

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN
YOUTH CORPS NM**

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Dear Friends,

We're proud that our 2022 Annual Report shows we had a full year of impact, community engagement, and program development. As you read through our report, know that we have valued your support and guidance as we navigate a post-COVID world that seems to look very different than it did three years ago. Looking back on 2022 there is a lot to be proud of. Please join us in celebrating a successful year.

Looking forward, we have a lot of work to do in 2023. More than ever our communities, youth, and young adults need Rocky Mountain Youth Corps to stand strong. As we work together to recover from the pandemic, our focus will be on providing the support young people need to succeed. We will continue to offer real world work experience through the completion of high-priority community projects. We will continue to offer resources and training that young people desire in order to prepare them for the future. We will continue to explore new ways to apply the Corps model and serve our community.

We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

For the Corps,

AnJanette Brush
Board Chair

Ben Thomas,
Executive Director

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Program Outcomes

Conservation Program

Trail:

- ▶ 34.25 miles of trail improved
- ▶ 3414 feet revegetated
- ▶ 176 check-steps built
- ▶ 336 check-dams built.

Forestry:

- ▶ 23 acres thinned
- ▶ 4099 trees removed

Fencing:

- ▶ 7318 feet of fence installed, repaired or removed

Invasive Species Removal:

- ▶ 13 acres of invasive species removed.

Public Assistance:

- ▶ 1049 Sandbags filled
- ▶ 3756 feet of acequia cleaned
- ▶ 6324.7 Cubic feet of organic debris removed.

American Sign Language Program

- ▶ 10 Corpsmembers from New Mexico's deaf and hard of hearing community participated.
- ▶ Contributed to ongoing monument preservation work at Salinas Pueblo Mission National Monument.
- ▶ Removed 500 feet of weed barrier and 4 acres of invasive species at Railyard Park Conservancy in Santa Fe, NM.
- ▶ Engaged in Orchard revitalization work at New Mexico School for the Deaf in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- ▶ Assisted with fence barrier installation at Petroglyph National Monument and one ASL Crew-member advanced to an Individual Placement.
- ▶ Engaged in life-skills and career training in conservation and recreation, including composting and crews collected leftover fruit and veggies at the Santa Fe farmers market and
- ▶ Participated in trail design and construction training with the City of Albuquerque Division Open Space Division.

WORK SAFE (\$25 - \$100)

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M Teresa Paisano
Mary Feldman
Keith Burke



*"I loved my crew. We always made each other laugh. It was the highlight of each day. We were all hard workers."
- Ashley, Conservation Program*

Program Outcomes



Native American Program

- ▶ Installed 15 border signs along Taos Pueblo and Taos Ski Valley border.
- ▶ Removed 38 cords wood from tribal lands to distribute to low-income Native American families.
- ▶ Treated three acres of land to remove invasive species and protect native plants
- ▶ Made 350 adobe bricks for preserving historic structures.
- ▶ Installed interpretive kiosks on Kachina Peak, Bull of the Woods trail, and other locations along the Taos Pueblo border at Taos Ski Valley.
- ▶ Engaged 400 members of the public along trails at Taos Ski Valley to educate the community on protecting Taos Pueblo borders, cultural sensitivity and tribal sovereignty.

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

Government and Institutions

Federal

AmeriCorps, through Serve
New Mexico Commission
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Taos Field Office, Rio Puerco Field Office
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation: *Albuquerque Area I Upper Colorado Basin*
U.S. Forest Service - NM: *Carson, Santa Fe, and Cibola National Forests.*
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Valle De Oro Wildlife Refuge,
U.S. National Park Service
Bandelier National Monument, Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument, Pecos National Historic Parks, Petroglyph National Monument, Valles Caldera National Preserve Youth Programs Division

Tribal

Pueblo of Sandia
Pueblo de San Ildefonso
Taos Pueblo

Educational Institutions

New Mexico School for the Deaf - Santa Fe
Taos Academy
Taos Day School - Taos
University of New Mexico - Taos
Van Buren Middle School - Albuq.
Vista Grande High School - Taos

State

NM Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department
NM Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
NM Youth Conservation Corps
NM Dept. of Emergency Management
NM Economic Dev. Department
NM Outdoor Recreation Division
NM Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Response
NM Office of Substance Abuse Prevention
NM Cultural Affairs - Arts Division
NM State Parks

Local

Bernalillo County
City of Albuquerque
Cuidad Soil & Water Conservation Dist.
El Salto de Agua Land Association

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Railyard Park Conservancy
Santa Fe County Open Space
Taos County
Taos Valley Watershed Coalition
Town of Taos

Nonprofit, Foundations and Businesses

Albuquerque Community Foundation
Assistance Dogs of the West
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Taos Community Foundation
Taos Ski Valley Foundation
Taos Ski Valley, Inc.
The Conservancy Network
The Nature Conservancy
United Way of Central New Mexico

