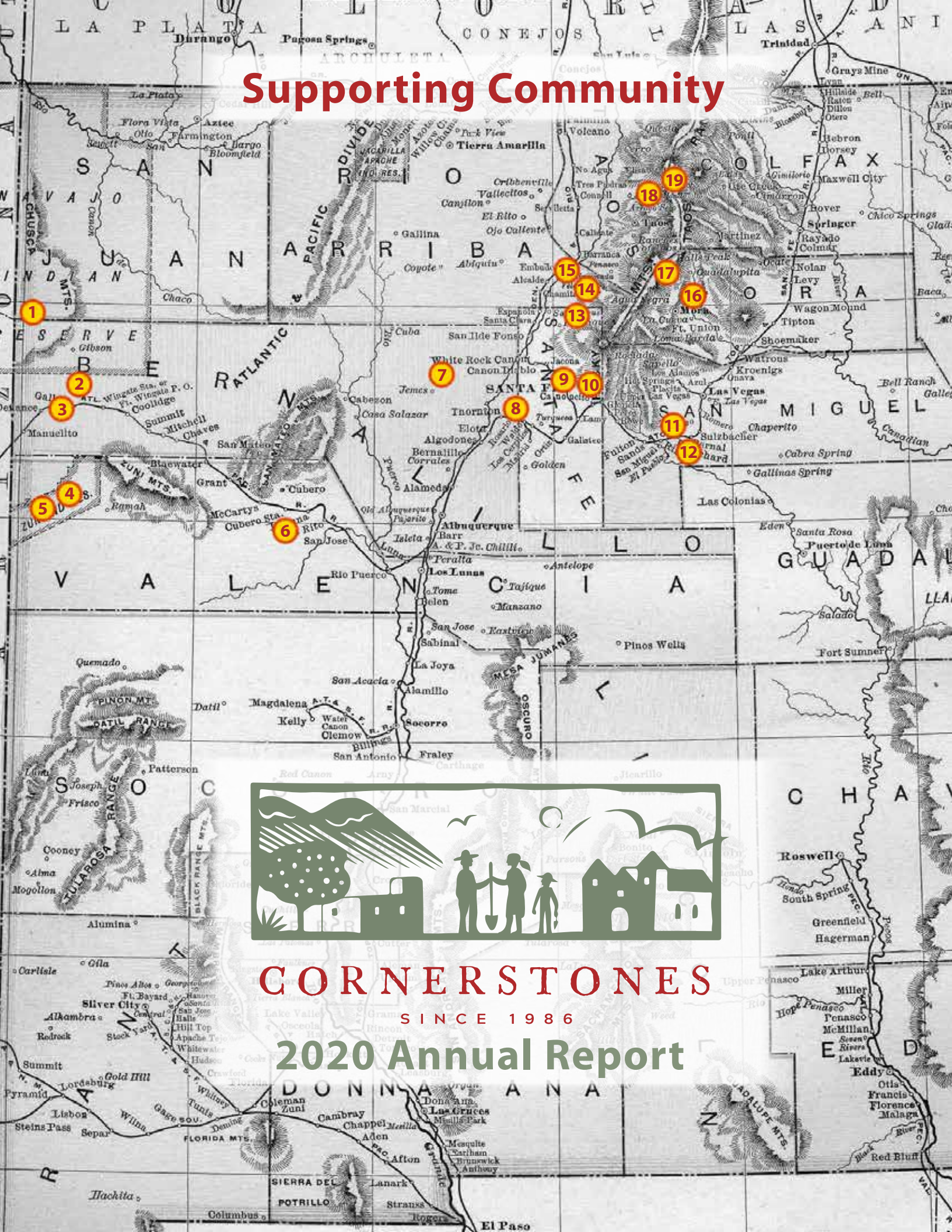


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Letter from the Executive Director

When I joined the Cornerstones team in December of 2020, I was immediately impressed by how the organization pivoted during the COVID-19 crisis: Cornerstones quickly directed donated funds to organizations that could address essential needs in communities across the state. Immediately prior to Cornerstones I was the vice president of a food pantry, so I understood that many New Mexicans were facing unanticipated needs.

