

2024 Annual Report



Board members evaluate a section of Meadow Drive to be widened with paved shoulders to improve pedestrian and biker safety. -- photo by Ellen Nelson



EVERGREEN LEGACY FUND

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Dear Supporters:

Reflecting on Our Growth and Achievements

As we look back on another year, the Evergreen Legacy Fund (ELF) continues to make a lasting impact on our community. Since our founding, ELF has played a vital role in funding essential projects that enhance Evergreen's infrastructure, environment, and quality of life. Through collaboration with the Evergreen Local Improvement District (ELID) and Jefferson County, as well as independent initiatives, we have successfully completed numerous projects that directly benefit our residents and visitors alike.

Strengthening Our Community Through Action

Over the years, ELF has contributed to significant improvements, including roadway enhancements, trail connections, and public space developments. Beyond our own projects, we have proudly supported other local organizations, helping them secure the necessary funding to bring their visions to life. These efforts have strengthened our community and reinforced our mission of preserving and enhancing Evergreen for future generations. In addition, our persistent advocacy with government entities has led to meaningful change with public safety improvements as well as critical planning for the future.

A Thriving Membership and Strong Leadership

This year, we celebrate the strongest membership base of businesses and donors in our history. Their continued generosity and engagement enable us to expand our impact and take on even more ambitious projects. Additionally, our Board of Directors consists of an exceptional group of dedicated, experienced, and motivated individuals. Their leadership and vision will guide ELF into the future, ensuring that we continue to serve our community with passion and purpose.

Looking Ahead

With unwavering commitment, we will continue to invest in projects that preserve the beauty, functionality, and safety of Evergreen. Our collective efforts make a real difference, and we thank every member, donor, and partner who contributes to our shared success. The future of Evergreen remains bright, and we are honored to play a role in shaping it.

Thank you for your support and dedication to the Evergreen Legacy Fund.

Sincerely,

Dean Dalvit
President

EvergreenLegacyFund.org



Dean Dalvit, Architect
Founder and President

The 2024 Board of Directors

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The mission of the Evergreen Legacy Fund is to raise funds to complete improvements and infrastructure in the greater Evergreen area that improve public safety, improve our mountain lifestyle, and support our local businesses.



2024 PROJECTS

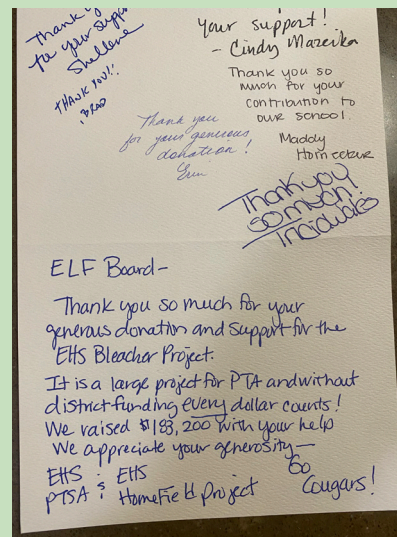
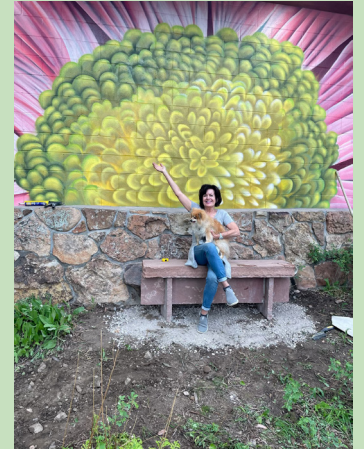


Sidewalks and Crosswalks at Wilmot Elementary

ELF celebrated the completion of Phase One of a three-phase project to improve pedestrian and biker safety between Hatch Drive and the Evergreen Library. The idea for this project came from 4 open houses held with the public nearly 10 years earlier, scoring as one of the most-needed improvements in the community.



ELF partnered with the Evergreen Metropolitan District to provide a stone bench in front of the mural on the Evergreen Water Treatment Plant near the spillway.



ELF participated in the Evergreen High School PTSA project to install new bleachers.

