

The Arts Campus at Willits  
2024 Annual Report

# Elevated

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# Results Elevated

TOTAL  
BUDGET

\$2,851,765

PROGRAMS, SERVICES,  
& ARTS EDUCATION

\$2,193,688



This past year, TACA reached new heights. Not just in the talent on our stage or the growing buzz around our events, but in the way our community came together to enjoy shared experiences, bold ideas, and the power of the performing arts.

From programming and education to partnerships and community reach, our incredible staff and Board of Directors elevated everything we do. Thanks to them and the support of all of you, TACA has become a cultural and economic cornerstone for our region, and our momentum continues to grow.

and performance contributes to making our community stronger and more resilient. In our theater, strangers become friends, young people find their voices, and artists challenge us to think differently, to feel more deeply, and to connect more fully.

Last year, we presented 179 events across ten artistic disciplines. We hosted a staggering 47 GRAMMY® Award-nominated artists on our stage, offering our audience intimate access to the artists they love. We were rewarded by nabbing “Best Music Venue” in the annual *Aspen Daily News* AJAX Awards. Our stage has become a trusted place for artistic excellence and bold, thought-provoking expression. We also deepened our impact in arts education, reaching 2,626 students, ensuring that young people in our community not only experience the arts but also see themselves as artists, creators, and changemakers. We achieved this by directing nearly 80% of our \$2.85 million budget directly to programming, services, and education.

The word “elevated” doesn’t just describe what happened at TACA this past year; it defines what we are becoming. We are raising the bar for what a small-town, non-profit performing arts center can be. Our trajectory is only possible because of you. Thank you for your trust, your participation, and your generosity. Together, we’re fulfilling our mission of building a more vibrant, connected, and inspired community—one elevated moment at a time.

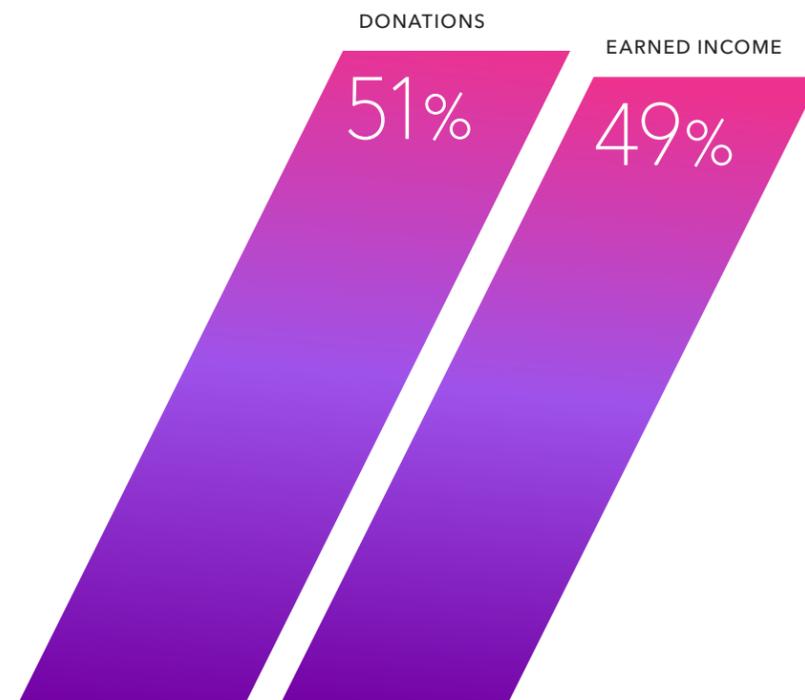
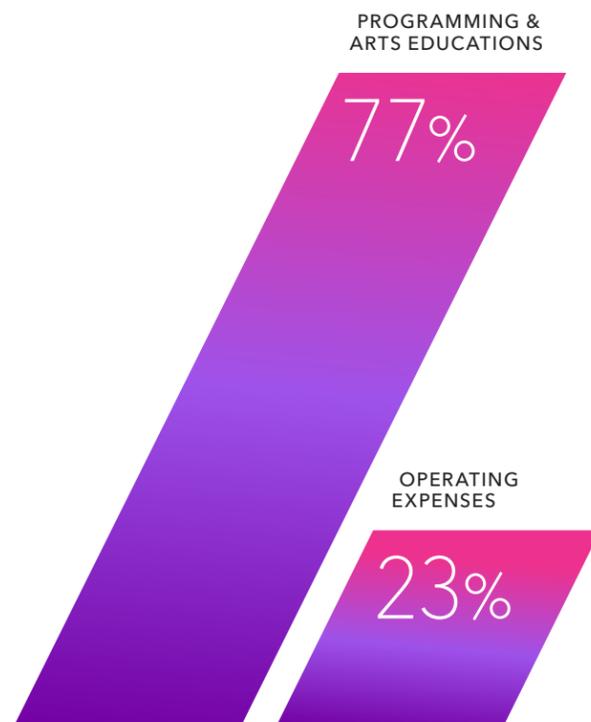
With gratitude,