Cornerstones has always rooted its work in place and community with a shared sense of cultural heritage spanning the overlapping histories of New Mexico and the Southwest. From the work at San Rafael Church in La Cueva, New Mexico, to the recent window replacement project at El Santo Nino de Atocha in Buena Vista, New Mexico, Cornerstones continually sees that vision through.

We have many ambitious, exciting projects lined up for 2021. I am particularly enthusiastic about our work at the intersections of vibrant historic culture and renewable energy. These are innovative community projects, including our support for Covenant Pathways farms which incorporates Native and contemporary practices of community-supported sustainable agriculture as well as our ongoing work to solarize San Miguel Chapel.

Another thing that I was delighted to discover about Cornerstones—the rich stories. Many of you are part of them. The lives and histories behind our historical preservation projects, the communities we collaborate with, our volunteers, and our staff are full of life, vigor, and dedication which it has been a joy to



help share with the wider community. I hope you will follow those stories as they continue to unfold and enjoy highlights from the archives that we feature in our Mud Blast newsletters and social media.

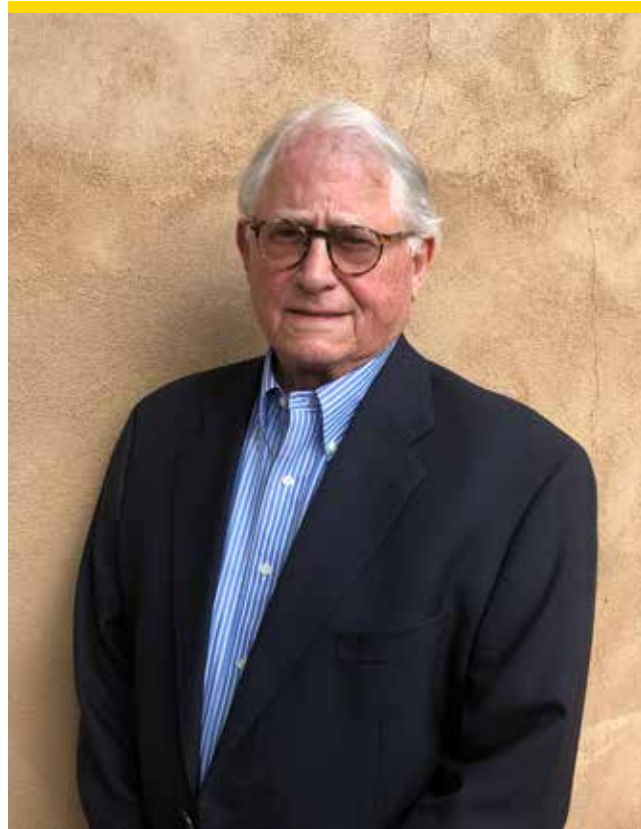
Thank you for being part of the Cornerstones story!

Tracey Enright

–Tracey Enright



Members of Nambe youth program on platform for yurt to serve as a mental health drop-in center



historical preservation projects in the past.

Financially, we ended the year well, with a moderate growth in gross revenue, a managed increase in operating expenses, while achieving a nominal gain in net revenue. The gain to the bottom line provided a boost to our equity position, partially supplemented by a government loan subsidy. Our Board continued to grow with increased diversity, enthusiastic camaraderie, and energized member commitment to our mission. Jake Barrow, our guiding light over many years in the dual role as Executive Director/Program Director, announced his desire to step down as Executive Director to concentrate energies on the expanding workload as Program Director of preservation projects, a growing Solar Initiative, and a new Supporting Community endeavor. This opened opportunities to search for a new Executive Director to lead Cornerstones forward to embrace and focus our expanding outreach of new endeavors.

The expanding Solar Initiative brought solar power, education, and training to numerous remote villages and pueblos with grants allocated to eight deserving recipients; and, the new Supporting Community endeavor funded by generous contributions raised in immediate response to the pandemic crisis for emergency needs for neighboring peoples was allocated among 19 local partners to ease their struggles with pandemic uncertainties.

