

BARTENDER CHALLENGE

The Annual Bartender Challenge was a success, raising over \$50,000 to support Wyoming residents. The number one Fundraiser in the state was the Eagle Bar in big-hearted La Barge, Wyoming, where Judy, Mike, family, employees, and the whole community have come together year after year to help out.

Despite the new and unexpected challenges of the year, bars around the state held contests, sold cutouts, and had fun while raising money, proving once again that we are Wyoming Strong. Runners-Up for this year's challenge include the Little Chief Saloon in Worland, T-Joe's in Cheyenne, R Place in Pine Haven, the American Legion Post #5 in Torrington, the Jim Bridger Club in Ft. Bridger, Jodi Stensgaard and the VFW #1881 in Cheyenne, Lakeside Liquor in Gillette, the Landmark Bar in Wheatland, the Cowboy Bar and Badlands Liquor and Lanes in Mountain View, and Spanky's in Evanston. Many other bars throughout the state also raised money! We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the many bartenders, owners, and patrons throughout the state that make this event a success year after year. We will see you again in 2021!



WYOMING GENEROSITY

A huge thank you to Rodeo Rick, his team, and the folks at the Gaslight Social in Casper for including Wyoming CARES in their spring slate of Wyoming Generosity Auctions. Around \$3000 was raised from community members who bid on baskets of items put together by our office staff and donations from folks around Casper.

Original art, camping equipment, kid's baskets, arcade sports, vacation packages and more were auctioned, while the crowd played games and Bingo - everyone had an amazing time.



Amazon Smile



If you are looking for a way you can support our mission of helping Wyoming Residents, remember that you can shop at “smile.amazon.com” and direct .05% of your purchase to Wyoming CARES. A little bit can add up to a lot, and it’s a great way to make some of your necessary purchases count toward helping Wyoming residents in need.

2020 Ride With the Winds Bike Tour

The 2020 Ride with the Winds Bike Tour remains on schedule for this year’s ride around Wheatland and Guernsey on August 1st and 2nd! If you’re sick of being stuck indoors, consider giving our non-competitive bike tour a try! We have 50, 75, and 100 mile routes, and you can turn around at any time. Join an awesome community of friendly riders who love riding and enjoy some awesome scenery through Sybille Canyon and Guernsey.

The ride is fully catered, supported by volunteer SAGs who have cookies, gatorade and water on hand at all times, as well as medical and mechanical support. Find registration materials online or by contacting our office. Pledges of \$150 are required, with \$75 due at the event. Riders who raise \$250 will receive a limited-edition Voler jersey.



Rescheduled Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state health orders, we have had to reschedule all of our spring events. We still plan on holding most of them, with newly scheduled dates in the fall. We have cancelled the Rocky Mountain Art Show and Auction and will hold the event with Featured Artist Manuel Franco next year.

CHEYENNE DUCT TAPE DUEL

New Date: Saturday, September 12th

Location: Storey Gymnasium

2811 House Ave.

All tickets purchased for the original date remain good. We will mail tickets out with the new information in August.

Cheyenne Father-Daughter Social

New Date: September 26th

Location: Cheyenne Central High

5500 Education Drive

Casper Father-Daughter Social

New Date: October 3rd

Location: OYO Townhouse

300 W. F St.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ART SHOW AND AUCTION

New Date: May 1st, 2021

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Casper

1150 N. Poplar

Ladies' Soup Bowl Luncheon

Date: November 4th, 2020

Location: UW Agriculture Building, Fairgrounds

Casper

GILLETTE FATHER-SON DUCT TAPE DUEL

Date: October 17th, 2020

Location: National Guard Armory

811 E. Laramie St

A Decade of Excellence!

We at Wyoming CARES are taking time to reflect on our phenomenal volunteers from the past decade, and their impact on Wyoming residents in need. We are proud to have these amazing people as part of our team!

Volunteer of the Year

Cassidy Geiger - 2019
Nancy Aaker - 2018
Steven Glasscock - 2017
Michelle Heaphy - 2016
Jeannine Frye Klein - 2015
Machelle Holloway - 2014
Karen Ewart - 2013
Lori Osman - 2012
Carla Brannon - 2011
Sharon Williams - 2010

Caring Hands

Maureen Novak - 2019
Margaret Salisbury - 2018
Ryan Haydel - 2017
Cassidy Salisbury - 2016
Machelle Holloway - 2015
Jane and Ken Stack - 2014
Lorali Brachtenbach - 2013
Mike Siek - 2012
Jeanne Ketner - 2011
Rick Martz - 2010

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Kelly Walsh Key Club - 2017
Lillian Woodard - 2016
Casper Legion Baseball Team - 2016
Lorali Brachtenbach - 2015
Aivree Conde - 2014
Youth Community Service Program - 2012
Boy Scout Troop #101 - 2010

Volunteer Couple of the Year

Jeannine Frye Klein & Cordell Klein - 2019
Penny and Albert Twomey - 2017
Bev and Ken Stahl - 2015
Kim and Jerry Glasscock - 2013
Maureen and John Novak - 2012
Kelsey Holloway and Chad Cohagan - 2011
Christine and Scott Kronz - 2010

