

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



2019'S PROJECTS, DONORS,  
STATS, STAFF, AND  
OUR BIG ENDEAVOR-  
CONCRETE COYOTE!



# COMMUNITY PROJECTS



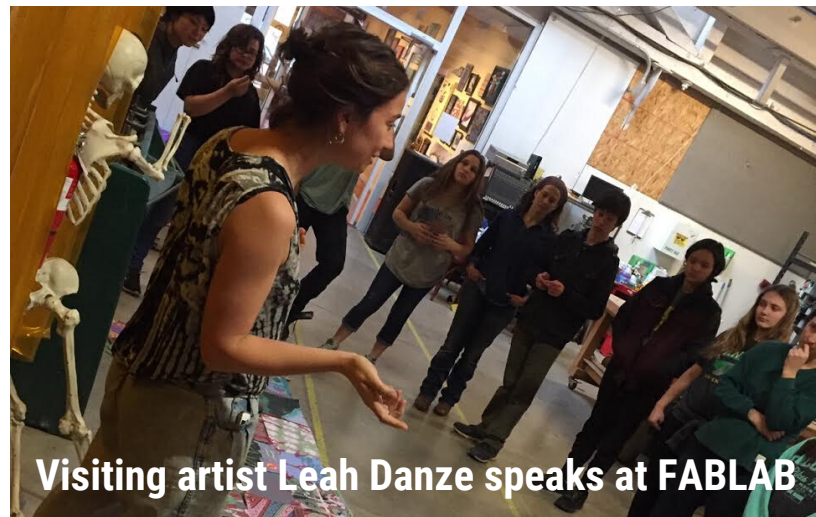
Helen Hunt Phase 3



Stained glass workshop



Cardboard quilt at CS Senior Center



Visiting artist Leah Danze speaks at FABLAB



Entryway gates at Edison Elementary



Students work on mosaic for Edison



Manitou lantern building + parade



Making the armature for a big lantern



CC teacher Julie Sprinkle gets extra color



Restoring the 2003 Cache la Poudre mural



Model building for the playground



Queer prom decorations at IOYS



Climbing wall at Edison Elementary



Welding at FABLAB



HAS Welders at work



Horticultural Art Society Garden Fence

# CONCRETE COYOTE

1100 S. Royer Street sits as the gateway between downtown COS and southeast COS. Below is our plan for the site including buildings, gathering spaces for performance and music, bike and walking trails, permaculture and food gardens, rainwater retention, materials and tools for use, an amphitheater, a playground, and the Legacy Loop Trail!



## Community Built Park

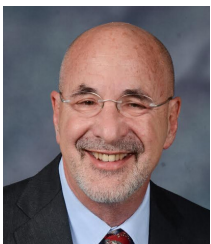
**Playground, Walking and Bike Trails, Environmental Restoration, Fences/Gates/Retaining Walls, Permaculture Gardens, Sculpture Garden, Legacy Loop Trail**

Outdoor recreation of many types, composting, planting and growing, alternative energy, recycling, water harvesting, stormwater management, river restoration, sustainability and resource sharing.

## Buildings

**Offices, Bathrooms, Caretaker's Residence, Garage/Sheds**

Job-training and Community Connecting Programs (art programs, urban gardening, ecological education and restoration)



Richard Skorman, President CS City Council

"I wholeheartedly support this project, along with others in our municipality including the majority of City Council, Mayor John Suthers, our city's Economic Development principals and numerous leaders from our community."



David Reese-Cole, 2019/2020 Intern

"CC has a positive work environment where I learn about being a leader and working with my hands."

# COYOTE PROJECTS



Summer Coyote Program



Trail building



Framing up the nano house



Moving a large beam



Growing spinach in coldframes



Deaf and Blind School doing construction



Bikers using the bike trails



CPS students build kiosks



CPS students work on the tea House



Base of the tea house



Deaf and Blind School students are hardcore!



Moving earth and making friends



CC welders start a disc golf basket



Planting the orchard



Veterans put up a kiosk



Making art from recyclables

# DONORS

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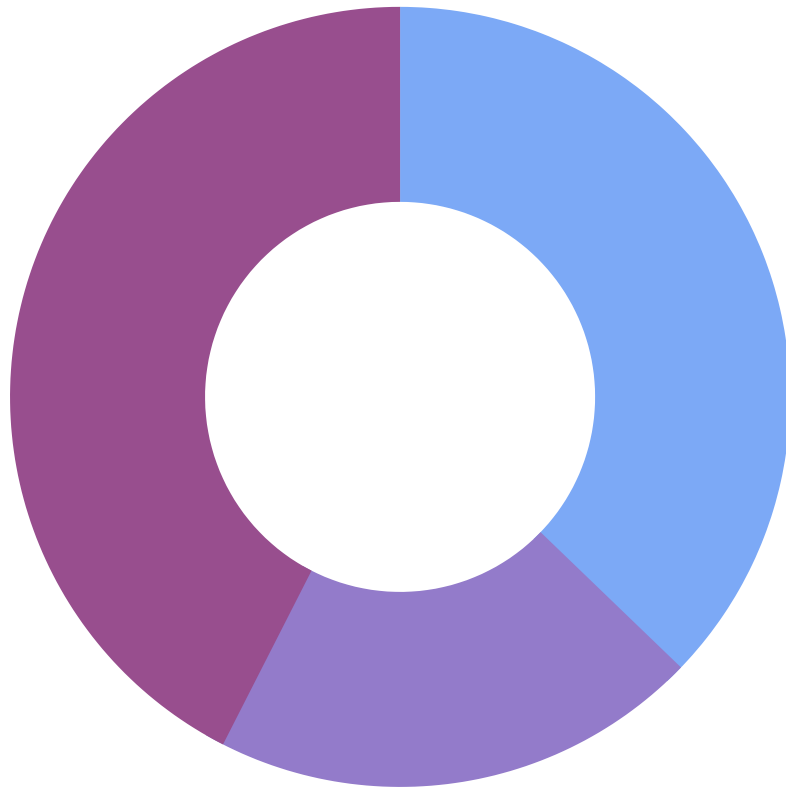
Hillside Community Ventures,  
Housing and Urban Development