Topping off 2020, we welcomed our new Executive Director, Tracey Enright, who quickly proved herself a talented, organized, and proactive leader-administrator who endeared herself to all while undertaking the challenges of transition and reorganization. Despite the uncertainties and complications to adapt and cope this past year, Cornerstones is proving its mettle to meet the challenges and persevere with the encouraging trust of our underwriters. We're grateful for the loyal donor support that sustains us, as well as the cooperative can-do spirit of an engaged Board of Directors and staff which invigorates Cornerstones' continued growth and outreach. Thank You!

-Wilson K Mason

Reflections from the Board Chair

Two thousand-twenty, a remarkable year full of surprises, challenges, and . . . change—one that tested the resilience of all organizations to adapt, cope, and grow. Cornerstones responded quickly and sensitively to the pandemic threat of COVID-19 by first implementing internal office controls, modification of external safety regulations and communications, and enabling innovative outreach services to our partners.

Throughout a year where we all wanted to be more involved in our communities, it was satisfying to be a part of Cornerstones. Launching and maintaining our Supporting Community program, we expanded our involvement in Northern New Mexico, partnering with groups and organizations providing food for families, activities for children, and support for elders. An example is Casa Milagro, a community in Santa Fe that is part of our Solar Initiative program. We were able to enhance involvement and vital connections with Supporting Community efforts, while continuing to work with the churches and pueblos where we had done

PROGRAMS

Supporting Community

In 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the country, Cornerstones launched a special campaign to raise funds for aid to New Mexicans severely impacted by COVID-19 illness, isolation, and loss of work. People in communities came together to help each other, and Cornerstones' Supporting Community fund helped to finance their efforts. We set out to assist (1) organizations in jeopardy due to the pandemic and (2) community centers serving increasing numbers of people. The 19 supported projects reflect New Mexico's diverse cultural history and different community needs. Thanks to the generosity of Cornerstones donors, we raised almost \$50,000. One-hundred percent of the funds were distributed to the recipients.

Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps (NM)

Based out of offices in Acoma Pueblo, Navajo Nation, Zuni Pueblo, Hopi-Kykotsmovi, and Albuquerque, Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps partners with tribal communities and land managers to accomplish impactful and lasting conservation service projects. A grant from our Supporting Community fund was used to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for crew members and their families.

Barrios Unidos (Chimayo)

Barrios Unidos is an interdisciplinary, inter-generational, and inter-cultural community investigating cultural and psychological issues related to addiction and cultural trauma in the Española Valley. Our Supporting Community funding helped them supply activity materials to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

Casa Milagro (Santa Fe County)

Casa Milagro offers a hub of compassion and community for people restoring their lives after experiencing homelessness. Our Supporting Community grant contributed funding to renovate an old casita, previously used as a maintenance shed, into a livable space for quarantine. This helped Casa Milagro maintain zero COVID-19 cases among both residents and staff.





McKinley Mutual Aid

Major Market, LLC (Zuni)

Major Market is a Native American-owned business on the Zuni Pueblo. Responding to pandemic needs, the owners, the Tsabetsaye family, procured bulk food and sanitary items for the Pueblo community. They used 100% of the funds they received from our Supporting Community grant for food distribution.

McKinley Mutual Aid (Gallup)

McKinley Mutual Aid (MMA) provides anyone in the greater Gallup community with food, water, grocery delivery, and other essential supplies. Their pre-existing relationships allowed MMA to quickly organize and maintain the supply and distribution of resources. Supporting Community funding helped them purchase and distribute these items to Tribal communities.

Meals in Schools Program (Mora)

Mora Independent School District continued its Meals in Schools Program and met an increased need during the pandemic. Requests for meals more than doubled last year. Funding from our Supporting Community grant assisted with their work to provide additional food services to this much larger group of people.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Villanueva)

On June 10, 2020, with funding from Cornerstones, a group of volunteers assembled and distributed food boxes to 40 senior citizens who live alone in the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe and its missions. One woman, a recent widow, cried when she opened her door, "I thought no one remembered me anymore!"

Pueblo of Acoma

A Supporting Community grant allowed the Pueblo of Acoma to purchase basic supplies such as hand sanitizer, gloves, and 3-ply masks, as well as a sizable supply of meat, a staple that had not been readily available to the community.

Pueblo of Jemez

The Senior Center closed at the onset of the pandemic and remains closed today. Members of the Pueblo continue to be active with projects at home.



