

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

---



CONCRETE  COUCH

# THE YEAR

2018 has been a year full of projects, planning, visioning, and moving closer towards our goals of **owning and developing our own facility named "Concrete Coyote"**

## 2018 BY THE NUMBERS:

Giant puppets made out of recycled metal at Ft. Carson: 1  
Second Saturday Sustainability Skillshares: 12  
Giant tile dragons constructed in Hillside: 1  
Ceramic scales on the giant dragon: about 1,200  
Wooden vegetables made by CPS students: 9  
Square feet of mosaic on pillars at Sand Creek Library: 120  
# of students who built the Concrete Couch Tiny House: 40  
Garden signs for Hillside Community Center made: 81  
New Couch staff: 3  
Fundraisers per week: 1  
Budget for Concrete Couch build out: \$966,000  
Participants who did a six session project: 200+  
Lantern parades: 3  
Denver Wolf Music Jams: 50  
Veterans and seniors who built the Mini Pumpkin: 12  
Giant mosaic lions: 1  
Grant mosaic lion artists: 35  
Giant marionette mouse sculptures: 1  
Meetings related to Concrete Coyote: 720

"Concrete Couch helps us get out of our comfort zones, which is a good thing."



**Spica Stolfus**

ARTIST, PARTICPANT

"We get to make new things and learn new things. It helps the community. And it makes the world a more colorful place"

**Alayah Ashley**

PARTICIPANT, STUDENT





# PROJECTS



**Tiny House**



**Shooks Run Train**



**Grant Lions Mural**



**Hillside Coldframe**



**CSFR Mural**

"I feel more confident since we shared our ideas in a group. I feel more comfortable working with people I didn't know before."



**Taylor Buckley**

STUDENT, GRANT ES



**Charleston Memorial Gate, SC, CBA Bootcamp**



**Helen the Dragon**



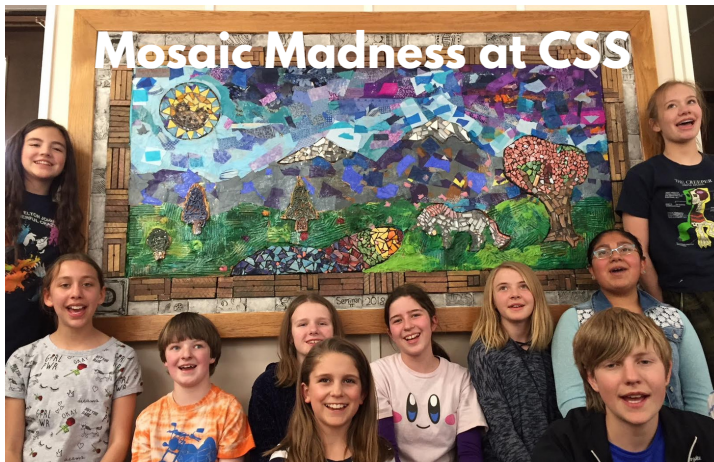
# PROJECTS



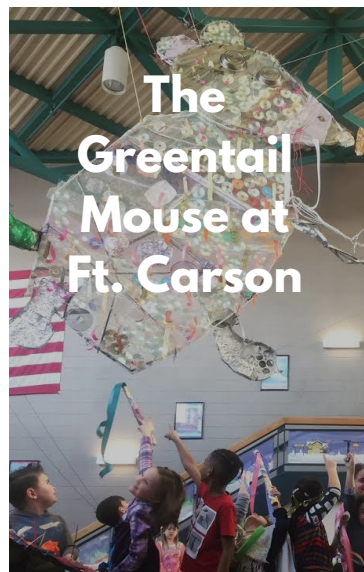
**Boulder Street  
Skillshare Pallet Art**



**Recycled fence at Royer**



**Mosaic Madness at CSS**



**The  
Greentail  
Mouse at  
Ft. Carson**



**Ruxton Shuttle  
Stop Railings**



**Litter Letter Project**



**Garden Signs at Peace Camp**



**Dianne Dillon**

PARTICIPANT, ARTIST

"It's significant to have CC in this community because it's dynamic, it involves the community from the kids to the adults. I think it's needed, it's here, and it will stay."



