



2023

# IMPACT REPORT





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FROM OUR  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR**

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

We are thrilled to present Rocky Mountain Youth Corps' 2023 Impact Report, showcasing a year of remarkable accomplishments and community successes. As we reflect on the past year, one resounding theme emerges: resilience. Our communities, environment, Corpsmembers, staff, partners, and supporters have faced and conquered numerous challenges, embodying a collective spirit dedicated to forging a brighter future.

Despite recruitment challenges, our adaptability shines through as we successfully navigate smaller crews and individual placements, a model embraced by our partners. At the Corps, our unwavering passion for our mission persists, offering meaningful opportunities for young people. We remain dedicated to serving our community, preserving the environment, and combating the effects of climate change. Our commitment extends to supporting community members in need, and above all, providing our members with transformative experiences, valuable training, and steadfast support.

As we close the chapter on 2023, we look forward to the opportunities and challenges of 2024. We invite you to stay connected with us, and please feel free to reach out anytime.

In service,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "AnJanette Brush".

**AnJanette Brush**  
Board Chair



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Thomas".

**Ben Thomas**  
Executive Director



# CONSERVATION PROGRAM



“This job creates opportunity. Opportunity for easy entry into a new career field, it doesn’t require prior experience, or knowledge about conservation work, and allows members to get their foot in the door.”

— MACKENZIE, 2023 Conservation Program Crew Supervisor

# 2013 BY THE NUMBERS

 **33** MILES OF TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS  
AND  **56** MILES OF TRAIL CORRIDOR MAINTAINED

  
**433**  
BOULDERS  
REMOVED  
FROM TRAIL



**413** CUBIC FEET OF  
ROCK RETAINING  
WALLS BUILT

AND **7,873** FEET OF FENCE  
CONSTRUCTED REPAIRED  
OR REMOVED



**120** ACRES  
OF FOREST  
TREATED AND THINNED

AND **2,288** TREES  
REMOVED

**24** ACRES OF  
INVASIVE SPECIES  
REMOVED



**58** SIGNS  
INSTALLED  
ON TRAILS OR  
OTHER AREAS



**42** CORDS  
OF WOOD  
DISTRIBUTED TO  
HOUSEHOLDS



# NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

TAOS PUEBLO

**90** VIGAS  
HARVESTED



**108** VIGAS  
PEELED



**1,268** ADOBE  
BRICKS

AND

**1,990** GALLONS OF  
MUD & PLASTER  
USED IN PUEBLO RESTORATION

**130** INVASIVE  
TREES  
REMOVED



## BANDELIETZ HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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**1,130** GALLONS OF  
MORTAR USED

AND

**110** STONES RESTORED  
OR REPLACED

ON ANCESTRAL STRUCTURES



**80** GALLONS OF  
INVASIVE  
PLANTS

REMOVED FROM AROUND  
ANCESTRAL STRUCTURES

SANTA FE NATIONAL  
FOREST SEED TREE  
IDENTIFICATION CREW

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**35** TREE  
PLOTS

SAMPLED ACROSS  
THE SANTA FE  
AND CARSON  
NATIONAL FORESTS





# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM



**11 CORPSMEMBER PARTICIPANTS**

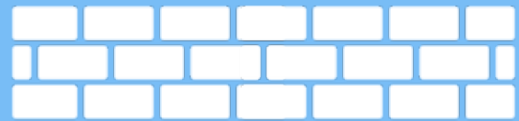
FROM NEW MEXICO'S DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COMMUNITY

**274 ADOBE BRICKS**

CREATED TO HELP RESTORE HISTORIC STRUCTURES WITHIN PECOS NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

**120 GALLONS OF MORTAR**

MIXED AND APPLIED FOR ANCESTRAL SITE RESTORATION AT SALINAS PUEBLO NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



**2,175 NEW WALKING TRAIL BRICKS**

LAI IN THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF'S 100 YEAR-OLD APPLE ORCHARD



