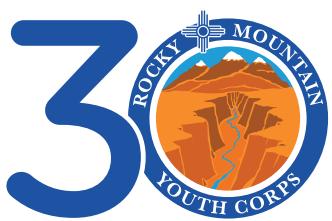


2025 IMPACT REPORT

Growth through Service.
POWERED by Community.



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, 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,



BCD

Ben Thomas
Executive Director



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.



- 30% High School Diploma / GED
- 25% Some College
- 17% Still in High School
- 18% College Degree
- 8% Associates Degree
- 2% Graduate Degree



- 69.6% White
- 19.6% American Indian/Alaskan
- 8.7% Other
- 1.1% African American
- 1.1% Asian

36% of members identify as Hispanic



- 40.3% Entered Secondary/Post Secondary Education
- 24.7% Entered Employment
- 22.1% Entered Other Service
- 13% Unknown

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.”

— ZAHRA, 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:

50%

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

*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

BANDELIER 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**



**280 GALLONS
OF MORTAR**
MIXED AND APPLIED TO
ANCESTRAL SITES

**603 FEET OF
MORTAR WALL
RESTORED**



**1,624 FEET OF
INVASIVE SPECIES
REMOVED ALONG
TRAILS**



**150
PLANTS
PLANTED**



“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



103 CORDS OF FIREWOOD
CUT AND DONATED

10 ACRES OF
INVASIVE SPECIES
REMOVED



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**

DIFFERENCE MAKER – \$501 - \$1,000

Amy Rankin

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Carl Colonius

Chris Ellis

Darrow Kirkpatrick

George Brown

Hamilton Brown

Horacio Trujillo

Karen Dyer

Stephen Rose

Thomas and Vivian Martinez

STEPPING STONE – \$1,001 - \$5,000

El Salto Advisors

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Keith Burke

Paolo DiRosa

Rebeca Romero Rainey

William Knight

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

TAKE PRIDE — \$101 - \$500

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WORK SAFE — \$1 - \$100

Aaron Back	Harriet J. Van Denbos	Marianne Pepin
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Gwen and Michael Tennison	Magee Build, Inc	Lieurance

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.
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Justice Outside
Taos Community Foundation
Lineberry Foundation

\$1-\$19,999

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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
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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

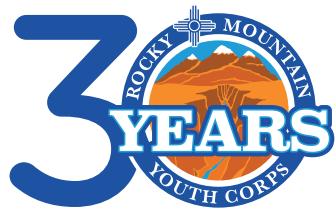
Sandia Pueblo
Taos Pueblo

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



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2026
STAFF

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