

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



**CONCRETE
COUCH**

THE YEAR

We had a great year in 2017! We did BIG projects, added new staff, received awesome grants, met many new community members, saved tons from the landfill and got some very cool awards.

2017 BY THE NUMBERS:

Participants who did a 5 - 10 session program: **650**

People who came to a festival or workshop: **Thousands**

Summer Interns, ages 14-25: **20**

Number of bike racks welded: **5**

Dumpsters dives for recycled rebar: **20**

Concrete, metal, or wooden benches created: **10**

Happy butts on benches: Innumerable!

Mosaic or painted murals: **4**

Lanterns built from recycled materials: **250**

Screen-printed Tortillas: **300**

Screen-printed tortillas saved as archival art: **50**

Community designed and built Adventure Playgrounds: **1**

Adventures to be had at the playground: **Endless**

Commercial playgrounds recycled in the Adventure Playground: **1**

Number of giant marimbas built: **1**

Out of state artists and community builders in residence: **3**

Linear feet of 11.5 foot tall fencing and gates constructed: **200**

FROM OUR BEGINNING TO NOW:

Estimate total millions of dollars saved to the City of COS from couch projects:

All built by community members like YOU with mostly recycled materials!

PROJECTS



Marimba at Helen Hunt



Senior Center Mural



Broadmoor ES Bench



Queen Palmer ES Mural

"Concrete Couch, these guys create something from nothing...its biblical"

Promise Lee

REVEREND
COMMUNITY LEADER



"This is why CC is so incredible: it allows people to learn skills and then use them in real life. CC has opened doors for me that I didn't know existed. It is because of CC that I have become a more confident person. I believe that with some time and practice, I could be very good at anything I set my mind to"

Emily Given

CC VOLUNTEER
2012 INTERN,
MICRO-TECHNOLOGIST



SCAMP Interns

PROJECTS



Da Vinci Academy Mural

“The people there are amazing and I learned that getting help can be a great thing.”

Teen Participant

JOB TRAINING PROGRAM @BOULDER ST. SKILLSHARE



Atlas Prep Projects

"Thank you for all the amazing life giving and beautifying work you all bring to our community!"

Angelita Surage

TEACHER

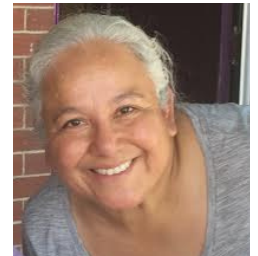


Helen Hunt Playground

“Concrete Couch brings people together to help the community. The volunteers leave something positive and take home the benefits in their head and their heart.”