**21,780 SQ/FT OF MULCH**

APPLIED TO BOSQUE TRAILS WITH THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE'S OPEN SPACE



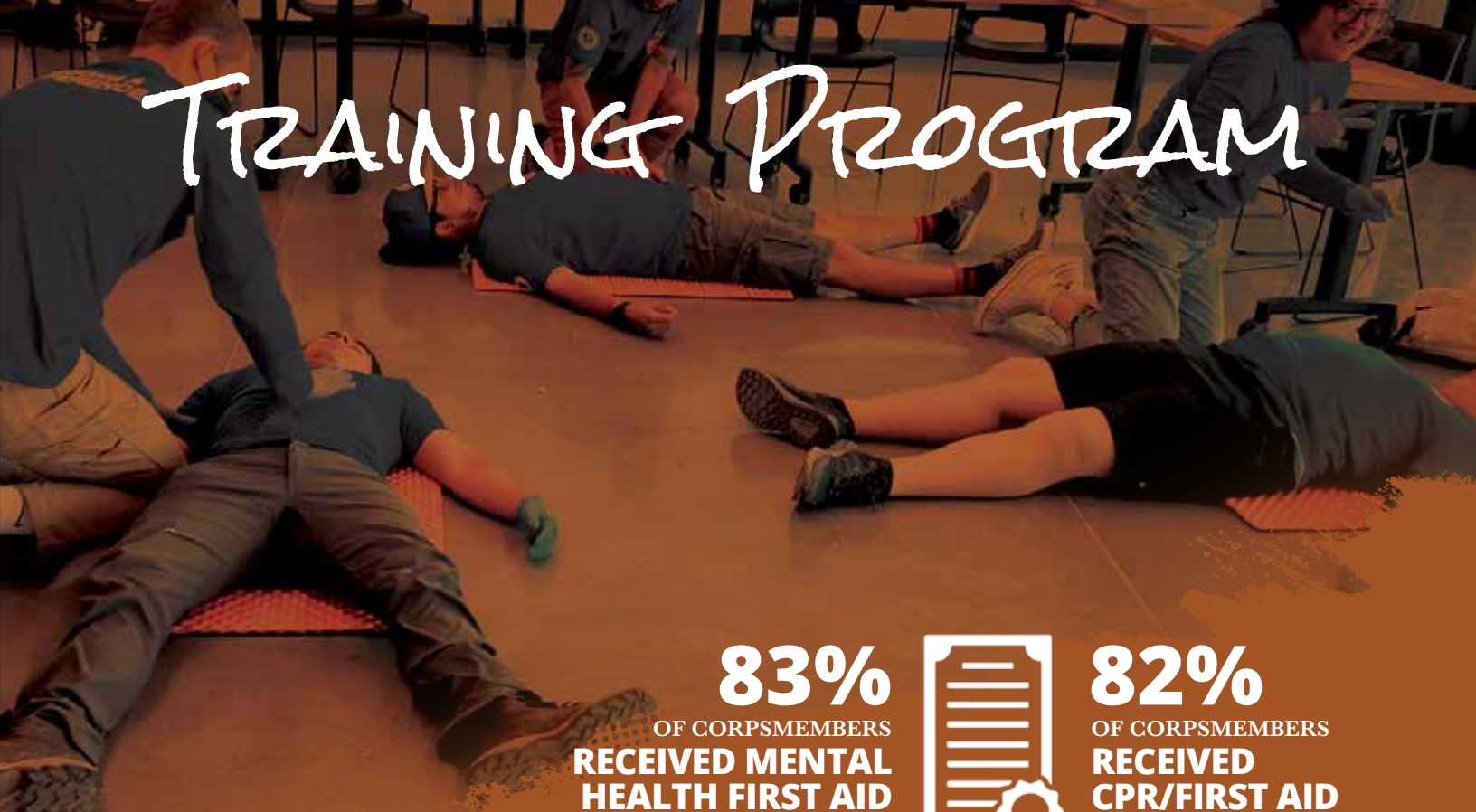
**“RMYC is very inclusive and considerate of every individual.”**

— **MATZK**, 2023 ASL Conservation Crew Supervisor





# TRAINING PROGRAM



**83%**

OF CORPSMEMBERS  
**RECEIVED MENTAL  
HEALTH FIRST AID  
CERTIFICATIONS**



**82%**

OF CORPSMEMBERS  
**RECEIVED  
CPR/FIRST AID  
CERTIFICATIONS**



**88%**

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

**16**



**USFS CHAINSAW  
DESIGNATION  
CERTIFICATIONS**

ACHIEVED IN 2022-2023

**90%** OF 2023  
**GRADUATES**

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



# CANINE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**73** POSITIONS  
REPRESENTING  
**43** UNIQUE  
STUDENTS



**2** TAOS CREW DOG GRADUATES  
WHO WERE 95% TRAINED BY  
RMYC STUDENT TRAINERS



**LANE** IS WORKING AS A COURTHOUSE  
FACILITY DOG WITH THE CITY OF  
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA



**WAVE** IS WORKING NEAR ALBUQUERQUE  
WITH HIS PERSON, PROVIDING ENDLESS  
SNUGGLES AND RETRIEVING ITEMS  
AROUND THE HOUSE  
FOR HIM



**100%**  
CERTIFICATION  
BY ALL CANINE  
CORPSMEMBERS

IN AMERICAN RED CROSS ADULT  
FIRST AID/AED/CPR, AND PETTECH  
“SNOUT TO TAIL ASSESSMENT”





