



2025
**IMPACT
REPORT**

Growth through Service.
POWERED by Community.

30  **YEARS**
of IMPACT
INSPIRING TOMORROW'S
LEADERS, TODAY

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FROM OUR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear friends and supporters,

Like many organizations working in the nonprofit sector in 2025, we faced unprecedented challenges with the withdrawal of federal grants, staffing challenges with our federal partners, policy shifts and a prolonged federal shutdown. These changes have been disruptive to our work and the loss of funding has resulted in fewer projects in the field and fewer members hired. Even so, we are especially proud to share that we navigated these constraints without a single layoff or furlough – an outcome that reflects careful stewardship, adaptability, and a deep commitment to our members and mission.

Despite these challenges, the season was also marked by meaningful growth and momentum. We broke ground on a new Taos office building that will strengthen our infrastructure and expand what's possible for programs in the years ahead. We launched a Youth Council made up of high school students through our Prevention Program, ensuring that young voices are helping shape the work designed to serve them. And our Conservation Program delivered an exceptional year of performance – and our Conservation Program delivered an exceptional year, marked by expanded saw certifications, a leading backcountry program statewide, and the strongest partner feedback in our organization's history. These accomplishments are a testament to our dedicated staff's will to really dig in, despite the challenges we face.

This annual report tells the fuller story of a year defined not only by obstacles, but by perseverance, progress, and impact. We invite you to dig in, celebrate what we accomplished together, and look ahead with us. And as we prepare for another strong season, keep an eye out for our crews in 2026 – we can't wait for another fabulous season, doing the work that matters most.

In service,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "BCT".

Ben Thomas
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Space".

Marc Space
RMYC Board President



“I haven’t felt more cared for in a place before this. I loved watching the staff interact with everyone. I felt seen and felt like others were seen. To have people recognize us is awesome.”

—SAM, Assistant Crew Leader

TRAINING PROGRAM

80%
**PROGRAM
GRADUATION**

OF 2025 CORPSMEMBERS



85% OF 2025
GRADUATES

ARE NOW CURRENTLY ENGAGED
IN EDUCATION, TRADE SCHOOL,
EMPLOYMENT, OR COMMUNITY SERVICE

99%

OF CORPSMEMBERS

**COMPLETED MULTIPLE
LIFE SKILLS AND
VITAL PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS**



88%

OF CORPSMEMBERS

**RECEIVED
CPR/FIRST AID
CERTIFICATIONS**

NATIONAL SAWYER CERTIFICATIONS

25 USFS
**CROSSCUT
BUCKING
CERTIFICATIONS**

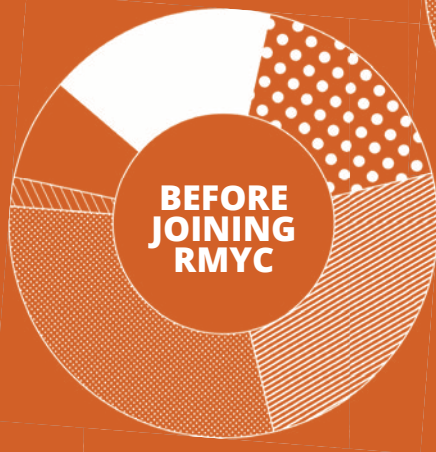


25 USFS
**CHAINSAW
CERTIFICATIONS**

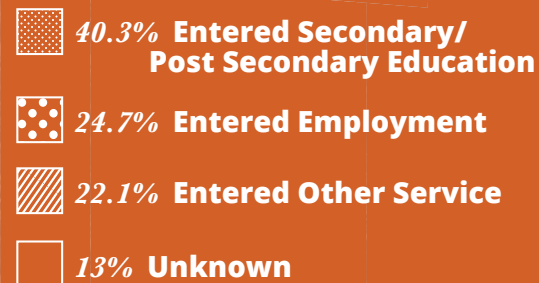
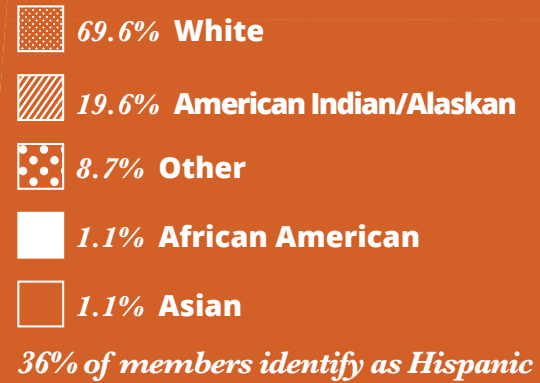
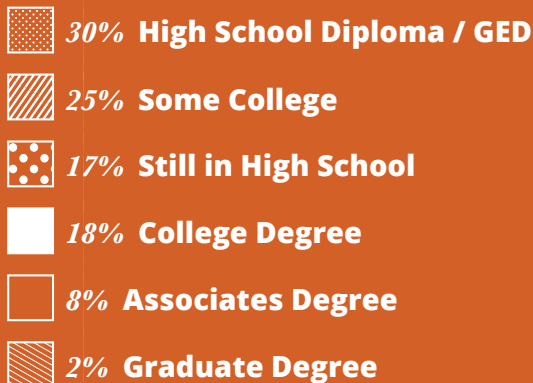


CORPSMEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS

In 2025, 92 corpsmembers contributed 70,607 hours of service while earning more than \$1.3 million in living stipends and education awards.



