

Community Foundation
OF JACKSON HOLE

Community Foundation announces new initiative focusing on Education and Families

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JACKSON, WY – The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole announced today that it is launching a new Education and Family initiative with Systems of Education, a collective impact network representing over 30 organizations engaged in education in Teton County, Wyoming. Systems of Education’s collective actions aim to make out-of-school time more equitable, accessible, and enriching for all students and families in Teton County, WY. Their membership includes nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and businesses.

In partnership with the Community Foundation, the Education and Family initiative will hire a backbone leader for Systems of Education who will be responsible for the following activities:

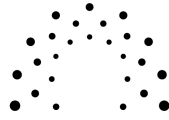
- Providing strategic guidance toward the initiative’s common vision
- Guiding, coordinating, and facilitating initiative activities
- Cultivating community engagement in support of the initiative’s work
- Establishing shared measurement and learning processes and frameworks to evaluate progress
- Advancing funding to support the initiative

The Backbone Leader of Systems of Education will join a team of initiative leaders at the Foundation including Kate Schelbe, Backbone Leader of Teton Behavioral Health Alliance and Wendy Martinez, Director, Housing Solutions. This initiative is aligned with the Community Foundation’s 2022-25 Strategic Plan which prioritizes acting on root causes of community issues and putting funding to work on community-identified needs.

"Over the past 12 years, Systems of Education has been supporting local working families and educators as a volunteer-driven network," Community Foundation Board Chair, Julie O'Halloran said. "This collective is ready to begin its next chapter, and we are confident that the addition of a dedicated staff person will help to accelerate their impact in our community."

The Foundation has been involved with Systems of Education since its founding in 2012. This initiative is funded in part by a lead gift from Alumbra Innovations Foundation as part of their Place-based Teaching and Learning Initiative that supports the development of current and future generations of learners and leaders who are deeply connected to and engaged in the economic, social, and environmental vitality of their local and global communities.

"We believe that future generations who are deeply connected to the place they call home are more likely to take inspired actions that benefit their communities," said Christy Walton,



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Founder of Alumbra Innovations Foundation. “We’re excited to support collective efforts to increase engagement opportunities for students and families.”

About the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole

The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole has been inspiring donors, investing in nonprofits, and enriching our community for over 30 years. The Foundation manages more than \$100 million in assets. Since inception, donors have relied on the Foundation’s experienced staff to assist with current and planned giving by simplifying administration and providing insight about community needs. The Foundation also administers various grant programs to address critical needs in our community and support organizations based on impact, collaboration, innovation, and capacity.

Annually, the Foundation organizes Old Bill’s Fun Run, which has raised over \$228 million for local nonprofits since inception. The Foundation is accredited in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations and has consistently ranked in the Top Ten among U.S. community foundations in gifts per capita, grant activity and transactional volume since 2014 according to CF Insights annual survey—the only community foundation to do so in all three of these categories.

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