**RYAN HONEY**  
Executive Director,  
The Arts Campus at Willits

This annual report is filled with many more impressive statistics, facts, and figures that highlight our success. But, there is so much more to our story than these numbers. At TACA, we believe that every event

## EXPENSES

## REVENUE



# Performances Elevated

Experiences that Connect, Engage and Inspire

179  
Total Events



21  
Thought-  
Provoking  
Events

LECTURES, PANELS, FILMS,  
CONVERSATIONS

73  
Performing  
Arts Events

MUSIC, DANCE, THEATER,  
COMEDY, POETRY



32  
Cultural  
Events

SPANISH-SPEAKING,  
LGBTQIA+, COMMUNITY,  
CULINARY



37  
Arts Education  
Events

IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS,  
FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS,  
WORKSHOPS,  
SUMMER CAMPS



47  
GRAMMY  
Nominations  
On Our Stage



16  
Other  
Events

*"It's been uniquely special working with the TACAW staff. The authors love TACAW's venue and interacting with our inquisitive and intelligent audience. Working with TACAW always feels like a warm hug, and I would venture to now call the staff my friends. I'm so grateful for the enthusiasm and creative desire of the staff to try something new and build upon it in ways that not only benefit the community but have enriched my life, my work, and my sense of belonging."*

**MITZI RAPKIN**  
Host and Producer of the literary podcast,  
*First Draft: A Dialogue On Writing*

# Arts Access Elevated

Audience and Accolades

30,664

Patrons Served



*"The last couple times we've been there the atmosphere was amazing, the drinks great, and the shows absolutely hilarious. It's a small, cute theater with a local feeling and they put up great shows."*

**SAMANTHA ALONSO**  
Patron

30%  
Free Events



6%  
Spanish-Speaking Events



20  
BIPOC Artists



3.4  
Events Per Week



Awards and Recognitions



- MUSIC VENUE
- NON PROFIT
- PLACE TO WORK



GREEN BUSINESS



4-STAR CHARITY ON CHARITY NAVIGATOR

# Youth Elevated

Fostering Future Arts Leaders

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Arts Influencers

2024 was the first year of our student ambassador program

*"The Arts Influencer program has helped me immensely. I've become involved with my community, met so many incredible people, and learned about teamwork and collaboration. I really appreciate this program and I'm super excited to continue working together."*

**AVA SMITH**  
Arts Influencer, Basalt High School, Class of 2026

Bailey Shaw Internship Program Launched

The Bailey Shaw Internship Program honors the legacy of Bailey Shaw (pictured above), a valued local community member and one of TACAW's first summer interns. The program is designed for high school and college-aged youth interested in the arts, providing hands-on experience, career development opportunities, and access to a supportive arts community. In 2025, we offer two internship positions: Education and Performing Arts Intern.

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Youth Arts Pass Participants

*"Being an intern in the Bailey Shaw Internship Program offered me invaluable work experience and learning, and opportunities to make rare and important connections. The team is incredibly supportive and helped me grow in ways I will forever be grateful for."*

**LOGAN PICKRELL**  
Former Intern

# Education Elevated

Fostering Future Artists and Audiences

# TACAW



*"Thank you for the funny show and great people TACAW has to perform and thank you for the privilege for letting us see a show of a lifetime and all the people that you brought and all the nice people. Please come back for more amazing plays. Thank you."*

**TATUM**  
In-School Program Student

23  
Teaching Artists

37  
Total Education Events



12  
Participating Schools



2,626  
Total Students Served



*"Thank you for partnering with RFHS to give our emerging bilingual students such a phenomenal experience at TACAW on 11/20/24. I saw smiles spread from cheek to cheek on many students' faces. It was a delight to witness them speak up and play."*

**AMANDA MARTINEZ**  
Teacher, Roaring Fork High School

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Arts Education Partners



# Arts Economy Elevated

Regional Economic Driver

*“When TACAW has a show our business increases. People join us for dinner before the show, it creates a great energy at Mezzaluna.”*

**GRANT “JUNIOR” SUTHERLAND**  
General Manager, Mezzaluna

FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS	10
PART-TIME AND CONTRACTORS	22
SPILOVER SPENDING	\$702,190*

\*Based on national art attendee data from Americans for the Arts.