*73% Unemployed
41% Economically Disadvantaged
23% Experience a Disability*



FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year June 2024-July 2025



GRANTS
52.09% / \$2,051,207

FEE FOR SERVICE
38.24% / \$1,505,718

CONTRIBUTIONS / GIFTS
8.64% / \$340,270

OTHER REVENUE
0.55% / \$21,763

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS
0.47% / \$18,580

WAGES, BENEFITS & TAXES
71.07% / \$2,859,738

EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS & SUPPLIES
28.47% / \$1,145,433

IN-KIND EXPENSES
0.46% / \$18,580





“My experience with the Youth Coalition has been a wonderful lesson in stepping out of my comfort zone, exposing me to the newfound connections that result when people come together for the wellbeing of the community.”

— ZAHTRA, RMYC Youth Coalition Co-Chair



PREVENTION PROGRAM



500
LOCKABLE BAGS
PROVIDED TO THE TAOS
COMMUNITY FOR SAFE STORAGE

4 **YOUTH**
COALITION
MEMBERS

CONTRACTED FROM
TAOS HIGH SCHOOL



300+
NEW MEXICO
COMMUNITY SURVEYS
COLLECTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
LEARNING ABOUT ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE
AND RELATED ATTITUDES AMONG STUDENTS

27 

TOBACCO MERCHANT
EDUCATION VISITS
COMPLETED IN TAOS COUNTY

YOUR MEDICINE CABINET: A HIDDEN DANGER

FACT: Nearly 50% of people
who misuse prescription
drugs get them from a
family member or friend.

50%

**Source: SAMHSA*



Safe Storage Saves Lives.
Protect our kids and **LOCK IT UP.**



STORE SAFELY

Store all prescription drugs,
especially opioids, in a secure,
locked container, bag or cabinet.



TRACK MEDICATION

Keep track of your medication
count. If pills are missing,
investigate immediately.



TALK IT OUT

Talk to your family, especially
teens, about the importance
of securing medications.

LAUNCHED
A NEW
OPIOID
PREVENTION
CAMPAIGN
AND STRATEGY
THIS FISCAL YEAR
FOR TAOS COUNTY



NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

BANDELET HISTORIC PRESERVATION



220 GALLONS OF MORTAR USED

64 ROCKS RESHAPED OR REPLACED



— ON ANCESTRAL STRUCTURES —

TAOS PUEBLO

26 VIGAS PEELED



4,800

INVASIVE WEEDS
REMOVED FROM PUEBLO STRUCTURES



42 ADOBE BRICKS & **740** GALLONS OF MORTAR

USED IN PUEBLO RESTORATION



“My experience working with RMYC has been great from the start. I’ve grown and learned a lot working with the Wilderness Rangers for Taos Pueblo. I feel proud of the work I’ve done with this crew.”

— **DEMETRIUS**, *Wilderness Ranger Crew Member*



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM



6 CORPSMEMBERS COMPLETED
1,300 HOURS OF SERVICE



1,624 FEET OF INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVED ALONG TRAILS




280 GALLONS OF MORTAR MIXED AND APPLIED TO ANCESTRAL SITES



150 PLANTS PLANTED

603 FEET OF MORTAR WALL RESTORED



“This was my first time working with others I did not know. I learned how to better communicate with my Deaf and Hard of Hearing peers.”

— **MICHAEL**, ASL Summer Crew Member





“We are only here because of mother earth. Being out there seeing these natural things make me even more passionate to bring it back to people living in cities.”

— *MARCY, Crewmember*



CONSERVATION PROGRAM

 **225** MILES OF TRAIL
IMPROVED

AND

 **104** MILES OF TRAIL
CORRIDOR MAINTAINED

 **2,090** CUBIC
FEET OF
ROCK RETAINING
WALLS BUILT

165 ACRES
OF FOREST
TREATED AND THINNED

AND

3,945 TREES
REMOVED




824 FEET OF FENCE

CONSTRUCTED REPAIRED OR REMOVED

10 ACRES OF
INVASIVE SPECIES
REMOVED



 **103**
CORDS OF FIREWOOD
CUT AND DONATED

5,684
FEET OF ACEQUIAS
CLEANED 

1,350
TREES
PLANTED 

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

From fiscal year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 ** In-Kind donation

FOUNDER'S CIRCLE – \$5,000+

Doug Eichelberger**

Kenneth and Karen Bergren

Margaret, Mike, and Allison Keirst**

STEPPING STONE – \$1,001-\$5,000

El Salto Advisors

Joel Serra

Keith Burke

Paolo DiRosa

Rebeca Romero Rainey

William Knight

DIFFERENCE MAKER – \$501-\$1,000

Amy Rankin

Bette Myerson

Carl Colonius

Chris Ellis

Darrow Kirkpatrick

George Brown

Hamilton Brown

Horacio Trujillo

Karen Dyer

Stephen Rose

Thomas and Vivian Martinez

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS
FROM DONORS WHO WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

