



2024 IMPACT REPORT

30 ROCKY MOUNTAIN
YOUTH CORPS
YEARS
of **IMPACT**
INSPIRING TOMORROW'S
LEADERS, TODAY

A person with long hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt with "Back Mountain Ski Corp" on the back, is sitting on a large rock ledge on the left side of the frame. They are looking towards a waterfall that cascades down a rocky path in a lush green forest. The scene is framed by the dark, overhanging rock of a cave or grotto. The background is filled with tall evergreen trees and dense foliage. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

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STAFF BACK COVER

FROM OUR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR

Dear friends and supporters,

At Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, we believe in the power of young people to create positive change—for themselves, their communities, and the environment. Each year, we provide life-changing opportunities for youth and young adults through meaningful service, hands-on job training, and leadership development.

This Impact Report highlights the accomplishments of our dedicated Corpsmembers, the partnerships that make our work possible, and the lasting effects of our programs on both individuals and the landscapes we help restore. From trail maintenance and wildfire mitigation to substance use prevention and community outreach, our members work tirelessly to protect and enhance the natural and cultural assets of our communities.

Beyond the physical impact, RMYC empowers young people to develop essential skills, build confidence, and forge pathways to success in education and careers. As you read through this report, we invite you to celebrate the resilience, hard work, and achievements of the incredible individuals who make up the Corps.

Looking ahead, 2025 marks RMYC's 30th anniversary—a milestone that offers both an opportunity to reflect on our past successes and a chance to strengthen our communities through the expansion and evolution of our programs. With your continued support, we will ensure that future generations have access to the same transformative experiences that have defined RMYC for three decades.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. Your belief in our mission makes everything we do possible, and we look forward to working together to build a stronger, more sustainable future—one project, one crew, and one leader at a time.

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

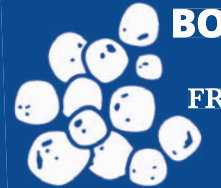


“I love chainsaw work. I felt powerful, really for the first time in my life. What I really learned this year is that I’m capable of way more than I ever could have imagined.”

—BRUNO, *Crewmember*

CONSERVATION PROGRAM

 **168** MILES OF TRAIL IMPROVED
AND
 **68** MILES OF TRAIL CORRIDOR MAINTAINED

821 BOULDERS REMOVED FROM TRAIL



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

4,461 FEET OF FENCE

CONSTRUCTED REPAIRED OR REMOVED


108 ACRES OF FOREST TREATED AND THINNED
AND
2,541 TREES REMOVED



11,195 FEET OF ACEQUIAS CLEANED


22 ACRES OF INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVED



 **76** CORDS OF WOOD CUT
22 DISTRIBUTED TO HOUSEHOLDS

161 TREES PLANTED




MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Rock
You



“My biggest success was building a strong bond with my crewmates through hard work.”

— **KAYL**,
Taos Pueblo Crewmember

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

TAOS PUEBLO

50 FEET OF VIGAS PEELED



60 LATILLAS INSTALLED



525 ADOBE BRICKS

— AND —

730 GALLONS OF MUD & PLASTER

USED IN PUEBLO RESTORATION

300 STONES RESTORED OR REPLACED



BANDELIETZ HISTORIC PRESERVATION



605 GALLONS OF MORTAR USED

102 STONES RESTORED OR REPLACED

— ON ANCESTRAL STRUCTURES —



172 GALLONS OF INVASIVE PLANTS

REMOVED FROM AROUND ANCESTRAL STRUCTURES

135



DRAINS CONSTRUCTED OR MAINTAINED



“Working closely with Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth adult members has provided me with a reminder to have the grace that allows me to connect, teach, inspire, and provide guidance to where they need to be in life.”