# PREVENTION PROGRAM



**4 PUBLIC HEALTH  
CREW GRADUATES**  
IN MAY OF 2023

**2 HIGH SCHOOLS  
[TAOS & PEÑASCO]**  
INTRODUCED AND  
IMPLEMENTED A RMYC PUBLIC  
HEALTH CREW THIS YEAR



**1ST CANNABIS  
AWARENESS  
MEDIA CAMPAIGN**  
LAUNCHED AND POSTED IN  
THE LOCAL TAOS NEWSPAPER

**500+**  
SURVEYS COLLECTED  
FROM THE NEW  
MEXICO COMMUNITY



INFORMING THE UNDERSTANDING OF NORM,  
SUBSTANCE USE, AND PERCEPTION OF RISK  
RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE



**50 DWI BAGS  
HANDLED OUT**

AT CHECKPOINTS CONTAINING  
GOODIES INCLUDING CAR AIR  
FRESHENERS, CHAPSTICKS,  
PENS, STICKERS AND RESOURCE  
CARDS THAT INCLUDE  
THE 988 CRISIS LINE



# CORPSMEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS

*of youth served in 2023*



17 YEARS OLD  
12.66% / 10

18-21 YEARS OLD  
56.96% / 45

22-25 YEARS OLD  
26.58% / 21

OVER 25 YEARS OLD  
3.80% / 3

FEMALE  
37% / 29

MALE  
54% / 43

NON-BINARY  
9% / 7





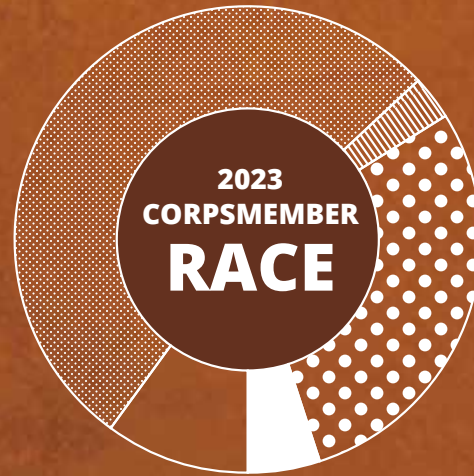
**AFRICAN AMERICAN**   
5% / 4

**AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN**   
29% / 23

**ASIAN**   
3% / 2

**WHITE**   
53% / 42

**OTHER**   
10% / 28



 **HISPANIC**  
51% / 40

 **NON-HISPANIC**  
49% / 39

**ENTERED EMPLOYMENT**   
25% / 18

**ENTERED SEC/POST SEC EDUCATION**   
58.33% / 42

**OBTAINED HSD/GED WITHIN 1 YEAR**   
1.39% / 1

**ENTERED OTHER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**   
5.56% / 4

**UNKNOWN**   
9.72% / 7







“The work we complete here at RMYC is a profound stepping stone for a more sustainable and positive future within our community and local ecosystem.”

— *JOEY, 2023 Conservation Program Member*



Fiscal Year 2022-2023

# FINANCIALS



- GRANTS**  
68.57% / \$2,526,446
- FEE FOR SERVICE**  
28.22% / \$1,039,890
- CONTRIBUTIONS / GIFTS**  
1.44% / \$53,068
- OTHER REVENUE**  
1.02% / \$37,703
- IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS**  
0.74% / \$27,370

- WAGES, BENEFITS & TAXES**  
71.69% / \$2,451,014
- EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS & SUPPLIES**  
27.51% / \$940,526
- IN-KIND EXPENSES**  
0.80% / \$27,370



# INDIVIDUAL DONORS

*from fiscal year June 2022 - July 2023*

## FOUNDER'S CIRCLE

**\$5,000+**

Doug Eichelberger  
Paul and Virginia Cabot  
Charitable Trust

## STEPPING STONE

**\$1001 - \$5,000**

Bette Myerson  
Cody Pierce  
Jack & Mary Gilliam  
Endowment Fund  
Kenneth and Karen Bergren  
Rebeca Romero Rainey  
Stephen Rose  
William Knight  
Yale & Shanti Jones

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**\$501 - \$1,000**

Ed Sandoval  
Ezra & Liana Bayles  
John & Janet Mockovciak  
Shannon Poynter

## TAKE PRIDE

**\$101 - \$500**

Andrea Rosen  
Carl & Romy Colonius  
Christopher Muste  
Delores Endres  
Diane Enright  
Douglas Thiesen  
George Brown  
George Long