Rosalinda Daise

MILITARY VETERAN,
MOM



Soda Springs Park
Fence & Gates

FINANCIALS

Grants

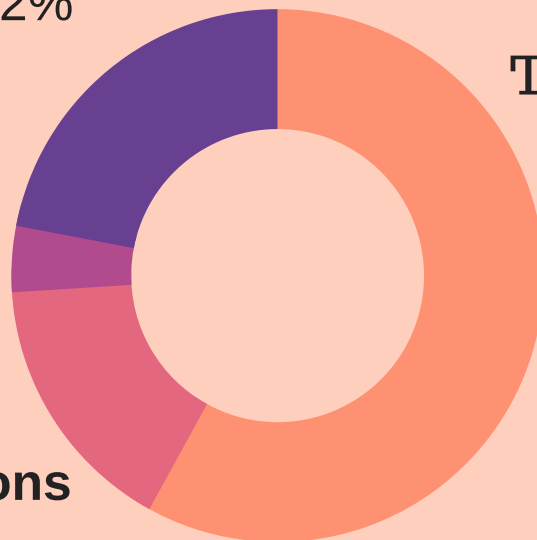
22%

Bus. donations

4%

Ind. donations

16%



INCOME*

Total income \$228k

Fees for service

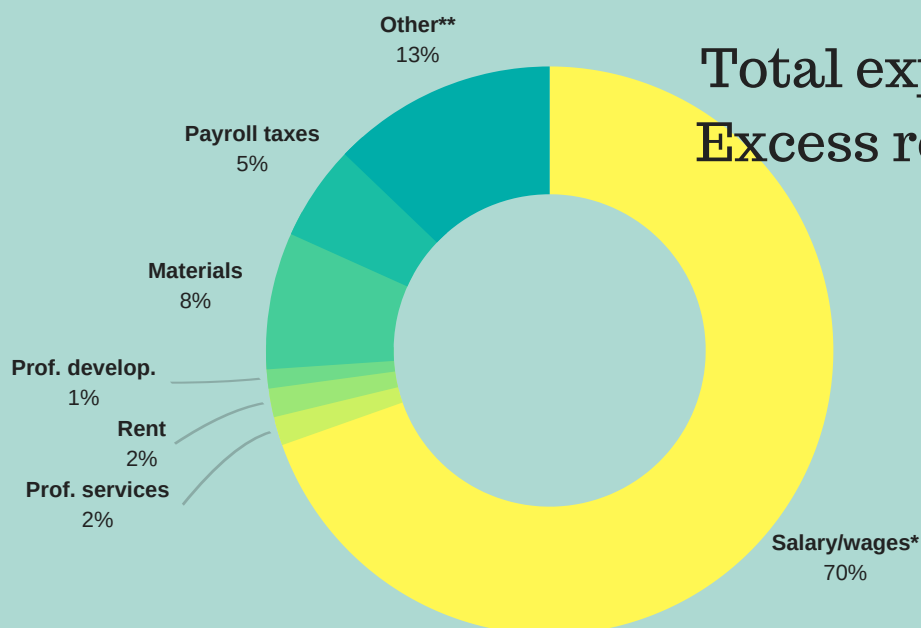
58%

* Note: We received an additional \$61k in in-kind donations, including office and shop rent, materials, prof. services, and food!

EXPENSES

Total expenses \$162k

Excess revenue \$66k



**Note: This covers workman's comp, office supplies, phone, travel, general insurance, and advertising.

*Note: 20% of core staff salary is administrative, 80% is program related

OUR SUPERSTAR SUPPORTERS

\$100-\$499

Anadia Rockey	Fotios and Joan Burtzos	Mar Flenniken and Grant Deming
Annie Schmitt and Doug Edmundson	Francois Raab	Marja Smets and Bo Varsano
Ben and Raynelle Kuckel	Gail and Dan Stewart	Matt Gaebler
Beth and David Chorpenning	Geoffrey Mason	Matt King
Beth Romano	Ginger and Craig Cantrell	Melissa Ward
Beth and Eric Roren	Greg Luczak	Michael Rigney
Bill and Lauren McCormick	Greg Johnson and Melissa Hafter	Nancy Fortune
Bogdan Swider	Hans and Mildred Becker	Nancy Saltzman
Bob and Kat Tudor	H'Krih and Medhi Shelhamer	Nancy Wilson
Bren and Karen Triplett	Heather and Aaron Briggs	Nicole Nozzi
Brian and Jill Becker	Clarke Sieburth	Niki Gken
Briar Wren	Howie Snyder and Kiki Sciullo	Nino and Marjorie Nozzi
C&C Sand	Jake Wood	Patty Deeds-Starr
Caren Camhi	Jim and Andrea Houk	Pete Gallagher
Catalyst Fund of PPCF	James and Ann Shikles	Peter Williams
Cathe Baille	Jane Sleppy	Phil's Kitchen
Cathy Reilly and Chuck Slack	Janice Sieburth	Rachel and Laura Antonuccio
Charlotte Mason	Jeffrey Noblett	Rachel Buller
Chris Bole	Jeff Zearfoss and Melissa Howard	Ralph Routon
Chris Wood	Jennifer and Ken Farmer	Rebecca Fredell
Clifford Gardner	Joe and Pat Urban	Rein and Jan Van West
Colorado Springs Urban- Intervention	John Vasilakis and Julie Raber	Sam Kornhauser
Dale and Howard Brooks	Jon Csakany	Sean and Cathy O'Donnell
Dan and Marilyn Foster	Jonathan Stern and Elisabeth Kashner	Senga Fittz
Dan Kay	Jonny O'Lonegan	Sherrie Gibson
Danny Kent	Ken and Sandy Jaray	Stephen Wood (PA)
Daniel and Cathy Johnson	Kelli and Demetri Klebe	Steve and Laurie Wood
Dan and Denise Folke	Kirsten and Bobby Pitts	Stick Horses in Pants
Dave and Elizabeth McNab	Laura and Jim Shwerin	Sukie and Bob Tanabe
David Wood	Leah Lowe	Susan Edmondson
Doug Kessler	Lelia and Bryan Davis and StarFit Kids	Sweet Althea's LLC
Douglas White	Leo and Carol Varsano	Teresa and Shawn Wyman
Ted and Pam Maynard	Libby Rittenberg and Nasit Ari	Tina and Ken Riesterer
Elizabeth Warren	Linda and Mike Crissey	Tim Marfisi
Eric Leonard and Lisa Noll	Lisa Cross	Toby Lorenc
Excalibur Machine & Sheet (in-kind)	Madeleine Butts	Valdra Pufpaff
	Manitou Springs Woman's Club	