— *MIMI, ASL Crew Supervisor*



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM



12 CORPSMEMBERS
COMPLETED
5,800 HOURS OF
SERVICE



1,051
FEET OF TRAIL
IMPROVED



7.5 ACRES OF
INVASIVE SPECIES
REMOVED



530 GALLONS
OF MORTAR
MIXED AND APPLIED TO
ANCESTRAL SITES

186 BRICKS
LAID

FOR PRESERVATION
AT SALINAS PUEBLO





 2024 Public Health Graduates:
Matilda Trujillo and Kasey Romero

PREVENTION PROGRAM



2 PUBLIC HEALTH CREW GRADUATES
IN MAY OF 2024

300+ NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY SURVEYS



& 500+ ANNUAL STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS SURVEYS COLLECTED

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY IS TO LEARN ABOUT ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE AND RELATED ATTITUDES AMONG STUDENTS



LOCK-IT-UP CANNABIS MEDIA CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

ALONG WITH

50 LOCKABLE BAGS PROVIDED TO THE TAOS COMMUNITY FOR SAFE STORAGE

50

DWI BAGS HANDED OUT

AT DWI CHECKPOINTS



“There is a little piece of heaven in the field with your friends. Life isn’t a bore and work isn’t a chore when you learn with your friends at Rocky Mountain Youth Corps”

