPL) Golden Library branch as part of the 2021 Summer of Learning program.

**Kyffin Elementary School:** Help fund updated computers, interactive document cameras, and student technology devices in the hands of their teachers and students.

**Miners Alley Playhouse:** Purchase additional equipment to help them livestream their performances including computer, LED lighting, microphones and livestream cameras.

**Mitchell Elementary School:** Funding to help support their technology budget, specifically for replacing outdated Chromebooks used for academics.

**Neighborhood Rehab Project:** Funding to enable emergency home construction projects that require immediate response in order to keep Golden homeowners warm, dry and safe.

**Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum:** Support funding of new computers and I-70 tourism signage.

**Outdoor Lab Foundation:** Provide tuition assistance to Golden's sixth grade students that participate in the Jefferson County Outdoor Lab program.

**Red Rocks Community College Foundation:** Provided three scholarships for Golden residents to pursue their higher education goals at Red Rocks Community College.

**Salvation Army Golden Service Extension Unit:** Help provide immediate assistance with rent or mortgage payments for Golden residents who are experiencing housing instability resulting from the impacts of COVID-19.

**Shelton Elementary School:** Fund the work of the Family Engagement Liaison (FEL) at Shelton Elementary School (PreK-5th grade) in Golden for the 21-22 school year.

**Welchester Elementary School:** Provide devices (Chromebooks) for students in preschool and Kindergarten.

**Victims Outreach, Inc.:** Help fund the replacement of the Courage Garden Gazebo that was destroyed by arson in October 2020.

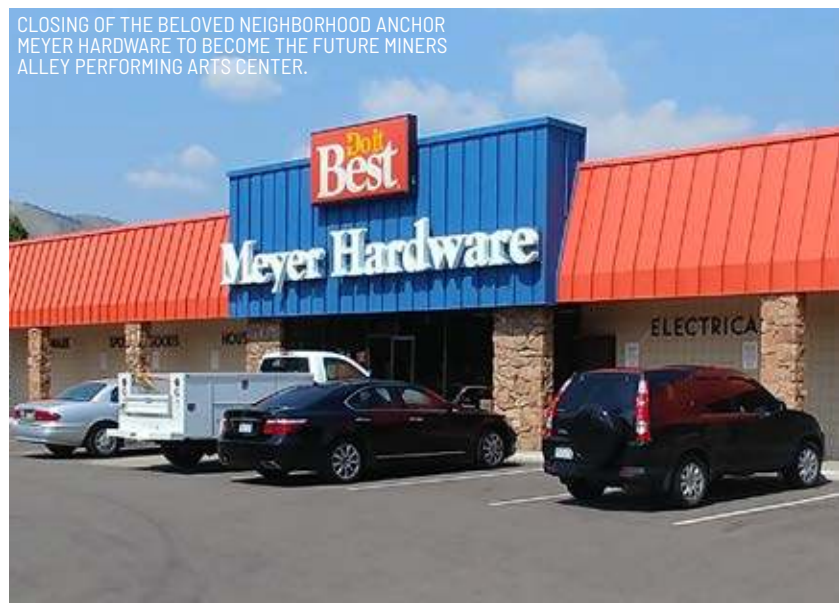
## Small Business Loan Program

The Golden Civic Foundation is honored to continue our work with many local, successful, innovative, and community-oriented entrepreneurs and believes that the power of entrepreneurship positively transforms the character of our community of Golden. In 2020/2021, a few highlights of our business loan program include:

■ In response to the economic uncertainty related to the COVID pandemic, the Golden Civic Foundation provided over \$130,000 in 0% emergency loans to 10 of Golden's small businesses as a way to keep them solvent during these economically challenging times.

■ In late 2021, the Golden Civic Foundation worked behind the scenes to help Miners Alley Playhouse acquire the Meyer Hardware building. Working together with a team of various key community stakeholders, the City's Downtown Development Authority, business owners, branding experts, local architects/general contractors and the On Tap Credit Union, the vision is for the Miners Alley Performing Arts Center to occupy the property. More to come on this exciting public private development opportunity in 2022!

CLOSING OF THE BELOVED NEIGHBORHOOD ANCHOR MEYER HARDWARE TO BECOME THE FUTURE MINERS ALLEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.





## Our Mission

To invest in the economic and cultural vitality of the Golden Community. Since 1970, we have provided Civic Development, Community Grants and Small Business Loans with the help of our partnerships, donations, and volunteers. Our charter is clear; To champion the passion and spirit of those who inhabit our neighborhoods, to assist beyond what's expected, and ultimately abide by the "Golden Rule."

## Our Core Values

We are...

**ACCOMPLISHED** but know the work is never done.

**NOSTALGIC** but don't dwell in the shadows of the past.

**WELCOMING** and always ready to help you write your story.

**VIBRANT** and our love of Golden shows in everything we do.

**RUGGED** and never afraid to roll up our sleeves.

**OPTIMISTIC** because where we live is special.

## We Respect the Past and Our Founders Vision

From seeing a need, to creating a vision, our story was woven together through the selfless work, time and donations of countless people. People, who shared a love of Golden and nurtured a common belief that we are together for the benefit of everybody. That vision echoes through our community to this day and guides us in everything we do.



NEIGHBORHOOD REHAB PROJECT VOLUNTEERS



GOLDEN'S 6TH GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN OUTDOOR LAB

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