



“I would not dream of sending my kids anywhere but the Children’s Discovery Center! The kids get to be outside and get dirty all while still learning each and every day! They do such a great job showing our beautiful area to all of the kids and constantly encourage the kids to use their imagination.” – Morgan Powers, CDC Parent

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

2019-2020

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2020-21!

"I'm excited to share this Annual Report from this past year and express how fortunate I feel to be part of such a wonderful organization that is so loved and supported by our community. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to learn more about the Children's Discovery Center and our early education programs. Successful fundraising and grant writing, full enrollments, and quality staff made for a successful year! We are thankful for our parents, community partners, and financial sponsors! We are proud to offer services to better the future of our children, families, and community. With ongoing support and dedicated staff, we look forward to an exciting 2020-2021 school year!"

ALLISON BOLGIANO

Executive Director

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Volunteer Mae Orm (left) paints faces at our Touch-A-Truck Fundraiser. Our 2019 volunteer of the year Jeff Goltz (right) jokes with CDC kids at the Pinedale Winter Carnival.

300 TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2019-20

"All the students were engaged and excited to see what our project included. Scheduling was right on time. I'm excited to be a part of what CDC does during the summer! What an amazing enriching opportunity for our youth." - Mae Orm (pictured above left)

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: 2019 JEFF GOLTZ

2018 – Emily Paravicini

2016 - Neil Stroklund

2017 – Meghan Smith

2015 – Ana Curprill



WHO WE ARE

The Children's Discovery Center is a non-profit licensed early education facility that has served Sublette County since 1997. The CDC offers year-round, all day pre-school programs for children ages 2-5.

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Our environment is structured so our curriculum is child-centered which implies that learning is both child initiated, and teacher facilitated. We focus on the process of learning in all its intricacies, not just the end result or the product.

Open year-round: 7:15 am – 5:30 pm (Sept - May) 7:30 am – 5:30 pm (June, July and August)
Classes include: a 2-3 year old Toddler Class, a 3-4 year old preschool class and a 4-5 year old Pre-Kindergarten class.

HOW TO ENROLL

The CDC offers a full-day preschool program to children as young as age 2. A waiting list is in place, so be sure to contact Allison Bolgiano- Executive Director, or Kalie Miles-Assistant Director at 307-367-6272 or office@pinedalediscoverycenter.org to add your child(ren).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Goltz – Chairman
Jake Radakovich – Vice Chair
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MISSION

Children's Discovery Center (CDC) provides a quality, affordable, early education, and childcare program with a focus on environment and community. Our mission is to maintain a safe, healthy, affordable and nurturing environment where the developmental and educational needs of children are addressed while providing engagement with the natural world, where nature is an integral, joyful part of daily learning.



WHAT WE DO

PROGRAM OFFERINGS AT THE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER

INTER-GENERATIONAL PROGRAMS

Intergenerational Programs - From September to March, the CDC partnered with our local senior citizen nursing facility, the Sublette Center, and our Senior Activities Center, Rendezvous Pointe. Our preschoolers and the seniors combine to form fun and meaningful relationships, resulting in a magical way for kids and seniors to bond together. Once a week, our 3-4-year-old and 4-5-year-old groups walked to the nearby facilities to visit a handful of seniors who are eagerly waiting. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we discontinued these programs and one day hope to return inside once it's safe.

YOGA

On Thursday's, our 4-5-year-old group participated in meditative Yoga and movement, with yoga instructor Tillie Dibben. This type of activity seems therapeutic with children showing marked improvement in focus on all types of life activities. A favorite amongst many of the preschoolers!

SWIM LESSONS

In a county of 1,300 lakes, it is important that preschoolers know how to swim. There are many benefits for kids to learn: Safety, increases strength and fitness, social development and confidence, and overall lifelong skills. Last Fall and Summer our preschoolers enjoyed indoor swim lessons at the Pinedale Aquatic Center (PAC).