Meals in Schools Program

The Supporting Community grant provided funds to purchase art supply kits for no-sew blankets, cross-stitch aprons, and men's leather work. In one special instance, cross-stitch apron designs united three generations of one family: grandmother, mother, and son.

Pueblo of Picuris

When the Pueblo of Picuris Tribal Council declared a state of emergency, all roads, except one, were closed to the public. They used funds from Supporting Community to purchase thermometers, food supplies and protective gear for people throughout the Pueblo.

Red Willow Center (Pueblo of Taos)

When the Taos Pueblo Senior Center closed due to the pandemic, the Red Willow Center stepped up to care for Elders living in isolation. They purchased 50 cross-stitch kits and 50 watercolor paint kits to inspire the creativity of the Elders and to provide a healthy activity during a time when socializing was inhibited.

Ribera Community Cultural Center:

The Ribera Community Cultural Center serves as a gathering place for residents in Ribera and the surrounding rural area. The Center is the venue for a range of classes, celebrations, and gatherings. When COVID-19 restricted these income-producing activities, Supporting Community funds filled the gap to pay the Center's utility bills.

Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority

At the onset of COVID-19, Governor Thomas Mosquino, Jr. closed the Pueblo, limiting access in and out. With Supporting Community funds, the Housing Authority purchased a weatherproof shed to be constructed and placed at one of the main entrances to two subdivisions with approximately 80 homes. The check-in shed provided shelter to the guards who kept the Pueblo safe and secure.

St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church (Mora)

Throughout the pandemic the church supported community members, many of whom are elderly and isolated while sheltering at home. The church provided the sacrament, emotional support, classes



Tewa Roots Society



Jemez Pueblo



for both children and adults, as well as food and living assistance. Supporting Community funds supplemented their resources to be able to help sustain their parish in some of these vital ways.

Tewa Roots Society (Pueblo of Nambe)

Tewa Roots Society (TRS) is an outdoor behavioral health and clinical therapy program serving Native American youth and families in Nambe Pueblo and surrounding Pueblos. Supporting Community funds helped TRS youth program members erect two yurts used for a Youth Coalition meeting place and a mental health drop-in center in response to the pandemic crisis.

The DEAP School (Navajo, NM)

The Dzil Dítł'ooi Empowerment, Action, and Preservation School (DEAP) is a public charter school rooted in Diné values and teachings. A Supporting Community grant provided funding for 60 students and families to purchase filtering water pitchers and reusable filtering water bottles.

True Kids 1 (Taos)

True Kids 1 started the Students Helping Students program during the pandemic to address an increase in school absenteeism. Funding from Cornerstones paid four student leaders, including two from Taos Pueblo, who received training and mentorship from a cohort of teachers and an expert in trauma and grief counseling. The student leaders connected with their absent classmates and assessed their peers' challenges and mental health. The leaders helped the estranged students regain ground and complete the school year. In one case, a student leader worked one-on-one with a friend for several days, and with that support the friend caught up on coursework and graduated with their class.

YouthWorks Culinary Team (La Cienega)

YouthWorks reconnects at-risk and disadvantaged youth with the community through education, employment training, and job placement. With funding from a Supporting Community grant, the YouthWorks Culinary Team purchased bulk foods and prepared food for a drive-through meal distribution program at El Rancho de las Golondrinas. Meals were available to anyone who needed assistance.

Zuni Emergency Food Pantry

Last spring, food donations poured into the Zuni community as many outsiders learned how dire the need was. Our funding supported the efforts of several mothers who created a mobile pantry to provide non-perishable foods, personal hygiene items, and cleaning supplies to homebound community members.

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Preservation

Despite the pandemic limiting how many people we could gather, we were able to continue our preservation program following COVID-19 safe practices. From Santa Fe County out to Joshua Tree National Park in California, we continued to conduct training workshops with volunteers from all over America at special places and landscapes.

The JO Ranch project, a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) site in Wyoming, closed out with the completion of the stabilization of the stone bunk house. An all-women chain saw crew made for a special week of training and accomplishment. "All-women crews aren't as rare as they used to be. One of the reasons for having an all-women's chainsaw crew is that women often face discrimination and harassment in saw classes, preventing us from being able to learn and master this skill set. This model allows us to remove/limit the chances they will face discrimination and can focus on mastering quite technical chainsaw skills," said Thérèse d'Auria Ryley, Program Director of Southwest Conservation Corps.