OUR SUPERSTAR SUPPORTERS

\$500-\$999

Adam's Mountain Cafe
Alice and Phil Barnett
Amy and Mike Kultgen
Barb Winter and Dave Carpenter
C & C Sand (cash + in-kind)
Chip Landman
Concrete Couch Board of Directors
Danielle Frisbie
Donna and Kevin Murray (cash + in-kind)
General Air Service & Supply (in-kind)
Groninger Construction (cash + in-kind)
Habitat for Humanity ReStore (in-kind)
Ivywild School
Jacqueline and Bryan Dear

Jenny Elliott
Jim and Claire Blazek
Jim and Ginny Page
John Weiss
Jules Feeney
Kathy Loo
Kim Makower
Libby and Matthew Mckinley
The Med Cafe
Michael and Roberta Miller
Sara and Robert Howsam
Six & Geving Insurance
Trans-Colorado Concrete

\$1,000-\$2499

Brian Elyo (in-kind), Capco (in-kind), Chris Bole and Pikes Peak Glass (cash + in-kind), Colorado Industrial Recyclers (in-kind), Esther Beynon and Alfred Metzger, John and Patricia Hayes, Nard Claar and 45 DegreeGallery, Nat Hesse and Alice Van Buren, Quail Roost Foundation, Transit Mix (in-kind), T-Rowe Price, Steve Lowe (in-kind)

\$2,500-\$4,999

Chuck Murphy (cash + in-kind), El Pomar Foundation, Integrity Welding, Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation, Judith B. Wood, Kay and Rich Folan, Manitou Art Center (in-kind), Pikes Peak Workforce Center (in-kind), Whole Foods

\$5,000-\$14,999

Alpenglow Foundation, Bee Vradenburg Foundation, Colorado Health Foundation, Colorado Creative Industries, Edson Foundation, Independent Newspaper (in-kind), Roy A. Hunt Foundation

\$15,000-\$29,999

Colorado Springs Health Foundation, Lane Foundation

\$30,000+

Hillsdale Fund

THE WHY

We collect qualitative and quantitative data on the effectiveness of our projects. The following composite self-reported data (which is fairly representative of the majority of our programs) is from Skyway and Columbia Elementary Schools (N=41).

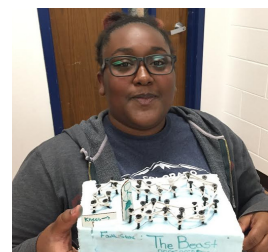
- 59% increase in hard skills and tool use
- 21% increase in abilities trying something new
- 27% increase in abilities sharing ideas and presenting to a group



"I think the Couch has taught me more about what it's like to work with a group of people. And it's shown me what we can really accomplish when working in a team and as a community."

Faith Stone

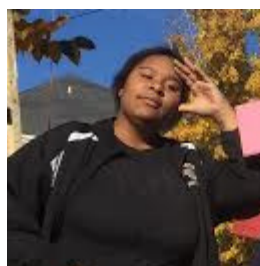
CONCRETE COUCH
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"Concrete Couch taught me how to be more responsible and how to be more involved in the community. I also learned skills that will help me later in life."

Victoria Gallegos

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PARTNERS

Organizations (38)

Arts14, CACTUS Veteran Group (Creating Art Can Tell Untold Stories), Care and Share, City of Colorado Springs, City of Manitou Springs, Club of the Arts, Colorado College Masters of Teaching, Colorado Springs Food Rescue, Colorado Springs Parks and Rec, Colorado Springs Senior Center, Colorado Springs Utilities, Cheyenne Village, Colorado Springs Sustainacenter, Energy Resource Center, Galileo School Garden, Greenbox, GRITS at Colorado College, Hillside Community Center, Imagination Celebration, Inside Out Youth Services, Kids on Bikes, Manitou Art Center, Manitou Springs Parks and Rec, Manitou Muffin Topz, Meadows Park Community Center, Moving On from Ft. Carson, Rocky Mountain PBS, Peach Press, Pikes Peak Arts Council, Pikes Peak Library District, Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission, Pikes Peak Workforce Center, Ponderosa Project at Colorado College, the Springs Echo, Trails and Open Space Coalition

"I couldn't be happier to recommend Concrete Couch for your donations of time, money, and enthusiasm."

