
NORTH YELLOWSTONE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The year 2020 was a year marked by no small amount of turmoil and uncertainty. The North Yellowstone Education Foundation (NYEF) by contrast, turned what otherwise may have been a 'lost year,' into one marked by opportunity and profound accomplishment.

Using the number signifying visual acuity as a metaphor, 2020 was a year of great clarity for NYEF on several fronts. We conducted long-term strategic planning, employed the services of a part-time grant writer, hired our first employee — NYEF's Executive Director, Shelly Siedlaczek, will be joining us in 2021 — built new partnerships, acted as the fiscal sponsor for the Park County Rural Schools 360 program to bring a higher level of mental health services to Gardiner and other area schools, expanded our *Connect! Grants* classroom grants program, and acquired our first parcel of property in Gardiner to make affordable, teacher housing a reality.

Twenty-twenty gave us an opportunity to exercise our creativity, resourcefulness, as well as to strengthen our resolve. I am very proud of our team; from our community of supporters, to our contracted assistants, from our board members to our advisory council members, for without their nimble minds, talent, ingenuity, and dedication, none of this would have been possible. My outlook for 2021 could not be more upbeat as we pave a brighter future for education and the youth of our community.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Bumann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Bumann | Board Chair

North Yellowstone Education Foundation works to enhance the Gardiner community by serving Gardiner Public Schools (GPS).

Serving Gardiner Public Schools enables us to address problems both large and small — from art supplies for elementary students, to the Gardiner housing crisis, to Montana's mental health epidemic — thus bolstering the wholeness of our school, community, and beyond.



Our mission is to work with the community to build sustainable support and enhance innovative educational opportunities for students, teachers and community members in partnership with Gardiner Public Schools.

“NYEF has helped Gardiner Schools to continue to offer unique educational opportunities to its students, improve its social emotional support to students, and has tackled the housing crisis facing all Gardiner residents in beginning the process of developing teacher housing. With the teacher shortage being compounded in Gardiner because it's rural and because of its unique housing situation, the ability to offer housing will help Gardiner Schools attract and retain the quality teachers we are used to.”

- Mike Baer, Principal & Superintendent for Gardiner Public Schools

CONNECT! GRANTS



Pictured here (clockwise from top left) are new picnic tables being used during Homecoming, Yellowstone Adventure Campers, and the Speech and Drama Team winning the state championship. *Connect! Grants* helped make these experiences happen!

Community Evaluated

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO
VOLUNTEER ON OUR GRANT
SELECTION TEAM DETERMINE
WHICH PROJECTS ARE APPROVED

"As a member of the community and parent of a student in the Gardiner School district, I was happy to participate in the Grants Selection Team. Coming together to share ideas, communicate values, and find ways to support the youth in our wonderful community is more important than ever. I enjoyed the opportunity to be part of that process."

— Dan Stahler, Wildlife Biologist, parent of GPS student, and member of NYEF's Grant Selection Team