“The Children’s Discovery Center allows my child to be himself while he is learning boundaries. The teachers do this using well-organized, active activities and consistently communicating behavior expectations.”
– Christy Zakotnik, CDC Parent

ROCK CLIMBING

In our Summer Program, our preschoolers participated in Rock Climbing at the PAC. Although our lessons were few due to COVID and other planning obligations, rock climbing was a fun activity offered this summer. We hope in 2021 that we will add a rock-climbing club for preschoolers. Indoor rock climbing is an activity that will not only keep a child involved but will help them gain enough confidence to push through when things get tough.

SKI PROGRAM WITH WHITE PINE RESORT

In January 2020, we began our 6th year of ski lessons at White Pine Ski Resort. Our ‘Penguins’ participated in an 8-week Ski Program during the Winter Season. This past year we had 15 – 3, 4 and 5-year olds enrolled into the Ski Program. We look forward to continuing this wonderful enriched program for our preschoolers!

GYMNASTICS

In our Summer Program, our 2, 3, and 4-year olds participated in Gymnastics on Thursday’s with WYLD dance instructor, Anastasia Hamilton.

LITERACY PROGRAM

Liz Palmer, our local Youth Services Librarian read to our students at the Sublette County Library every other week.

FOOD PROGRAM

During our mealtimes, we serve our food in a family style setting. Children serve themselves, learn table manners, language and social skills, help set the table and put away their dishes. Our staff are viewed as a model for the children, gently encouraging them to try new foods and educating them about what they are putting into their bodies (i.e. red foods are good for your heart). We are creative with our foods: i.e., Celery, peanut butter and raisins make 'Ants on a log'. CDC staff members talk about how different foods help our bodies in different ways (for example: carrots help you see in the dark!) Along with mealtimes, we have a cooking class where the students create meals (typically from the veggies at the local grocery store or from our greenhouse) and the process of them creating the meal and seeing the finished product helps encourage the students to try the dish. In 2019 we served 4466 Breakfast Meals, 4563 Lunch Meals and 4382 snacks.

“I always love seeing the Children’s Discovery Center at our local Farmer’s Market! Who could resist those young salespeople? It is wonderful to see them developing people skills and working together. By mid-summer they are pros, and they always bring smiles to the faces of market goers (and money out of my pocket!). It is a great bonus that the items they are selling are top quality and fresh; the best chard around. Thank you for this wonderful addition to our community!” – Mindi Crabb

SUMMER PROGRAM

The CDC not only provides summer childcare with certified staff, but our Summer Program integrates outdoor education into the student’s everyday activities. Having childcare continue throughout the summer allows parents to continue to work as most parents’ jobs do not stop in the summer. From fishing at the town pond, hiking to the top of White Pine, visiting Sommer’s Homestead, and swim lessons at the PAC, our Summer Program tends to be the highlight of the year. This past summer, the CDC had 56 students (the most we have ever had in a Summer Program) and collaborated with 20 different organizations/businesses in Sublette County. We look forward to Summer Program 2021.



GARDENING SPACES

Gardening is an integral part of our program, where our students are actively engaged in all stages involved with growing. The students at the Children's Discovery Center are fortunate to have structures (Growing Dome and Hoop House) that allow us to extend the season in this sub-alpine climate. This program helps establish healthy behaviors that have a lifelong impact on the child's quality of life. Students prep the soil in the Spring, plant seeds, water and tend the plants until maturity. Once Summer is here, our students attend the local Farmer's Market to sell the produce, baked goods, handmade items, and a variety of other items.