Cornerstones led a series of workshops at other BLM sites. At Lake Valley, near Hillsboro, an old New Mexican mining ghost town of the 1880s, training focused on windows, doors, and adobe restoration. The work at Rael Ranch in Santa Fe County includes an acequia, landscape, and an historic adobe home preservation. Rael Ranch dates from the early 1700s.

With support from the Catholic Foundation, Cornerstones and community members repaired adobe walls at three New Mexican mission churches in Mora County. Cornerstones is restoring windows at one site. The community at El Rito San Juan Nepomuceno was a model of enthusiastic engagement during the project to remud their church.

Grants from the Save America's Treasures Program and the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors of the National Trust for Historic Preservation helped us continue our work at the Casita Desiderio y Pablita Ortega in the



historic Plaza del Cerro in Chimayo, New Mexico. The Plaza represents a mid-18th-century enclosed defensive plaza that is largely intact and the last of its kind.

Reporting from our Keys Ranch workshops in Joshua Tree National Park is a reminder of our connections with people and places. Field leader Nicholas Holmes wrote: "What a fantastic time my crew and I had with everyone out at Keys Ranch last week. Having Keys family members Dave and Ann Garry join us Thursday and Friday was the cherry on top. It was a joy for all of us who were there to get to hear Dave and Ann tell stories about their family and experiences out there." Stories like this give emphasis to the values we cherish

Scenes from yet more projects are pictured in this report.

—Jake Barrow, Program Director

Preservation



Clockwise from above: Volunteers in front of San Juan Nepomuceno in El Rito; Robbie Kelley, long-term Cornerstones youth intern preserving the historic adobe church in Chacon, Mora County; All Women Chain Saw Crew, Southwest Conservation Corps, Colorado, attending stone masonry training at JO Ranch, Alan Ash's best crew of the season



Photo: Barb Ordell



Clockwise from above: Cornerstones Field Project Manager Nicholas Holmes, on the left, with volunteers in February 2020 at Keys Ranch, Joshua Tree, CA; Program Director/Project Manager Jake Barrow and project Archeologist Charles Haecker meeting on site at the Casita Desiderio y Pablita Ortega, Plaza del Cerro, Chimayo, NM to begin the initial survey of the property; Volunteers mud plastering San Juan Nepomuceno in El Rito, NM



Photo: Barb Ordell



The Solar Initiative

The Solar Initiative, a collaboration with Remy's Good Day Fund, kicked off the year with a productive day-long roundtable at the Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe in February. Grantees and stakeholders gathered to network and to hear stories of their colleagues' solar projects. Round table participants decided to form a Solar Congress. When COVID-19 arrived last March, the lives and livelihoods of this same group were severely impacted.

In November the Solar Congress created work groups to determine the direction of the Initiative in 2021. The work groups produced four areas of interest and created a new statement of purpose:

The Solar Initiative supports projects that promote individual well-being, economic enterprise, and community improvements. Funding priorities include solar education, solar job training, and solar projects that support health, connectivity, and affordability on Tribal lands in New Mexico and in northern New Mexico villages.

Connectivity furthers the other three areas of interest and facilitates the implementation of solar projects.

In 2020 The Solar Initiative granted funds to six groups:

- **Microgrid Systems Laboratory/Sustainable Native Communities Collaborative:** This web-based clearinghouse and public information resource for Native American communities became a reality with a grant from the Solar Initiative. This prototype website provides a source of expert information to all



New Mexico tribes and tribal energy stakeholders.

- **Energy Sovereignty Institute (ESI):** ESI is a nonprofit social initiative promoting the benefits of decentralized energy systems and technologies for Native American communities and advances their availability and use. A Solar Initiative grant supported video productions illustrating resources in energy planning and deployment.

- **Gallup Solar:** Funds from the Solar Initiative sponsored the fourth in a series of classes on installation and maintenance of solar systems on the homes of members of the Navajo Nation living off-the-grid in the Gallup area. Graduates of each preceding class mentor students in the new class and are awarded a small fee for their services.