# Local Talent Elevated

Creating Opportunity  
for Homegrown Artists

*"TACAW continues to be a leader in the Arts in the Roaring Fork Valley, deeply committed to supporting the local community, fostering a vibrant cultural scene, and presenting a diverse range of performers from across the country and around the world."*

**NATALIE SPEARS**  
Local Singer Songwriter



20  
Shows Featuring a  
Local Performer

# Philanthropy Elevated

Support For The Arts

2024 TOTAL DONATIONS  
AND CONTRIBUTIONS

\$1,327,585

REPEAT  
DONORS

84%

NEW DONORS  
IN 2024

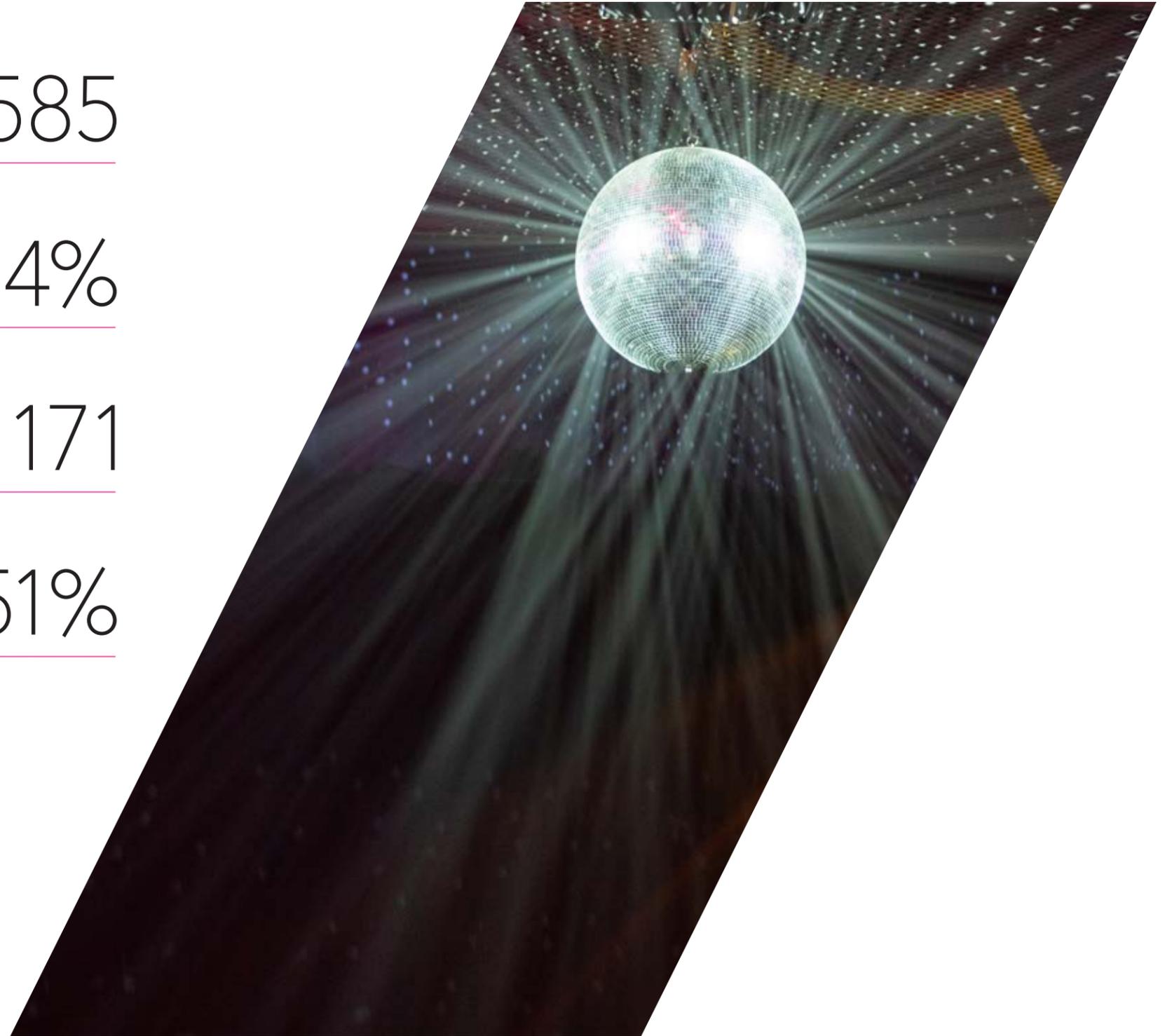
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PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET  
FROM DONATIONS