An ELF representative led discussions with 5 special districts, 4 nonprofit organizations, as well as other interest groups on the disposition of Bergen Meadow Elementary School, which closed in May of 2024.



ELF participated in the sponsorship of the mural on the front of the Century Link Building on Main Street, a project of the Leadership Evergreen Class of 2022.

Evergreen Legacy Fund

Statement of Financial Position

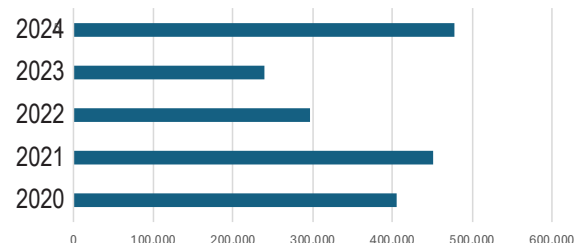
As of December 31, 2024

	TOT.
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
ELF Checking 2371	0.
ELF General Operating	10,644.
Memorials & Gifts Fund	95.
Total ELF Checking 2371	10,739.
PTSVgs 0968 maturing 3/12/25	51,753.
PTSVgs 2324 maturing 3/24/25	10,215.
PTSVgs 2332 maturing 3/24/25	10,098.
PTSVgs 2340 maturing 6/23/25	38,265.
PTSVgs 2510 maturing 1/14/25	42,103.
PTSVgs 3061 Maturing 2/25/25	15,174.
PTSVgs 3215 maturing 3/12/25	31,096.
PTSVgs 3223 maturing 3/12/25	51,827.
PTSVgs 3231 maturing 3/10/25	43,374.
PTSVgs 3304 matures 3/24/25 CO Gives Grant	25,290.
PTSVgs 3533 maturing 1/15/25	42,893.
PTSVgs 3738 maturing 2/3/25	10,000.
PTSVgs 4262 maturing 3/27/25	25,000.
PTSVgs 9900 maturing 6/16/25	51,242.
Total Bank Accounts	\$459,075.
Other Current Assets	
Payments to deposit	17,959.
Total Other Current Assets	\$17,959.
Total Current Assets	\$477,034.
TOTAL ASSETS	\$477,034.
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
CO Gives Grant - Restricted Until 3/31/2026	24,265.
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$24,265.
Total Current Liabilities	\$24,265.
Total Liabilities	\$24,265.
Equity	
Retained Earnings	353,746.
Net Revenue	99,023.
Total Equity	\$452,769.
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$477,034.

NOTES:

- The nature of our business requires an accumulation of funds to be paid to Jefferson County on an as-requested, intermittent basis as new projects commence. This affords ELF the opportunity to earn interest on funds until such time as they are payable to the County.
- In conjunction with approval of the Evergreen Local Improvement District (ELID) by the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners in 2020, ELF pledged to raise a minimum of \$90,000 per year to fund the 17 approved projects of ELID over a 10-year period.
- ELID must front all the money for projects and is then reimbursed by grants. As grants replenish ELID funds, those are recycled to help fund the next project. To date, ELF has deposited \$250,000 into the ELID account; that money has been used and recycled numerous times for smaller projects while building up a fund for the larger projects.
- As fundraising creates annual excesses beyond \$90,000, ELF is able to provide funding for community projects like murals and bleachers.
- The Colorado Gives grant is to be used for informing the community and gathering public opinion regarding the disposition of Bergen Meadow School when a purpose has been identified.