# PROJECTS



**Atlas Prep MS  
Environmental  
Program**

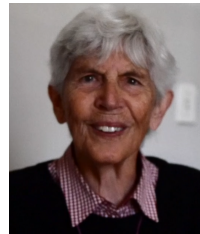


**Helen Hunt Entry Sign**



**Manitou Middle  
School Panels**

"Everybody has abilities and gifts and Concrete Couch seems to bring out the best in people"



**Julie Foster**

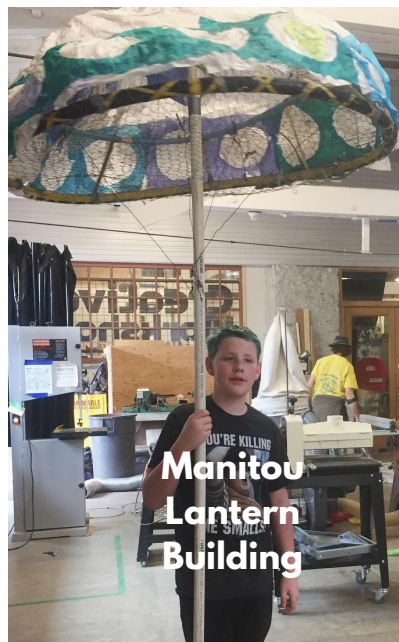
CONTRIBUTING FOUNDER OF  
THE CLUB OF THE ARTS