Projects Funded

2020

Healthy Snack Program for Little People's Learning Center - \$3,500

Hamburger Patty Maker for School Kitchen - \$1,002

Be a Bruin, Love to Read! Program - \$700

Lodging for Speech & Drama team During Competition- \$585

Sexual Assault Nurse presentation - \$1,594

Nature Journals for Fourth Graders - \$460

Technology Equipment for Science and Agriculture Classes- \$1,981

Sanitizing Electrostatic Sprayer for Covid - \$800

Yellowstone Adventure Camp - \$1,200



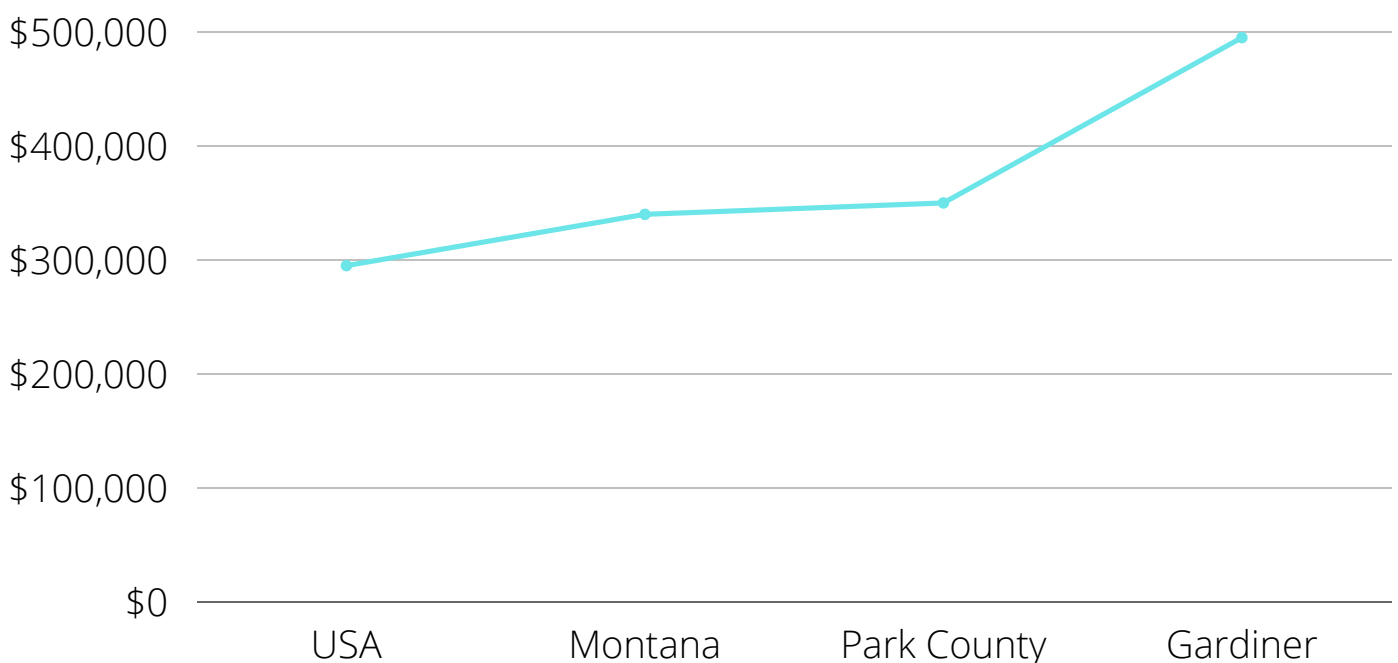
TEACHER HOUSING INITIATIVE



Gardiner is in the midst of a Housing Crisis. In fact, affordable housing was identified as the number one concern for Gardiner residents through a 2019 survey. This has affected the ability of Gardiner Public Schools to hire and retain teachers, who have a starting salary of \$35,777 per year.

In November 2020, NYEF purchased a property located at 506 S. Fourth Street in Gardiner (pictured here). Thanks to generous donations from folks in and outside the community, combined with grant support by the Gardiner Area Resort District, we are able to begin renovations to house two Gardiner Public School teachers by the end of 2021.

Median Price for Single Family Homes 2020



MENTAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



PCRS 360

Providing behavioral
and mental health resources, assistance,
programming, and accessibility to
students, staff, and families in our Park County
Rural Schools

Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tell us that Montana is facing a mental health epidemic. Figures from the Health Resources and Services Administration estimate that current mental care providers are only able to meet 12.5% of Montana's needs.

NYEF seeks to meet the mental and behavioral health needs of our community through our fiscal sponsorship of Park County Rural Schools 360. This project was awarded a prestigious multi-year grant for \$350,000 from AMB West Philanthropies (\$150,000 was disbursed in 2020).

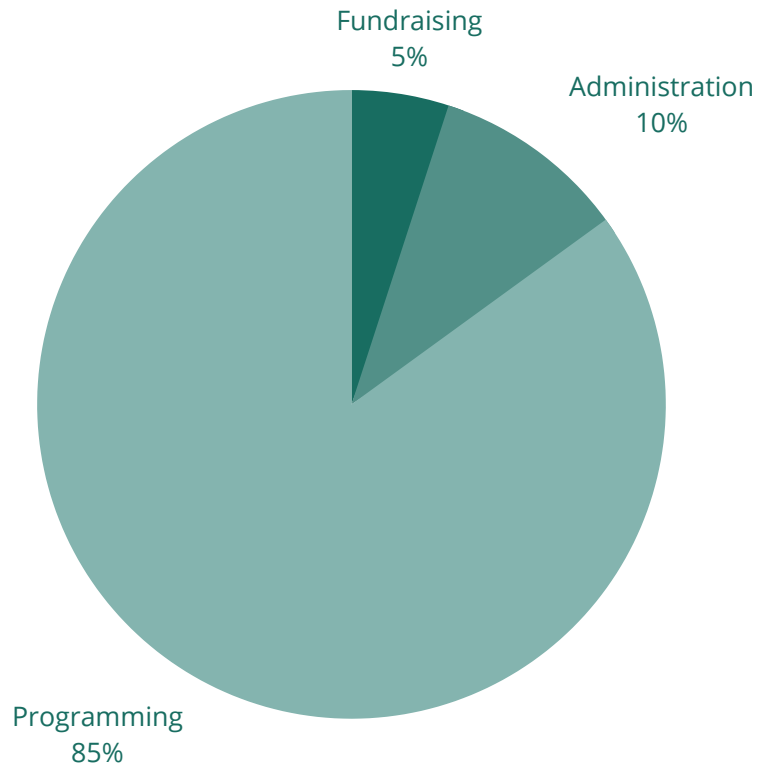
The Park County Rural Schools 360 Program (PCRS360) has hired a full-time behavior analyst working across five rural school districts, implemented yoga in elementary schools, and launched numerous other support efforts for students, staff, and families.