- **Pueblo of Laguna:** Funds from our Solar Initiative matched dollars from Department of Energy funding to solarize the Community Center in the Village of Seama, one of six villages on the Pueblo. The project will provide opportunities for youth involvement through field trips and educational sessions.

- **Nambe Pueblo, Tewa Roots Society (TRS):** Projects that empower youth with leadership roles and experiential opportunities in construction projects are especially relevant to Cornerstones's mission. We were thrilled to support youth in the TRS program with funds from Supporting Community and our Solar Initiative to make the yurts that serve as a meeting place and drop-in mental health center a reality.

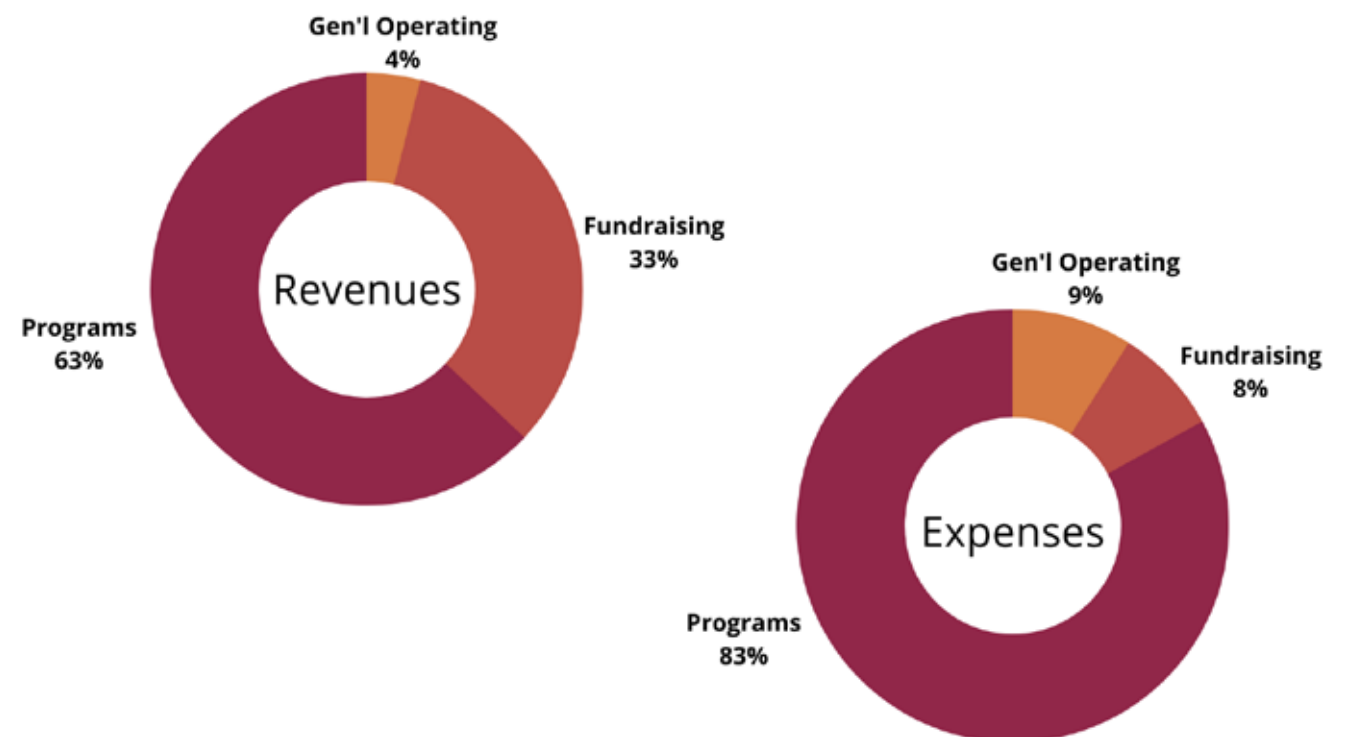
- **UNM-Taos:** In 2018, Taos Education and Career Center launched an innovative integrated Education and Training program to prepare members of the community to enter the solar workforce. The model is designed to simultaneously prepare students with the academic, professional, and technical skills needed to excel in the field of renewable energy. A grant from our Solar Initiative provides the opportunity to hire specialists, build courses, partner with local employers and offer scholarships.