STAINED GLASS

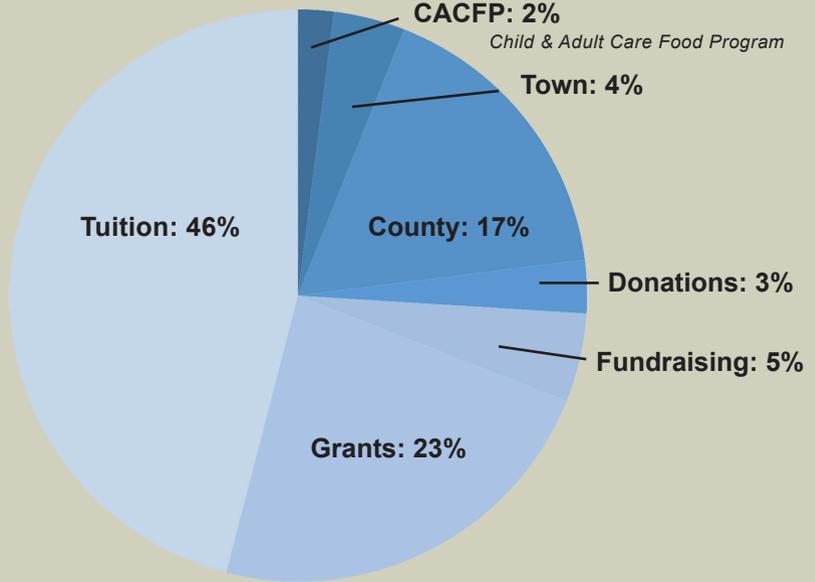
Stained Glass - Since 2015, the Children's Discovery Center has collaborated with local artist, Hayley Ruland who introduces students ages 2-5 to stained glass, providing each student with the opportunity to create unique pieces of work. In December 2019, we were pleased to hear that the Pinedale Fine Arts Council would be assisting Hayley in these efforts, additionally covering the financial costs that we incur. PFAC and Hayley were able to provide 39 students each with unique pieces of stained glass, and a large piece of glass to be hung at the CDC.

CLAY POTTERY

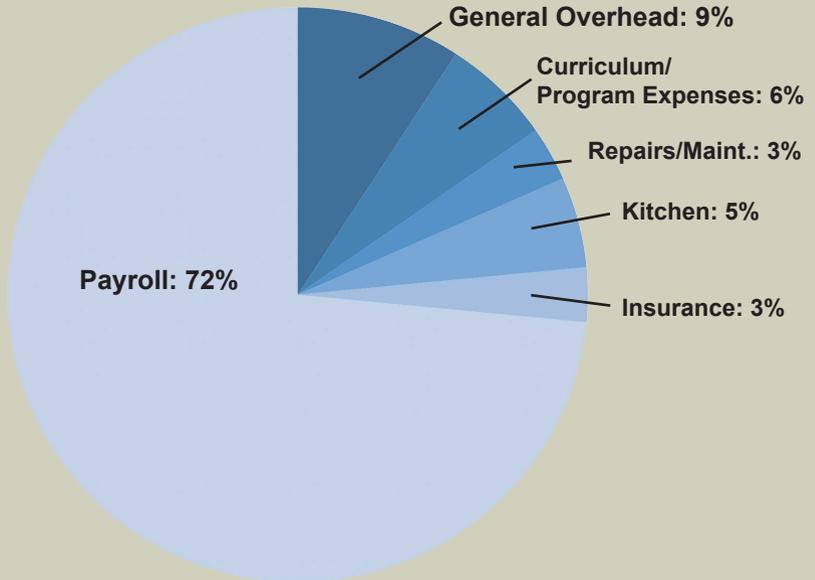
In our second year, Mae Orm local artist and business owner of Pinedale Arts and Crafts, provided a 2-week clay pottery class to our preschoolers.

INCOME & EXPENSES

INCOME



EXPENSES



UPGRADES: *New Flooring, New curriculum, New kitchen appliances, New website!*
SCHOLARSHIPS: *\$4,210 for 7 families*



HOW TO DONATE VIA AMAZON SMILES

If you shop on Amazon frequently, start shopping on smile.amazon.com and enter the "Children's Discovery Center" as your charity. It's a small percentage that Amazon donates to us, but every little bit helps and it is a completely free way to support the Children's Discovery Center. Rather than type, "amazon.com", try "smile.amazon.com". Save this as a bookmark on your smartphone/computer and it will connect to your account.