*"We are willing to make sacrifices for the lifestyle we love.
The mental and behavioral health of our children should
not be one of them."*

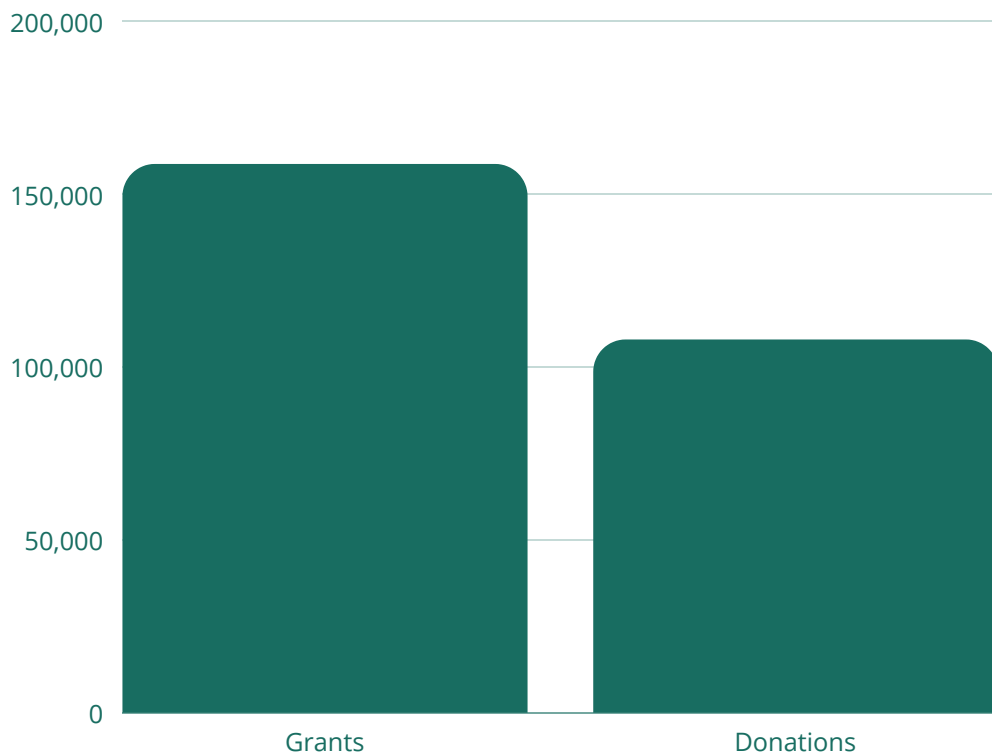
- Parent of a Gardiner School student

Total raised in 2020

\$267.5K



Distribution of Expenses



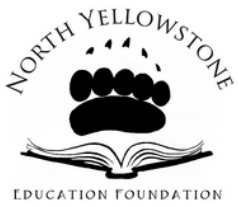
Fundraising Methods

North Yellowstone Education Foundation

Balance Sheet


As of December 31, 2020

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 First interstate checking	292,655.08
Total Bank Accounts	\$292,655.08
Total Current Assets	\$292,655.08
Fixed Assets	
1600 B&B	498,693.32
Total Fixed Assets	\$498,693.32
Other Assets	
1500 Retainer-Attorney	395.22
Total Other Assets	\$395.22
TOTAL ASSETS	\$791,743.62
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 Accounts Payable (A/P)	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 YE Liabilities	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
2200 Nicoles Loan	500,000.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$500,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$500,000.00
Equity	
Retained Earnings	224,461.34
Net Income	67,282.28
Total Equity	\$291,743.62
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