— **KAT**, *Crewmember*



TRAINING PROGRAM



89% OF 2024 GRADUATES

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



94%
OF CORPSMEMBERS
RECEIVED
CPR/FIRST AID
CERTIFICATIONS



81% OF CORPSMEMBERS
COMPLETED MULTIPLE LIFE
SKILLS AND VITAL PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

16 USFS
CROSSCUT
BUCKING
CERTIFICATIONS

14 USFS CHAINSAW
CERTIFICATIONS

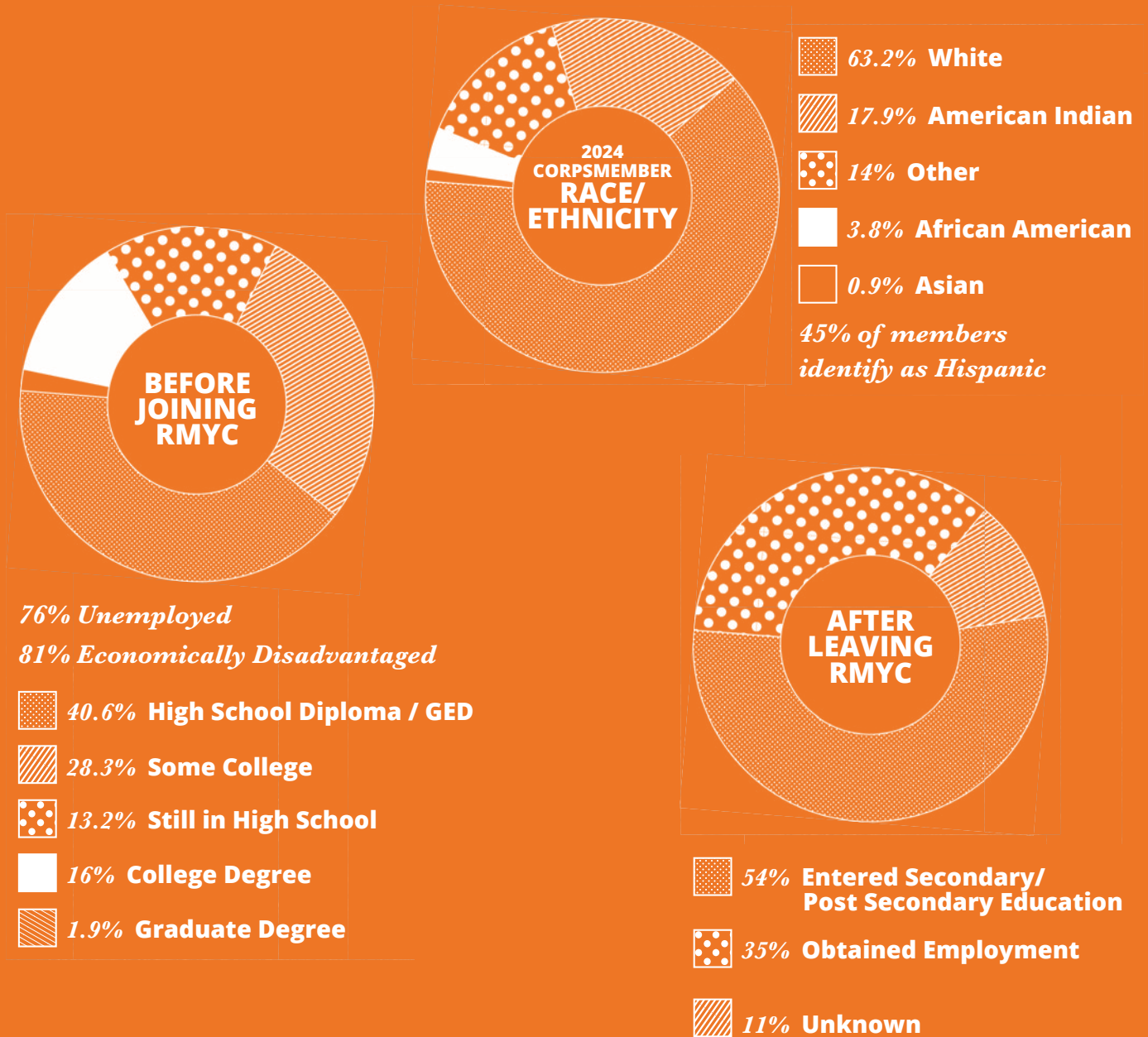


“I know conservation work is what I wanted to do, but the people, places and the depth of knowledge from everyone that was so willingly shared has changed how I see conservation. This job brought back my passion and hope moving forward, but the people made me want to stay here.”

—**KRISTINA**, *Crewmember*

CORPSMEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS

of 106 youth served in 2024



FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year 2023-2024



GRANTS
57.59% / \$2,139,229

FEE FOR SERVICE
39.56% / \$1,469,418

CONTRIBUTIONS / GIFTS
2.05% / \$76,153

OTHER REVENUE
0.49% / \$18,116

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS
0.32% / \$11,880

WAGES, BENEFITS & TAXES
70.39% / \$2,669,856

EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS & SUPPLIES
29.30% / \$1,111,155

IN-KIND EXPENSES
0.31% / \$11,880



INDIVIDUAL DONORS

From fiscal year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

** In-Kind donation

FOUNDER'S CIRCLE – \$5,000+

Doug Eichelberger**

John Wood

STEPPING STONE – \$1,001 - \$5,000

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Taos Pueblo Warchief's Office

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AnJanette Brush

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Dede & Mark Feldman

Delores Endres

George Brown

George Long

Grayson Thomas

Herbert Foster

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Keith Burke

Louis & Patricia Chavez Romero

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FROM DONORS WHO WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

SUPPORTERS

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FOUNDATIONS, NON-PROFITS & BUSINESSES

\$100,000+

Aqualia Foundation
National Forest Foundation
National Park Foundation

\$20,000-\$99,999

Justice Outside
Lineberry Foundation
McCune Charitable Foundation
MS DOSS Foundation Inc
Richard B. Siegel Foundation

Taos Community Foundation
Taos Ski Valley Foundation
United Way of North Central New Mexico
Zimmer Community Fund

\$1-\$19,999

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Pulakos CPAs
Reed Family Foundation, Inc.
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Sandia Peak Tram*
Santa Fe Community Foundation
Santa Fe Opera*
Taos Mountain Outfitters*
Twirl Taos*

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,
Bosque del Apache National 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,
Salinas Pueblo Missions
National Monument,
Petroglyph National Monument,
Valles Caldera National Monument*

STATE

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

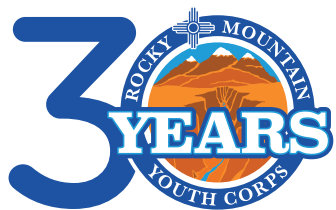
Sandia Pueblo
Taos Pueblo

EDUCATIONAL

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
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Santa Fe County
Stream Dynamics
Taos Alive
Taos County
Taos DWI Council
Taos Health Council
Taos Soil & Water Conservation District
Town of Taos
Trout Unlimited
Village of Taos Ski Valley



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

— Since 1995 —

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Not Pictured: Kate Sorrell, Cecilia Dimas, Quinn Fjal