TAKE PRIDE — \$101 - \$500

AnJanette Brush

Ben Thomas

Carl Struck

David Hicks

Dean and Alberta Lujan

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Doug Roth

Jeff Tetenbaum

Kathy and Ernie Thomas

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Polly Raye and Bill

Christmas

Robert and Rose

Chappell

Ryan Trujillo

Sara Back

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Terry and Mary Earls

Viola Vasquez

WORK SAFE — \$1 - \$100

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Cindy Brown

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Robert Carlson

Robert Schoen

Sean Wild

Stephen and Carmelita A.

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SUPPORTERS

From fiscal year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

* In-Kind donation

FOUNDATIONS, NON-PROFITS & BUSINESSES

\$100,000+

Aqualia Foundation
KFC Foundation
National Forest Foundation
Natioanl Park Foundation

\$20,000-\$99,999

United Way of Central New Mexico
The Edw. F. Zimmer Community Fund
The LOR Foundation, Inc.
Richard B. Siegel Foundation

Justice Outside
Taos Community Foundation
Lineberry Foundation

\$1-\$19,999

203 Fine Art
Albuquerque Community Foundation
Bent Lodge No42 AF&FM
Buffalo Exchange
Centinel Bank of Taos
Cid's Food Market, Inc.
Clothes Helping Kids, Inc.
Conservation United
Constellation Consulting
Delta Dental Plan of New Mexico, Inc.
Diva Cup*
Erik Steinberg Trust
Habitat for Humanity Taos
J3 Fund
JF Maddox Foundation
Kroger

Kush Family Fund
LANL Triad
Margaret, Mike, and Allison Keirst
Nature Niños New Mexico
NUSENDA Foundation
Page Sullivan Real Estate Group
Paul and Virginia Cabot Charitable Trust
PayPal Giving Fund
Planet in Peace Foundation
PPC Solar
Pulakos CPAs, PC
Reed Family Foundation, Inc.
Santa Barbara Foundation
Taos Ski Valley, Inc.
The Rebecca Kush Family Fund
Trout Unlimited

GOVERNMENT & INSTITUTIONS

FEDERAL

AmeriCorps, through Serve New Mexico
Commission

U.S. Bureau of Land Management:
*Taos Field Office, Socorro, Magdalena,
Navajo Lake, El Malpais, Cabezon,
Rio Puerco*

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation:
*Albuquerque acequias,
Navajo Dam State Park,
and Elephant Butte State Park*

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:
Valle De Oro Wildlife Refuge

U.S. Forest Service, NM:
Carson, Santa Fe, Cibola, Gila National Forests

U.S. National Park Service:
*Bandelier National Monument,
Pecos National Historical Park,
Valles Caldera National Monument,
Youth Programs Division*

STATE

NM Department of Game & Fish
NM Dept. of Cultural Affairs:
Los Luceros Historic Site
NM Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
NM Office of Substance Abuse Prevention
NM Outdoor Recreation Division
NM State Parks
NM Youth Conservation Corps

TRIBAL

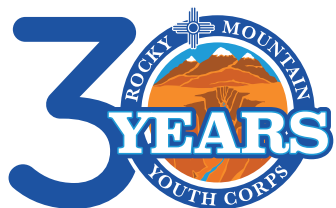
Sandia Pueblo
Taos Pueblo

EDUCATIONAL

Anansi Charter School, Taos
New Mexico School for the Deaf
Taos Academy Charter School
Taos High School
University of New Mexico, Taos
Van Buren Middle School, Albuquerque
Vista Grande High School, Taos

LOCAL

Agri-Cultura Network
Bernalillo County
City of Albuquerque
City of Albuquerque Open Space
Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District
Continental Divide Trail Coalition
El Salto De Agua Land Association
Enchanted Circle Trail Association
Environmental Policy Innovation Center [EPIC]
Keystone Restoration Ecology
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Santa Fe County Open Space
JEB Outfitters
Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation [PIRE]
Taos Alive
Taos County
Taos DWI Council
Taos Health Council
Taos Soil & Water Conservation District
Town of Taos
Village of Taos Ski Valley



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

— Since 1995 —

P.O. Box 1960
Ranchos De Taos, NM 87557

youthcorps.org



Back Row (L-R): Ben Thomas, Dwayne Lefthand, Zeki Schwartz, Nick Burns, Nicki Powers, Quinn Fjal, Carl Smith, Chandler Callahan, Candice Abasta, Michelle Roaque

Front Row (L-R): Kate Sorrell, Nixo Lanning, Andrea Pepin, Mickayla Hodgman, Quinn Mendelson

Not Pictured: Rosanna Aragon, Sheldon Tenorio, Cecilia Dimas

2026
STAFF