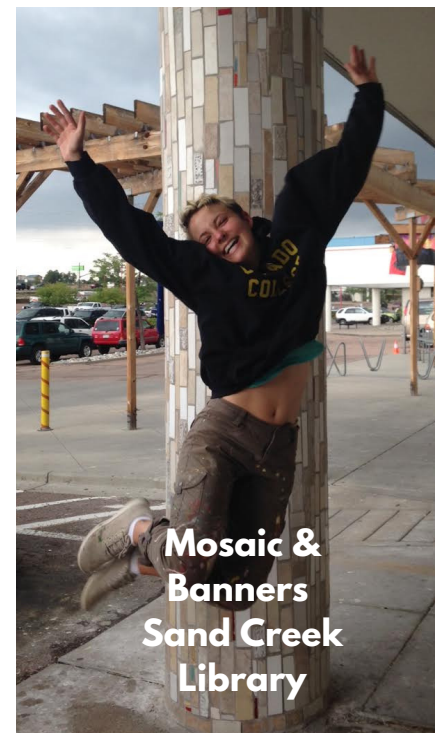
**The Mini  
Pumpkin**



**Adirondack  
chairs for the  
Sustainacenter**



**Manitou  
Lantern  
Building**

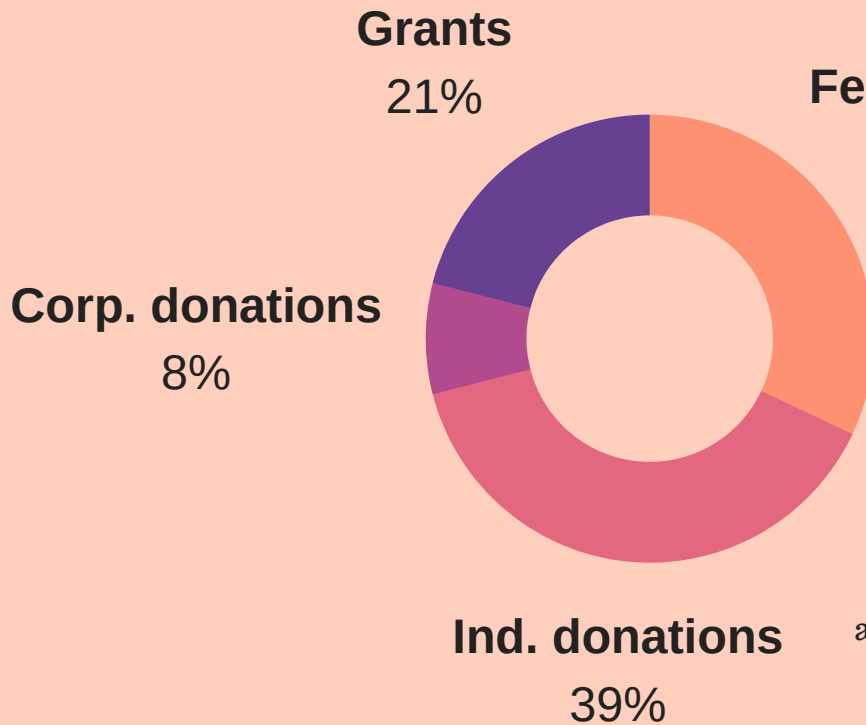


**Mosaic &  
Banners  
Sand Creek  
Library**



# FINANCIALS

## INCOME\*

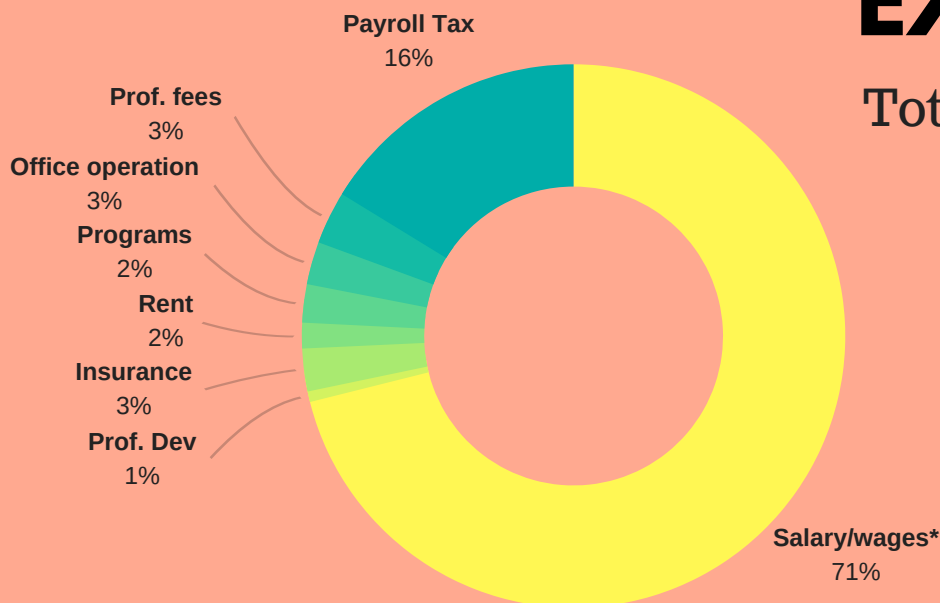


Total income \$157k

\* Note: We received an additional \$60k in in-kind donations, including office and shop rent, materials, prof. services, and food!

## EXPENSES

Total Expenses 164k



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



# OUR SUPERSTAR SUPPORTERS

---

## **\$100-\$299**

A E Manley, American Online Giving Foundation, Amy and Mike Kultgen, Art Goodtimes, Beth and David Chorpenning, Bill and Becky Weiss, Clean Air Lawn Care (Robin and Steve), Elizabeth Gledhill, Goat Patch Brewing Company, Hans and Mildred Becker, Home Depot (in-kind), Janet Nace, Jeff Livesay and Wendy Fay, Justin and Cara Armour, Kate Perdoni, Libby Rittenberg and Nasit Ari, Mike Judge (Moondog Music), Mike and Linda Crissey, Pete Gallagher, Phil's Kitchen, Rein and Jan Van West, Sam Kornhouaser, Spencer Wren and Maile Gray, Tim Marfisi, Tina Blea (Wisdom Works Group, Inc)

## **\$300-\$999**

Charles Coolidge, Colorado Industrial Recyclers, Colorado Springs and Pikes Peak Regional Tourism Office, Crossville Studios (in-kind), Ginger and Craig Cantrell, Jane Turnis and Warren Epstein, Manitou Springs Arts Council, Manitou Springs Womens' Club, Roberta and Michael Miller, The Shandy Clinic, UPS Foundation