Financials

Revenue

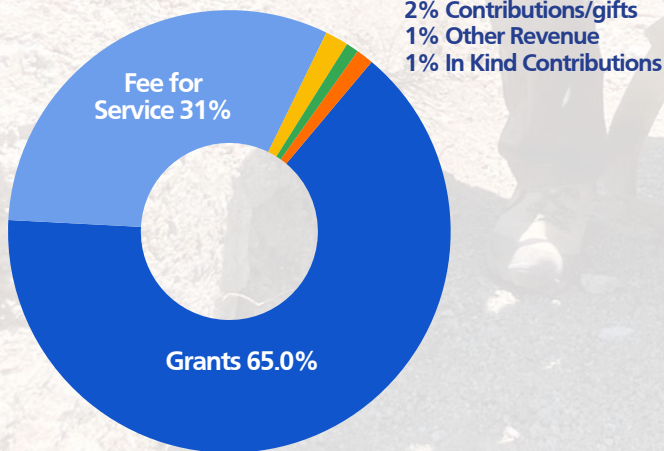
Grants	\$2,101,803.00
Fee for Service	\$1,019,878.00
Contributions/gifts	\$55,260.00
Other Revenue	\$29,953.00
In-Kind Contributions	\$40,874.00
Total	\$3,247,768.00

Expenses

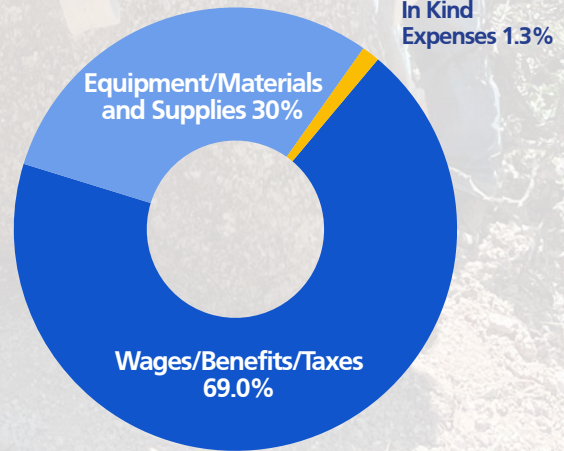
Wages, Benefits Taxes	\$2,140,442.00
Equipment, Materials, and Supplies	\$936,368.00
In-Kind Expenses	\$40,874.00
Total	\$3,117,684.00



FY 21/22 Revenue Sources Total \$3,247,768



FY 21/22 Expenses Total \$3,117,684



Program Outcomes

Canine Leadership

- ▶ 75 Corpsmember positions working seasonally and year-round in 2022.
- ▶ Expanded into a larger facility in Taos, called the Dawg Pound, which has allowed day crews and during the week and hosted a Howl-o-ween Party with great attendance!
- ▶ Established a partnership with the Development Disabilities Planning Council's Leadership Academy to provide self-awareness and self-advocacy lessons in 2023.
- ▶ Partnered with UNM-Taos's Accessibility Resource Center to better support Corpsmembers and alumni with translating the accommodations and self-awareness to the college settings.
- ▶ Visited staff and faculty at UNM-Taos with the dogs to provide stress relief to students and staff.
- ▶ 100% graduation rate.

"RMYC just confirms how much I want to continue working with animals. My next adventure is attending college in the fall at Rochester Institute of Technology where I will be studying Biology."
- Andrea, Canine Leadership Program

"I am very happy and proud of how far I have come."
- Elias, Canine Leadership Program

Program Outcomes

Prevention Program

- ▶ Collected over 500 New Mexico Community Surveys, informing the understanding of norms, substance use and perception of risk related to mental health and substance misuse.
- ▶ Introduced the first Public Health Crew; Corpsmembers work with highschool students in Taos to manage the SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) screening for substance misuse and near peer mentoring with students.
- ▶ Launched the “Alcohol is not the prescription for...” campaign with the Alcohol/Cannabis policy workgroup and promoted the new 988 CRISIS LINE.
- ▶ Published a Prevention Program Newsletter sent to the parents of over 2500 Taos Municipal Schools students, containing information on current substance misuse issues, current kids’ events and mental health resources.
- ▶ Worked with local vendors to educate alcohol establishments managers and staff in Responsible Beverage Service. This training provides ways to avoid sales to intoxicated patrons checking I.D and keeping alcohol out of the hands of our youth.
- ▶ Gave out 100 DWI bags at checkpoints. These bags contain goodies including ice scrapers, hand sanitizers, pens, 101 ways to stay tobacco free coloring books, stickers and resource cards that include the new 988 CRISIS LINE.

“Working with the Public Health Crew has been more than just a job, it's an awesome opportunity to work and connect with younger people in my community and help encourage them to stay on track with school, go to college, and find a career they would love to learn about!”
- Kasey Romero,
Public Health Crew





Program Outcomes

Training Program

- ▶ 51 Corpsmembers trained in the Canine Leadership Program with life skills and self-advocacy.
- ▶ 74% of Corpsmembers received CPR/First Aid Certification.
- ▶ 40% received Mental Health First Aid Certification.
- ▶ 91% of 2022 graduates are now currently engaged in education, trade school, employment, or community service.
- ▶ 52 Corps graduates received AmeriCorps educational scholarships.
- ▶ 85 % of Corpsmembers completed several life skills and professional development workshops including Sexual Harassment, Bullying Prevention, Financial Management, Leave No Trace, Diversity and Cultural Awareness, Codes of Ethics, Public speaking and the History of National Service.

"RMYC saved my life. It got me active in how much I needed to get healthy, physically and mentally."

- Simon, Conservation Program



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