2019-2020 GRANTS

- Wyoming Community Foundation: *(Early Childhood Education Programs)*
- Sublette BOCES: *(Summer Program)*
- Rocky Mountain Power Foundation: *(Summer Program)*
- Wyoming Arts Council: *(Arts Education)*
- Sublette County Recreation Board: *(2019-2020)*
- Sublette County Recreation Board: *(2020-2021) (Summer Rec supplies)*
- Sublette County Conservation District: *(Summer Program)*

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS AND COMMUNITY DONORS:



2019-20 DONORS/SPONSORS

We want to thank ALL participants involved in our fundraising events: Holiday Wreaths, Day/Night Golf Tournament, Touch-A-Truck, Winter Art Auction, Harvest Festival.

5TH ANNUAL DAY/NIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT DONORS/SPONSORS:

Ultra-Petroleum \$1250	Elevation Tax & Accounting \$150
Altitude Drug \$500	Bucky's Outdoors \$150
Full Circle Wealth Strategies \$500	NAPA – Pinedale Auto Parts \$150
Jorgensen \$500	Green River Gear \$150
Champion X \$500	Manning, CPA \$150
James H. Helm \$500	State Farm, Peter Scherbel \$150
Boulder Bar \$250	Tuft Enterprises \$150
Petersen Landscaping \$250	1st Bank \$150
Performance Tech \$250	Jackson Hole Law \$150
John Paravicini \$250	Rocky Mountain Home Center \$100
Bank of Sublette \$250	

5TH ANNUAL DAY/NIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT RAFFLE DONORS:

The Garage	White Pine Ski Resort
The Tire Store	Geared UP
Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis	Sweet Creams
Auto Doc	White bear Creations
Dave's Last Stand	Heritage Quilts
Cowboy Shop	Moosely Mailbox
Cowboy Country Distillery	JAKS
China Gourmet	Rocky Mountain Home Center.
Los Cabos	

DONATIONS THAT DO!

We also want to thank the many donors who provide our school with supplies, materials and other in-kind donations! Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Anonymous donor: \$8,000	Burke and Ruth Steele \$50
Buc Budreaux: \$3,500	Jonah \$350 (towards new Ipads)
Pinedale Lion's Club: \$2,000	Jan Bargrover \$50
Performance Tech \$200	Mark and Vicky Biffle \$100
Bucky's \$100	Dave and Mary Lankford \$50
Napa – Pinedale Auto Parts \$150	Teletractors (In-kind)
Tegeler \$250	Jeff Goltz (In-kind)
Petersen Landscaping \$200	Giving Tree Donors

COVID-19

The CDC was forced to close its doors from March 23rd until April 3rd due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 6th, the CDC was one of two childcare facilities in Pinedale to re-open its doors only for services to children of the 'essential personnel': serving 8 children, ages 2-8. During the month of April, we kept our Head Teacher and Executive Director on as full-time employees, but had to temporarily lay off 4 employees during that time due to lack of income. On May 4th, the CDC was able to re-open its doors to all families who needed childcare, which resulted in bringing back 35 students, as well as rehire 4 employees back to the school. Additionally, we served 8 Kindergarteners, 2 First-grade students, 1 in Third Grade and 1 in Fifth grade with online learning lessons as well as homework sent from school. On June 1st, our Summer Program began and we served



56 children ages 2-7, along with 1 Executive Director, 1 Head Cook/Assistant Director and 4 full-time teachers.

“There aren’t words to capture how challenging the last several months have been. Months into this global health crisis, you are upholding that the growth, development and learning of Wyoming’s young children did not, has not, will not stop during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

– Becca Steinhoff, Executive Director of Wyoming Kids First

COVID-19 SPECIFIC FUNDING

Wyoming Community Foundation (Operating Support and Tuition Assistance)

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation (Operating Support)

Wyoming Kids First and DFS (Operating Support)

Wyoming Kids First (Wyoming Early Childhood Partnership - Operating Support)

Sublette MASKeteers (Operating Support)

Wyoming Business Council Relief Fund (Operating Support)



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