Since its inception in 2017, the Solar Initiative has provided \$350,000 to leverage the work that New Mexico communities have invested in their solar projects.

Member of Gallup solar team presenting off-grid training.

FINANCIALS 2020

	Without Donor Restriction		With Donor Restriction			Total
	Operating	Board Restricted Endowment	Programs	Endowment Earnings	Endowment	
REVENUES						
Contributions	107,372	750	256,345		2,500	\$ 366,967
Grants and Project Support	441,424					\$ 441,424
Program Revenue	31,293					\$ 31,293
Investment Income (net)	20,488			3,759		\$ 24,247
Net Assets Released from Restriction	265,045		(265,045)			\$ -
Total Revenues	865,622	750	(8,700)	3,759	2,500	\$ 863,931
EXPENSES						
PROGRAMS						
Preservation and Training	498,638					\$ 498,638
Preservation Solar Economic Development	139,210					\$ 139,210
COVID-19 Community Assistance	49,776					\$ 49,776
Total Programs	687,624					\$ 687,624
SUPPORT SERVICES						
Fundraising	66,939					\$ 66,939
Management and General	69,740					\$ 69,740
Total Support Services	136,679					\$ 136,679
Total Expenses	824,303	0	0	0	0	\$ 824,303
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	41,319	750	(8,700)	3,759	2,500	39,628
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	436,365	123,375	83,056	4,620	21,235	668,651
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 477,684	\$ 124,125	\$ 74,356	\$ 8,379	\$ 23,735	\$ 708,279



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In Memorium: Charmay Allred

Five years ago, the Mayor of Santa Fe gathered Charmay and her friends at a local restaurant to declare April 7 "Charmay Allred Day." We celebrated Charmay for the incredible energy and soul she was to New Mexico, to Santa Fe, to the organizations she supported—including Cornerstones—to the friends she nurtured, and for the mentorship, care, and love she embodied.

Charmay passed on April 8, 2020. It is still difficult to imagine our community without her presence. Charmay loved to bring people together over a meal at many of her favorite Santa Fe restaurants. Charmay was especially devoted to young people. She nurtured their development as contributing members of our community. She always welcomed our friends to the table for a meal and brought people together to share the workload and yield even more dynamic outcomes. She made deep impacts for the causes she believed in, and because she never sought recognition, we may never know everything she did to advance work in the areas of the environment, the arts, preservation, and native youth education.

Charmay and I met 35 years ago, and I always give thanks for the mentorship she provided to me over those years.

—Carnell Chosa, PhD (Jemez Pueblo)
Cornerstones Board Member
(pictured at right, below, with Charmay)



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New Board Directors

Suzanne Alba

Suzanne, a native Santa Fean whose family arrived and settled in Northern New Mexico over 400 years ago, is proud to contribute to Cornerstones mission to preserve New Mexico's endangered culture and historic buildings. Youngest daughter of late longtime Cornerstones supporter and board member Elvira Vigil Ogard, Suzanne graduated with a professional degree in Architecture from the University of Oregon. After a long career as a partner in an award-winning architectural firm, Suzanne chose to promote New Mexico and its singular culture and history via the tourism and hospitality industry. Now, as General Manager of Otra Vez de Santa Fe she hosts hundreds of visitors to Santa Fe each year. Suzanne and her husband have two adult children, Sophia Claire and Emory Olin.

Angelo Gaziano

Angelo recently retired as Executive Vice President/ Chief Operating Officer of Outside Magazine. He worked for the Burke family, owners of Outside Integrated Media, for 40 years, mainly in the publishing sector but also for other companies owned by the Burke family. Over the years he held the positions of Accounting Manager, Controller and Vice President/ Financial Director. Angelo received his MA in Accounting from Roosevelt University in Chicago and a BS in Marketing from Southern Illinois University. Angelo grew up near Chicago in Rockford, Illinois. He widowed, with a son Alex and a daughter, Ann. He and his partner, Susan, currently live in Lamy, New Mexico.



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Above: Isaac Logsdon (left) and a volunteer team at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

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