## **\$1,000-\$4,999**

Alice and Phil Barnett, American Family Mutual Insurance, Ben and Raynell Kuckel, CALM Foundation, Carol Varsano, David and Ellen Loring, Gail and Dan Stuart, Habitat for Humanity ReStore (in-kind), Heather and Aaron Briggs, Jim and Ginny Page, James and Mary Gaston, Jos Sances, Manitou Art Center (in-kind), Marc and Kelly Snyder, Moniker Foundation, Sandy and Ken Jaray, Sara and Robert Howsam, Transit Mix Concrete Co. (in-kind), Valdra Puffpaff

## **\$5,000-\$14999**

Colorado Creative Industries, CS Independent (in-kind), Edson Foundation, General Air (in-kind), Leopold Foundation, Murphy Construction (in-kind) Nat Hesse and Alice Van Buren, Quail Roost Foundation, Rich and Kay Folan, Trans-Colorado Concrete (in-kind)

## **\$15,000-\$25,000**

Alpenglow Foundation, Bee Vradenburg Foundation

## **\$100,000+**

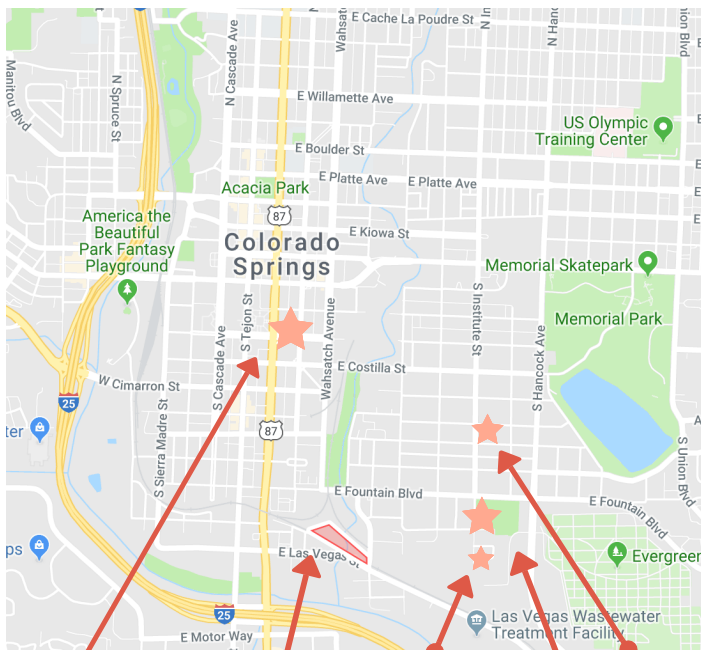
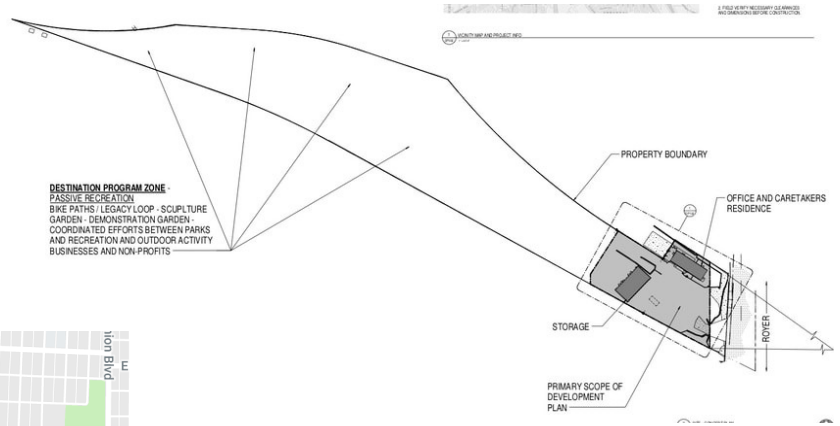
HUD, Legacy Institute (in-kind)



# 2019: CONCRETE COYOTE

We are developing a 5.6 acre piece of land SE of downtown COS: "Concrete Coyote." This site will be our future office plus a public community designed and built park, the last Legacy Loop trail connection, and a community hub of art, construction, and permaculture.