51%

*"It's been simply amazing to watch support for TACAW grow year after year—and to watch what the amazing staff has been able to do with that support to help create and sustain the cultural and community fabric of this Valley. Isa and I are truly honored and humbled to be a part of this flourishing hub and thank everyone who's making it thrive for all of us."*

**DANIEL SHAW**  
Board Chair



# Support Elevated

Building Community Through Partnerships

*“TACAW’s commitment to youth and the arts is a powerful force in our region—nurturing creativity, fostering connection, and supporting the social-emotional development of our young people. Their venue has become more than just a performance space; it’s a true community hub where people of all ages gather, engage, and are inspired. At Aspen Community Foundation, we believe in the transformative power of the arts and equitable access to opportunity—values that are deeply reflected in TACAW’s mission and work.”*

**ERICA SNOW**  
CEO, Aspen Community Foundation

## Corporate Founders



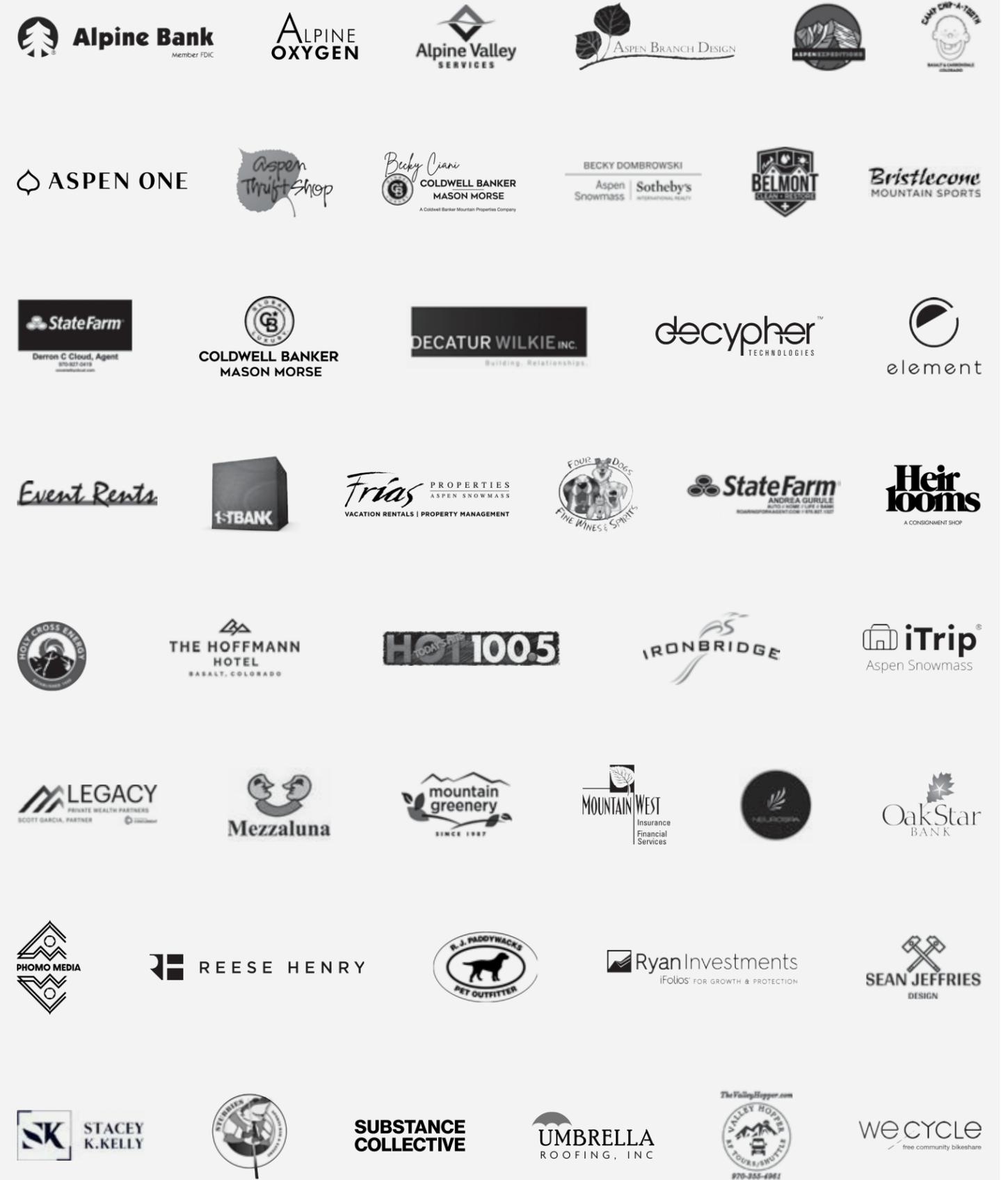
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## Grantors