Volunteer Ambassador Award

Helen Wolff - 2019

Visionary Award - Leila Pfaff - 2019

Volunteer Excellence Award

Fawn Conrad - 2019
Cindi Brachtenbach - 2018

Volunteer Family of the Year

Ryan Gertsch Family - 2018

Volunteer Duo

Jim and Abbi Salisbury - 2019

Service Volunteer of the Year

Dori Boger - 2017
Diane Henshaw - 2012
Mari Riggs - 2011

Lifetime Achievement Award

Pat Sweeny - 2013

Recipients Say Thank You

“Thank you so much for your generous [funds] towards my fuel purchases so that I can receive treatments 5 days a week. I am very grateful!”

Female, adult

“I wanted to send a thank you for all that you did for me and for others. So greatly appreciated. I am now 6 months cancer free.”

Female, senior citizen

“I never thought I would have a handicapped bathroom. What a great blessing to use it now.”

Male, Senior Citizen

“Thank you for your assistance. We wouldn’t have been able to provide for our son’s treatment without your help.”

Father, Adult

“As I have been overwhelmed with the cost of all of this, it is wonderful to know there are places that can offer some assistance. We talked to many, and you were the only ones who reached out to help. I would love to repay this gift at some point and will always keep you and the organization in my thoughts.”

Mother, Adult

“The assistance helped eliminate part of the stress on the family emotionally and financially. Thank you.”

Female, Senior Citizen

“Felt good knowing someone cares. It was a real blessing to know this foundation is available and how well it works.”

Male, Senior Citizen

“Thank you for your assistance. We wouldn’t have been able to provide our son’s treatment without your help.”

Father, Adult

“We cannot thank you enough. You can’t even imagine what a blessing this help was for us. It relieved some of the stress of the situation and allowed us to focus on the situation at hand.”

Male, Senior Citizen

“The people that made this happen, we would like to thank them deeply for this help. It is a wonderful thing that Wyoming has people who care.”

Female, Adult

“First we want to say thank you so very, very much. We are so grateful for the gasoline assistance. Thank you so very much because we are just barely making our financial obligations.”

Male, Senior Citizen

“We have used this ramp so many times. It is wonderful and so much safer getting in and out of the house. Thank you so much.”

Female, Senior Citizen

“Thank you for the gas money and for all you do for cancer patients in Wyoming.”

Female, Adult

Assistance Summary November 2019-April 2020

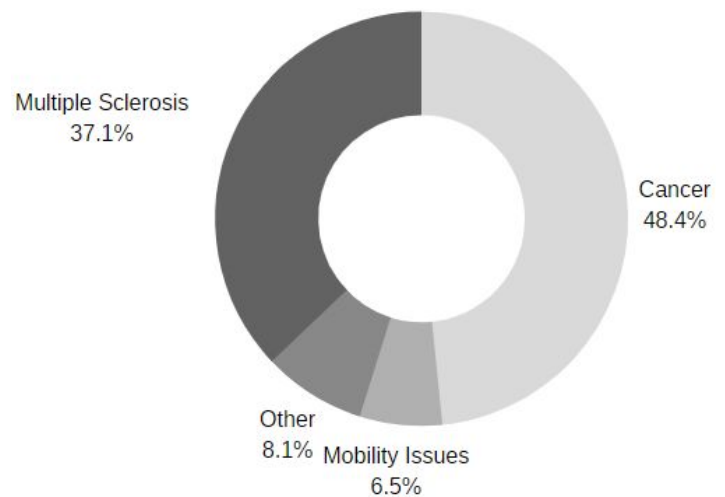


Since our last newsletter, we have helped ____ people in 21 Wyoming communities that affected over 100 family members. These funds have gone directly to infants, youths, adults and elderly clients who are experiencing temporary or ongoing needs.

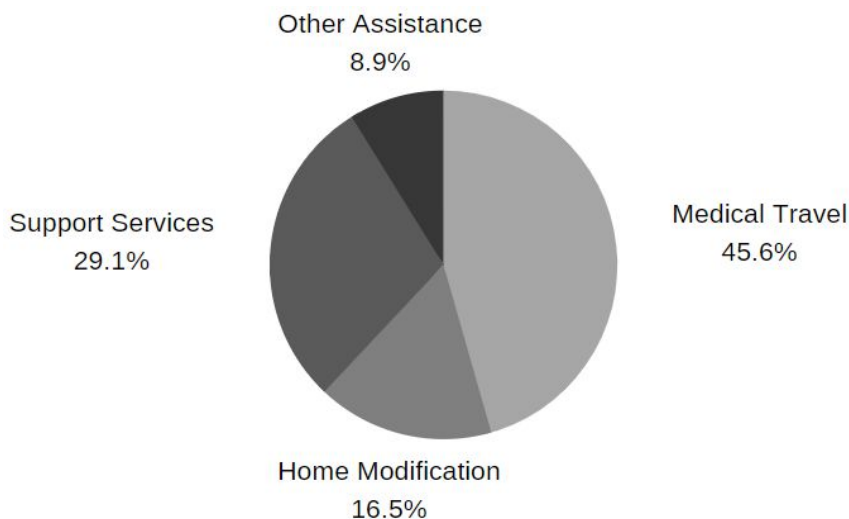
Our office receives referrals from dozens of Hospitals, doctors, advocacy organizations, social workers, and more across eight states seeking assistance for Wyoming residents.