Kat Tudor

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR,
SMOKEBRUSH FOUNDATION



Susan Edmondson

PRESIDENT, DOWNTOWN
PARTNERSHIP

The impact of Concrete Couch is in the people whose lives are permanently changed when they work with their hands, learn new skills, gain confidence, forge new friendships and contribute to bettering the community.



"Concrete Couch has nurtured incredible opportunities and relationships for our organization and the community as a whole."

Zac Chapman

DIRECTOR, COLORADO SPRINGS
FOOD RESCUE



PARTNERS

Schools (13)

Elementary Schools: Broadmoor, Columbia, Da Vinci Academy, Manitou Springs, Queen Palmer, Skyway Park, Ute Pass

Middle Schools: Manitou Springs, Colorado Springs School

High Schools: Atlas Prep, Community Prep, Landmark, Manitou Springs



"These projects offer deeply tangible learning skills that stay with our students for a lifetime"

Charlotte Miller

ARTS AND LEARNING PROJECTS
COORDINATOR,
COMMUNITY PREP SCHOOL



WHO WE ARE

Staff

Executive Director- **Steve Wood**
Program Director- **Kendall Kultgen**
Community Coordinator- **Ruthie Markwardt**
Development Director- **Terry Martinez**
Teachers - **Katie Orr, Joel Newmiller,**
Becky Pontz, Forrest Alvarez,
Chi Ito, Abraham Schubarth
Nailo the house dog



"We invite you to join
Concrete Couch in continuing
to create a place for ALL to
meet and make"

Aaron Pomis

BOARD PRESIDENT,
TEACHER
ATLAS PREP
SCHOOL



Board of Directors

Aaron Pomis, Board President - Teacher, Atlas Prep School
Lelia Davis, Board Secretary- RN, Co-founder Starfit Kids, Inc.
Eric Berolzheimer, Board Treasurer- Accountant
Madeline Butts - High school student
Leah Lowe - Art teacher, district 12
Peyton Wyman- High school student
Natalie Johnson - Director of the Manitou Art Center
Yegor "Iggy" Beljovkin - Realtor
Vincent Coleman - Assistant to Director Smokebrush Fdn
Johny O'Lonegan - Art teacher, Air Academy High School

Advisory Board

Eric Bransby, Muralist listed in "Who's Who in American Art"
Mary K Burnett, community development specialist
Kay Folan, Chef and Philanthropist
Jon Kidde, Restorative Justice program developer
Jim Houk, Landscape Architect and Community Planner
Kevin Murphy, principal with Murphy Constructors
Richard Skorman, Business owner and City Councilmember
Dan Stuart, Attorney
Kat Tudor, Artist and Director of the Smokebrush Foundation
Rodney Wood, Creativity Guru
Sherrie Gibson, Colorado GOP Vice Chair

"This organization changes
lives everyday."



Sherrie Gibson
STATE GOP
VICE CHAIR,
CONCRETE COUCH
ADVISORY BOARD

KUDOS & 2018

2017 Awards

Future of the Arts, Pikes Peak Arts Council

Outstanding Project, Colorado Springs Historic Preservation Alliance
for the Soda Springs Park Enclosure

E-chievement Award, E-Town

Steve has been invited to be the Keynote Speaker for the *Colorado Art Education Association's* annual conference in November 2018

"The good people at Concrete Couch are bursting with energy and ideas to combine fun and education in art. Join them on a project if you can and leave your mark on our community."

Julie Ott

D-11 SCHOOL
BOARD MEMBER



"Passion + compassion + creativity + energy = Concrete Couch. This group of "doers" are the paradigm for community building."

Rodney Wood

DIRECTOR OF
ARTOCADE &
CREATIVITY GURU



Looking ahead

We've got big plans for 2018! We plan to buy or build a facility in the the South East part of Colorado Springs. We have raised \$100,000 towards this goal and are working with realtors, foundations, builders, business members, and schemers to make this dream a reality.

Stay tuned and we invite you to get involved! www.concretecouch.org

THANK YOU to all of our supporters, sponsors, volunteers, partners, teachers, and board members who made 2017 a great year.