# INCOME

Total Income= \$401,885  
Net Income= \$210,780

Fee for  
service  
42.5%



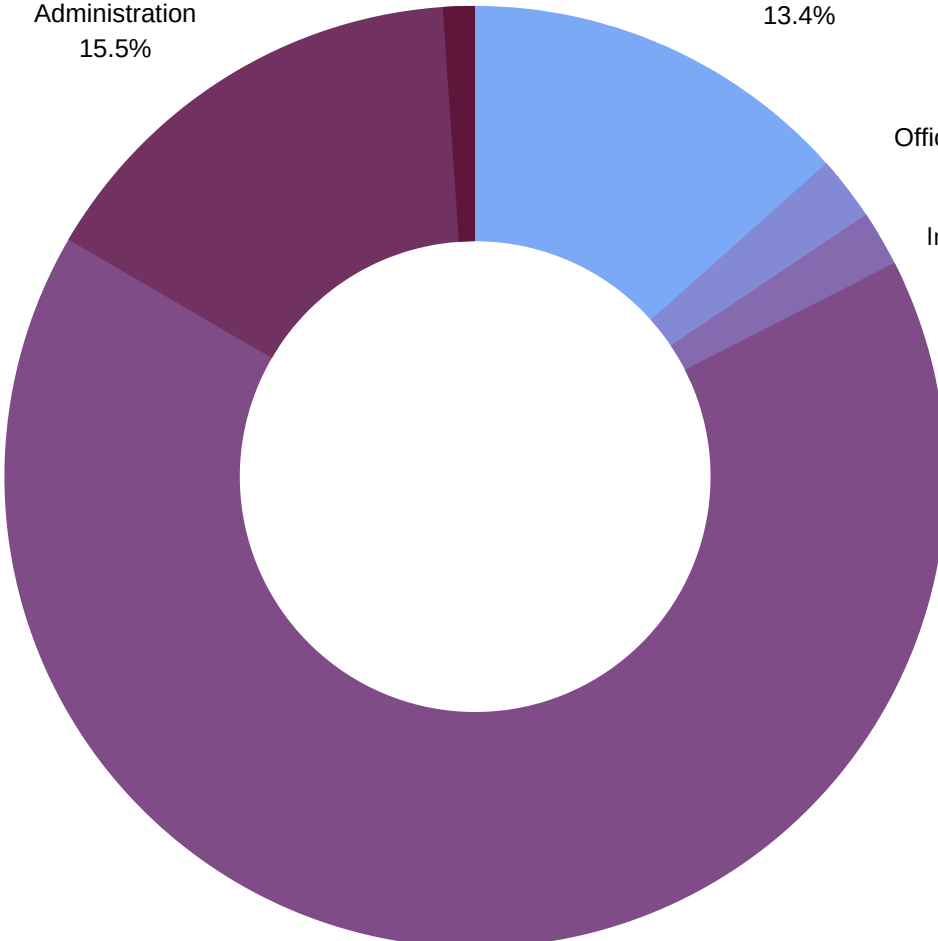
Fdn  
grants  
37.2%

Ind  
donations  
20.3%

Land Development  
13.4%

Rent  
1.1%

Administration  
15.5%



Office operation (printing, mailing, etc.)  
2.2%

Insurance  
1.9%

# EXPENSES

Total Expenses= \$130,331

\*\*Note: 20% of core staff wages are administrative, 80% are program related

Programming  
65.9%

# WHO WE ARE

## Staff

Becky Pontz- Teacher  
Brian Elyo - Project Manager  
Chifumi Ito- Teacher  
Craig Cantrell- Site Manager  
Faith Stone- Teacher  
Judy Pastore- House Manager  
Julie Sprinkle- Science Program  
Katie Orr- Teacher  
Kendall Kultgen- Grants + Projects  
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Peyton Wyman  
Brooke Ashbridge

# WHY WE ARE

Our evaluation data:

Participants show

30-40% increase in tool use skills

25-35% increase speaking publicly and presenting their ideas

25-35% increase in confidence in trying new things

AND they credit our programs to feeling more ready to gain employment and be successful in higher education and life.



**Kate Barnes, 2019 cc artist-scientist in residence**

"Teamwork is the name of the game and the Couch has the biggest team of them all by keeping doors open and a welcoming attitude to everyone who walks through those doors."




## The role of our programming in dropout prevention

"Out-of-school-time programs, especially arts-based programs, can be critical players in a community's efforts to prevent school dropout" if they include "(1) recruitment and retention of target populations with multiple risk factors; (2) long-term skill development that engages youth behaviorally, emotionally, and academically rather than a drop-in culture; (3) an emphasis on the critical ingredient of real-world applications through performance; (4) staff development and mentoring; (5) a strategic community-level plan for dropout prevention; (6) and program content reframed toward competencies that underlie better school performance and prosocial behavior, such as communication, initiative, problem solving, motivation, and self-efficacy"

Charmaraman and Hall, 2011

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