In the last six months assistance has been provided to clients with a range of different diagnoses, including Multiple Sclerosis, issues with pain such as fibromyalgia, crushed discs, and osteoporosis, and many different kinds of cancers. All clients are required to have a professional referral and to demonstrate need to be eligible for funds within our programs.

Diagnosis of Assisted Clients



Type of Assistance Provided



Wyoming CARES provides medical and non-medical funding assistance to individuals. Since November 2019, assistance has been provided for home modifications such as ramps and accessible bathrooms, for medically necessary travel, support services, and more.

From the President of the Board of Directors

The COVID-19 crisis has affected everyone, and of course this includes us at Wyoming CARES. The spring is traditionally our biggest fundraising season, and we hold about a half-dozen events across the state that we have had to postpone, reschedule, or cancel due to our concerns over safety as well as government restrictions. Despite these unprecedented challenges, we have pushed forward in continuing to support our mission, to assist Wyoming residents in need. I would like to thank the volunteer members Board of Directors, of the Professional Review Committee, and the Bike Tour committee for continuing to volunteer and work through these unprecedented times.

I would also like to thank the businesses, foundations like the McMurry Foundation, the Wyoming Breast Cancer Initiative, the Wyoming Community Foundation, and the Hughes Charitable Foundation who have provided us with grants and support. Of course I would also like to thank our donors and staff, who have helped keep us on track.

Since our inception in 2001, Wyoming CARES has helped 2317 residents of Wyoming, affecting 5262 family members in 94 communities all across our wonderful state. We do not receive any national, governmental, or United Way affiliations, and we are not financed by any huge out-of-state systems or foundations. Quite simply, Wyoming CARES is Wyoming folks helping each other in times of need.

The COVID-19 crisis hasn't changed what our mission is or what kind of help we provide. Wyoming CARES has **never** turned away anyone for lack of funds, and we hope to continue that record. It is an unfortunate truth that as times get hard, more people need help, and so I would like to use this section to make a direct appeal to our readers, donors, and event participants. While we continue to adapt to the new normal, cut costs and seek new and creative ways to raise money, I and everyone at Wyoming CARES are hoping that if you are looking for ways to make a difference, you consider donating to Wyoming CARES.

All money donated stays in Wyoming to help Wyoming Residents.

Unlike those huge national groups, we have prided ourselves on transparency and low overhead costs to stay focused on our mission, and to provide as much assistance as possible to the people in our community who need it. It's easy to donate. You can do so through our website at wyomingcares.org, or by using the form attached to the back of this newsletter.

Nancy Aaker, President

Announcing the Art at Home Event

Due to the unfortunate circumstances that 2020 has thrown at our world, we were unable to hold our Annual Rocky Mountain Art Show and Auction. But don't let that stop you from adding a beautiful piece of art to your collection! For a short time, we are offering our Art at Home event!

You will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to the event for \$30 per ticket. Each ticket will allow you to select from our collection of limited edition prints from past featured artists. A selection of those prints can be found on the back of this page, or you can visit wyomingcares.org to view the entire selection. Greeting cards are also available for many of your favorite pieces (8 cards for \$10). You can find those on the website. Simply fill out the form and mail or email it to our office, and we will ship your prints to you.

But there's more! For each ticket that you purchase, you will be entered into a drawing for a remarque giclee by artist Jim Reed. This image can be viewed on our website also. The winner will be drawn on September 30, 2020.

We are excited to be able to offer you this limited time event! For more information or tickets, call us at 237-7035.

Art at Home Event!

Number of Tickets: _____

Name on Tickets: _____

Prints Selected: _____

Cards: _____

Mailing Address for Prints:

_____ *Enclosed is my Payment*

_____ *Please charge my payment to this card:*

Exp: _____ *CVV:* _____



*"Guardians of our Free Land"
by Manuel Franco*



*"First Blush of a Rising Sun" by
Carol Swinney*



*"Thunder at the Bell Fourche" by Julie
Kramer Cole*



"Sky High" by Tom Mansanarez



"Rolling Thunder" by Tom Mansanarez

Other Available Prints:

"Fresh Start" by Robert Seabeck

"Show Off" by James Reed

"Summer's End" by Connie Robinson

"The Broncs" by Kathy Sigle

"Break of Dawn" by Aumi Kaufman Perry

"Lamar Valley Wolves" by Alicia Blevins

"Breath of Time" by Scot Weir

"Bathing Beauties" by Anne Hansen

"Ridin' the Shoreline" by Jack Olson