Hamilton Brown  
Herbert Foster  
Jeff and Nancy Tetenbaum  
Joel Serra  
Julie Gray  
Louis & Patricia Chavez  
Romero  
Marcy Piersol  
Paule Marx  
Peter Lora  
Polly Raye & Bill Christmas  
Raquel Romero  
Richard & Carol Rinehart  
Sally McGrath  
Shaun Richel  
Susan & Conrad De Jong  
Thomas and Vivian Martinez  
Viola Vasquez





## WORK SAFE

**\$1 - \$100**

Alex & Melissa Cserhat  
Amy Quintana  
Ana Campos Hluska  
Ben Thomas  
Carol White  
Cecilia Dimas  
Cindy Brown  
Coleman & Jason Burnett  
Dana Carruth  
David Gallegos  
Dede & Mark Feldman  
Dennis & Alice Gastineau  
Dennis & Frances Cruz  
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Johanne Riddick  
John Geddie  
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Julianne & James Turner  
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Mary & Kelan Emery  
Mary Lane Leslie  
Pam & John MacArthur  
Richard & Jane Padberg  
Robert Carlson  
Robert Dyer  
Roberta Lerman  
Rosanna Aragon  
Rosie Williams  
Shannon Poynter  
Stephen & Carmelita  
Lieurance  
Steve Fuhlendorf  
Virginia Bairby



# SUPPORTERS

## FOUNDATIONS, NON-PROFITS & BUSINESSES

Albuquerque Community Foundation  
Alcohol Harm Alleviation Coalition  
Ammann Gallery  
Assistance Dogs of the West  
Aqualia Foundation  
Bank of the West  
Black Mesa Winery  
Celler wine and Spirits  
Centinel Bank of Taos  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
Cid's Food Market, Inc.  
Claire Works  
Clothes Helping Kids, Inc.  
Conservation United  
Cottam's Ski Shop  
El Salto de Agua Land Association  
Enchanted Circle Trails Association  
Fine Art New Mexico  
FLEETPOOL USA  
JEB Outfitters  
Jim Thompson Foundation  
Justice Outside  
Kroger  
Larry Martinez Jeweler  
Lineberry Foundation  
Magpie  
Mike Vargas Fine Art  
MS Doss Foundation  
Nature Conservancy  
New Mexico United  
NM River Adventures  
NUSENDA Foundation  
Ojo Santa Fe  
Peter W. Gilroy  
Pit Viper  
Planet in Peace Foundation  
PPC Solar  
Railyard Park Conservancy  
Reed Family Foundation, Inc.  
REI  
Sandia National Laboratories  
Sandia Tramway  
Santa Barbara Foundation  
Santa Fe Community Foundation  
Santa Fe Opera  
Seconds Eco Store  
Sol Food  
Steinlicht Ceramics  
Stephen Kilborn Pottery  
Stream Dynamics  
Taos Alive  
Taos CEnter for the ARts  
Taos Community Auditorium  
Taos Community Foundation  
Taos Gems and Minerals LLC  
Taos Lifestyles  
Taos Mountain Outfitter  
Taos Ski Valley, Inc.  
The Taos Ski Valley Foundation  
Trout Unlimited  
Trader Joes  
Twirl  
United Way of Central New Mexico  
Zia Frames



## GOVERNMENT & INSTITUTIONS

### FEDERAL

Americorps, through Serve New Mexico  
Commission

U.S. Bureau of Land Management:  
*Taos Field Office, Socorro, Magdalena*

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

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:  
*Valle De Oro Wildlife Refuge, Bosque del  
Apache National Wildlife Refuge*

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

U.S. National Park Service:  
*Bandelier National Monument, Pecos  
National Historical Park, Salinas Pueblo  
Missions National Monument, Petroglyph  
National Monument, Valles Caldera  
National Monument*

### TRIBAL

Pueblo de Cochiti  
Pueblo of Isleta  
Sandia Pueblo  
Taos Pueblo

### EDUCATIONAL

New Mexico School for the Deaf  
Penasco Independent School District  
Taos Academy Charter School  
University of New Mexico, Taos  
Van Buren Middle School  
Taos High School

### STATE

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District  
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

### LOCAL

Bernalillo County  
City of Albuquerque  
City of Albuquerque Open Space  
Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District  
Sandia Mountain Natural History Center  
Santa Fe County Open Space  
Taos County  
Taos DWI Council  
Taos Health Council  
Town of Taos  
Village of Taos Ski Valley





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# 2024 STAFF

Back Row: Quinn M., Candice, Quinn F., Nixo, Zeki, Nicki

Front Row: Michelle, Rosanna, Devin, Victoria (& Cory), Andrea, Ben, Darien, Mickayla

Not Pictured: Cecilia, Sheldon