## The site:



Current Couch  
current office

**Concrete  
Coyote  
site**

CSFR future  
Food Hub  
Helen  
Hunt  
Playground  
Hillside Community  
Center



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

**Richard Skorman**

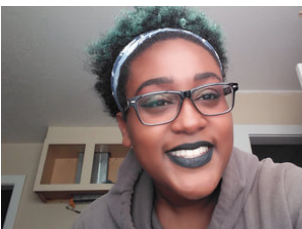
PRESIDENT, CS CITY COUNCIL

### Project Manager:

Brian Elyo works in the field of architecture and is an artist and active community member. Brian previously served as the Chair of the Pikes Peak Arts Council.



### Teacher & Neighborhood Liaison:



Faith Stone first joined the Couch in 2017 as an intern on the HH playground. She is an activist and community member in Hillside where she co-facilitates the LEAD youth dev. group. She is a neighborhood liaison for the Couch and a rockstar developing teacher.

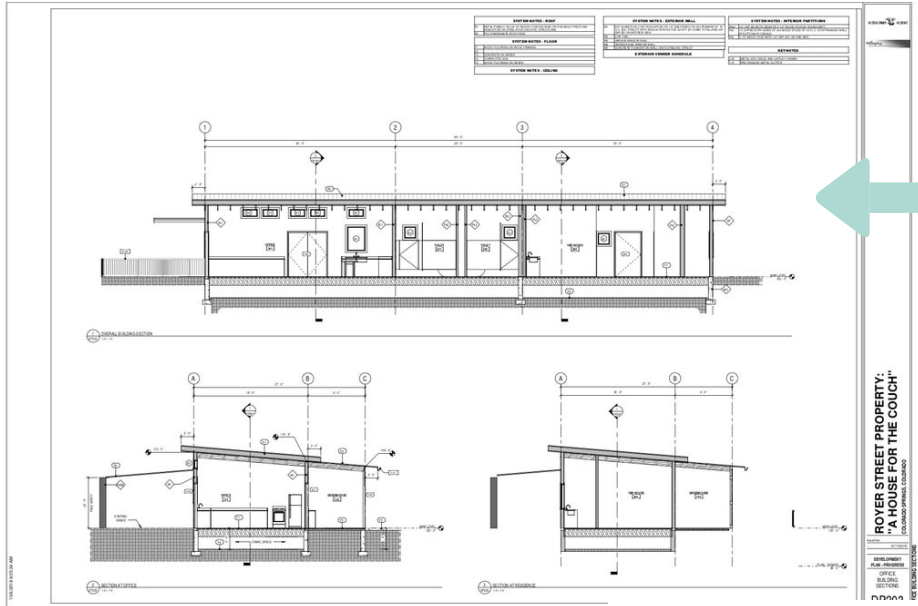
### Site Manager:

Craig Cantrell brings 20 years of business management experience to the Couch along with a passion for the arts and serving the public. Craig has served on many boards in the region, studied Permaculture, and is an avid gardener.



# THE BUILD

## Office, bathrooms, caretaker's residence



The office building will be based on simple construction with a greenhouse in front and top of the line insulation from the Energy Resource Center.

The garages will be built on 4 existing concrete walls. These will be simple storage spaces with wood stoves and electricity.

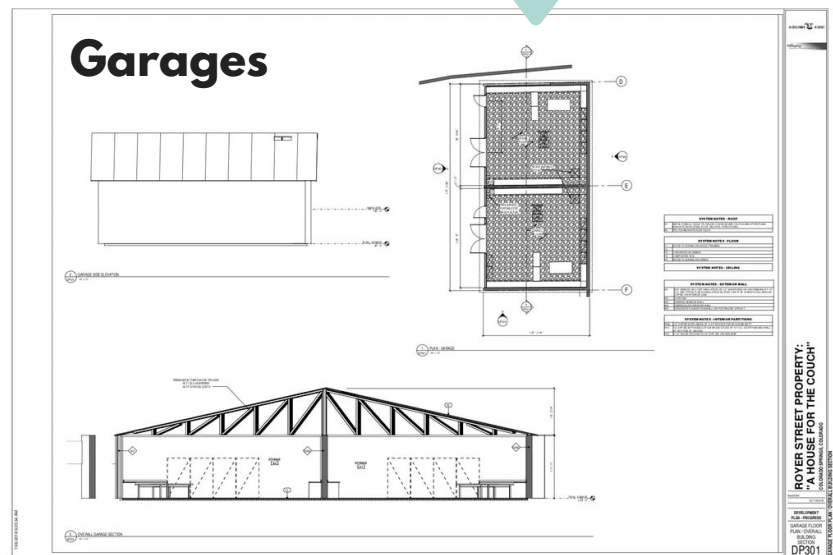


The build-out will be a program of CC incorporating high school and college students learning real-world construction skills

