

CIRCLE OF DREAMS FOUNDATION · IMPACT REPORT 2020–2025

Supporting Nature's Commons

Our first five years of hands-on philanthropy

5	$300K	20	3
YEARS OF GRANTMAKING	FUNDING DEPLOYED	ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED	COUNTRIES REACHED

A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDERS

Why we started, and where we're going

As we complete our fifth full operating year, we find ourselves reflecting on why we started, the people who have inspired us along the way, and the path ahead.

We created the Circle of Dreams Foundation in 2020 to practice a more personal, hands-on kind of philanthropy. As co-founders, we've chosen to stay closely involved—supporting small organizations, with annual budgets under $5M, that are doing meaningful, high-impact work.

> *Clean air, fresh water, healthy forests and resilient oceans are not owned by humans; they belong to all species, and to future generations.*

At the heart of our mission is a simple idea: protecting Nature's Commons—the shared systems that sustain all life. We feel a deep responsibility to help protect and preserve them.

Over the past five years, we've had the privilege of partnering with extraordinary leaders—from our local community on Colorado's Western Slope to organizations working in Nicaragua and Curaçao. These relationships have shaped our thinking and strengthened our commitment.

Our work goes beyond funding. We invest not only in ecosystems—plants, animals and landscapes—but in people, building long-term relationships and offering support, mentorship and collaboration wherever we can. In this first impact report, we're proud to share a few of these partnerships and the difference we are all trying to make in support of Nature's Commons.

For our ancestors of the past and the generations of the future,

Jeanne Jambor & Sue Dreamweaver Spielman



Jeanne Jambor
CO-FOUNDER



Sue Dreamweaver Spielman
CO-FOUNDER

OUR APPROACH

Driving impact through partnership

Our goal is to help organizations grow their impact over time—going beyond funding alone. We partner with organizations to:

1

Accelerate fundraising

Building fundraising capability and capacity so partners can diversify and grow their support.

2

Strengthen leadership

Supporting leaders and long-term sustainability, especially through periods of transition.

3

Grow nature programs

Launching and expanding the specific nature-based programs at the heart of each mission.

OUR IMPACT SINCE INCEPTION

$300K

IN FUNDING DEPLOYED

20

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

FOCUS AREAS



Forests & Landscapes	38%	Arts & Education	35%
Ocean	20%	Humans & Animals	7%

GEOGRAPHIC REACH



Domestic	60%	International	40%

PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

Three partnerships, up close

Reef Renewal Curaçao reefrenewalcuracao.org

OCEAN · CURAÇAO · PARTNER SINCE 2021

ORIGIN & VISION

Executive Director Tripp Funderburk joined Reef Renewal in 2021, during a period of organizational rejuvenation, with a vision for a world-class internship program to strengthen shallow-reef restoration and increase public awareness.

IMPACT

We have funded the internship program for four years. Interns take part in research and restoration, and expanded education has deepened community engagement—helping Reef Renewal significantly grow and diversify its fundraising.

Coral nurseries doubled · 15,000+ corals outplanted

Great Old Broads for Wilderness greatoldbroads.org

FORESTS & LANDSCAPES · COLORADO

ORIGIN & VISION

A national, women-led grassroots group protecting wilderness and public lands, with 40+ chapters ("Broadbands") in 17 states. Our partnership began with the Northern San Juan Broadband, training new leaders through WALTS sessions and Regional Rendezvous—including monitoring a native Bighorn Sheep herd.

IMPACT

As experienced leaders stepped into national roles, new local leaders emerged. We worked with the transitional team on member engagement and a fundraising event, helping the organization regain financial stability and continue its advocacy.

Fundraising event raised $250K+

Artists for Soup artistsforsoup.org

HUMANS & ARTS · NICARAGUA

ORIGIN & VISION

Introduced through a word-of-mouth referral, Artists for Soup sought to expand its agroecology and arts programs with Central American women. Together we designed a pilot workshop—*Food and Forest: Building Back Soil Biodiversity and Food Security*—for ten women in the Corozo region of Matagalpa.

IMPACT

The pilot expanded into additional rural communities, growing from solar dryers to home gardens, seed-saving, water filtration and small food enterprises. With our consistent annual funding, the program has deepened its impact and begun an arts-based curriculum.

Pilot of 10 women → 100+ families reached



LOOKING AHEAD

Sustaining Nature's Commons

We are proud of what has been accomplished in our first five years, and grateful to the partners and communities who make this work possible.

Deepen

Continue supporting small, high-impact organizations, strengthening existing programs.

Expand

Grow our network of partners and help seed new programs.

Measure & share

Keep measurable outcomes central, and build awareness of the foundation in our networks and broader community.

Our relationship-based approach has proven effective with our focus on outcomes that provide meaningful, lasting impact.

Together, we can ensure that Nature's Commons thrives—for today and for generations to come.

Our partners are listed on the back page. If you are moved by their work, we invite you to support them directly.

OUR COMMUNITY

Partners & Donation recipients

We invite you to support any or all of these organizations directly.

PARTNERS

Artists for Soup	artistsforsoup.org	NICARAGUA
Empowerment International	empowermentinternational.org	NICARAGUA
Friends of Youth and Nature	friendsofyouthandnature.org	COLORADO
Great Old Broads for Wilderness	greatoldbroads.org	COLORADO
Mountain Roots Food Project	mountainrootsfoodproject.org	COLORADO
Partners of Delta, Montrose & Ouray	partners-west.org	COLORADO
Reef Renewal Curaçao	reefrenewalcuracao.org	CURAÇAO
Renewable Wisdom Trails / Braided Traditions	braidedtraditions.com	NEW MEXICO
San Juan Mountains Association	sjma.org	COLORADO
Second Chance Humane Society	secondchancehumane.org	COLORADO
Youth Garden Project	youthgardenproject.org	UTAH

DONATION RECIPIENTS

Give Kids Art	givekidsart.org	CALIFORNIA
Report for America / Ground Truth Project	reportforamerica.org	MASSACHUSETTS
Home Trust of Ouray County	hometrustoc.org	COLORADO
Mountainfilm	mountainfilm.org	COLORADO
Ouray County Cares	ouraycountycares.org	COLORADO
Ridgway Pickleball Club	ridgwaypickleball.org	COLORADO
The International Flag of Planet Earth	flagofplanetearth.com	COLORADO

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