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
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41,600
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75,000
Colorado Springs Health Foundation

100,000 + up
Hillside Community Ventures, Housing and Urban Development
INCOME

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

EXPENSES

Total Expenses= $130,331
**Note: 20% of core staff wages are administrative, 80% are program related**
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
Ruthie Markwardt - Teacher
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Youth Members:
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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