## Business Advocates



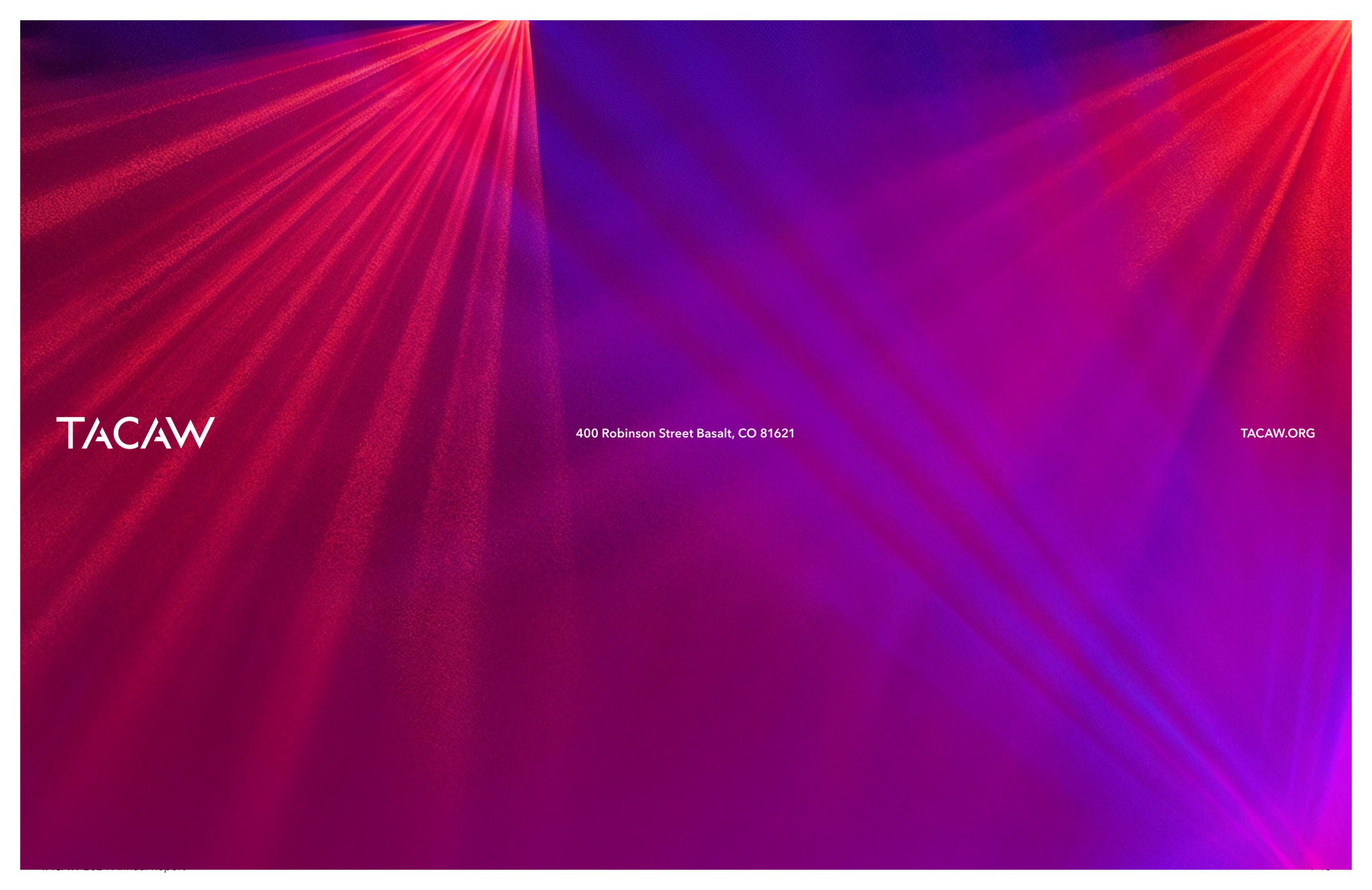
# Community Elevated

Non-Profit and Community Programming Partners



# 2024 Donors

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