"PPCC has a long history of collaborating with CC on creative construction projects in town. These projects offer real world experiences that benefit the community. We look forward to opportunities for our students to assist and participate in the building of their new campus as part of the college's Service Learning Initiatives"

**Lance Bolton**

PRESIDENT,  
PPCC, PHD



## Partners for the Build

Pikes Peak Community College, Atlas Prep School, CPS, Murphy Constructors, CTA Engineering, Wilkinson Excavation, Groninger Concrete, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Integrity Welding and Fab, Energy Resource Center, Kevin Murphy Excavation, Steve Lowe Structural Engineering, Compass Surveying and Mapping, LLC, Transit Mix Supply, Transit Mix Concrete Co.



# COMMUNITY BUILT PARK & THE LEGACY LOOP



LEGACY LOOP ELEMENTS



The West end of the property will be a Destination Program Zone in line with the Envision Shooks Run Master Plan to include community designed and built elements

The Legacy Loop trail is a 10 mile trail, park, and destination loop around downtown COS. The trail is 90% complete with one of the remaining planned pieces on the Concrete Coyote site.

## Mia Ramirez

COMMUNITY PARTNER,  
THE COLORADO  
TRUST



"When communities are invited to dream big and actively participate in bringing that dream to life –that is transformation. CC is creating opportunities for people to vision, learn, connect and co-create the spaces and places they want to live and play."

## Partners for the Park

CS Parks and Rec., Urban Single Track Project, Envision Shooks Run, The City of Colorado Springs, LEAD Youth Development Group, CPS, CS disc golfers, TOSC

# PERMACULTURE, ECOLOGY, & SUSTAINABILITY



Bear proof compost bin at  
Catamount Center

The site will be a demonstration of sustainability and  
permaculture in action!



Coldframe at Manitou Elementary  
School



Coldframe at Couch Headquarters



Environmental club at Atlas Prep MS studying riparian ecology  
on the land



On site we plan to have:  
water harvesting,  
stormwater management,  
ecological education,  
composting, planting and  
growing, alternative  
energy, recycling, river  
restoration, and resource  
sharing

"Real people making real  
change. Concrete Couch brings  
the joy."

**Howard Brooks**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER



## Partners in Environmental Stewardship

Pikes Peak Permaculture, Communitecture, Rocky Mountain Field Institute, Atlas Prep Middle School Environmental Club, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado Springs Stormwater, Energy Resource Center



# THANKS

**From our tiny house to the Concrete Coyote, this year has been fun and full of learning. We have felt the love, the support, and the excitement from this community. Whether you have volunteered, donated, cheered us on, advocated for us, collaborated with us, or learned and taught with us, we THANK YOU.**

## **Our Staff:**

Steve Wood- Executive Director  
Kendall Kultgen- Program Director  
Terry Martinez- Development Director  
Ruthie Markwardt- Community Coordinator  
Judy Pastore- Outreach Coordinator  
Brian Elyo- Project Manager  
Craig Cantrell- Site Manager  
Becky Pontz- Teacher  
Katie Orr- Teacher  
Faith Stone- Teacher  
Chifumi Ito- Teacher  
Forrest Alvarez- House Manager  
+ Jam Band Teacher

## **Our Board:**

Aaron Pomis- President  
Jonny O'Lonergan- V.P.  
Valdra Pufpaff- Secretary  
Natalie Johnson  
Leah Lowe  
Vince Coleman  
Eric Bolzheimer

## **Youth board members:**

Peyton Wyman  
Lizzy Butts

**To get involved or  
donate, visit  
[www.concretecouch.org](http://www.concretecouch.org)**

"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