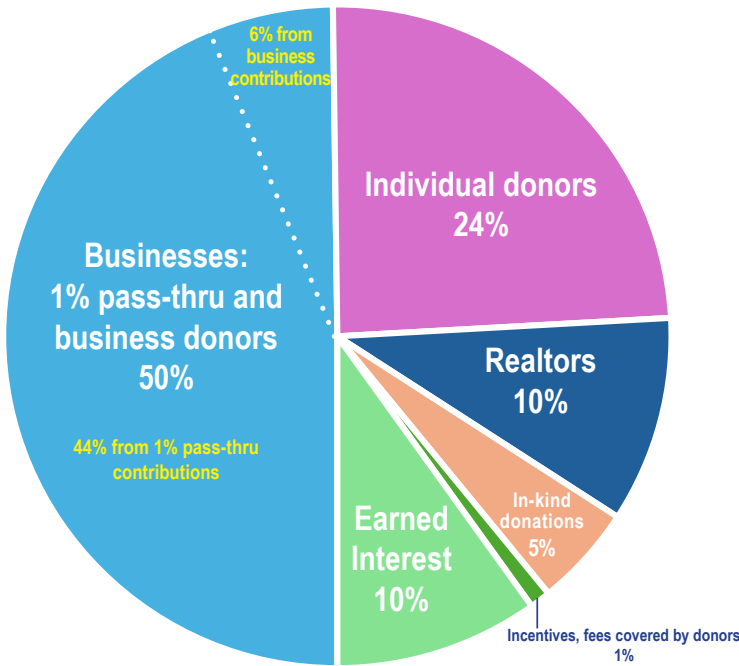
Assets 2020-2024



NOTES:

- ELF paid \$250,000 to Jefferson County in 2022.
- A payment of \$115,000 to Jefferson County in 2023 was returned to ELF in 2024, awaiting the need.

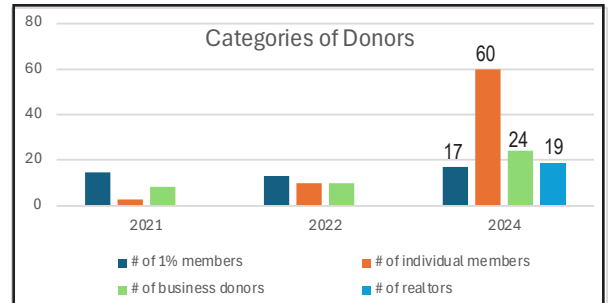
Sources of Revenues



NOTES:

1. Generally, grants are not reflected because they are payable only to governmental entities; thus, they bypass the ELF organization and are paid directly to Jefferson County.
2. In the case of non-municipal grants, only redeemed portions would be shown as income.

Each supporter is one of small group impacting the Evergreen community in a big way!



NOTES:

1. It's only since 2022 that ELF has considered asking individuals to donate; and as the graphs indicate, that effort has shown an enthusiastic response from individuals who truly love the Evergreen community and who are willing to invest in its future.
2. In 2023 ELF launched an effort to engage Realtors in supporting the community they sell on a daily basis.
3. ELF is concentrating on increasing its number of 1% members, as this represents our most impactful source of funding. The concept comes from Crested Butte, which collects 1% to protect open spaces. This segment of funding generally comes in very small increments and often from those who live outside the area but enjoy what Evergreen has to offer.

Testimonials



Our law firm supports Evergreen Legacy Fund because we have seen that it focuses and unites community interests, governmental resources and the business community thoughtfully, efficiently and with meaningful impact. ELF distinguishes itself by blending local sensibilities and involvement in healthy and safe use of public spaces. The ELF projects exemplify a public spirit for the benefit of each and the benefit of all members of our community. ELF's leaders seek no credit but merit our appreciation and support. -- Rich Levine

As the owner of Alexa Interiors and Mountain Home in Evergreen, I believe supporting the community that supports us is not just important—it's essential. That's why both of my businesses proudly participate in the Evergreen Legacy Fund (ELF) 1% Pass-Thru Program. ELF directly funds much-needed infrastructure improvements, from road maintenance to pedestrian access, helping to preserve the charm and accessibility that make Evergreen so special. -- Alexa Cowley



I've continued to donate 1% of my real estate commission income to the Evergreen Legacy Fund over the years regardless of what's happening in the market because I strongly believe in what ELF is doing. I don't get to add a 1% surcharge to my customer's bills at checkout, but I send a check quarterly to ensure ELF can continue to advocate, coordinate, and fund public infrastructure projects that are essential to our community. As an unincorporated area of Jefferson County, so much of the infrastructure we enjoy on a daily basis, like sidewalks, simply wouldn't happen without ELF. -- Nick Melzer

BUSINESSES

1% PASS-THRU PARTICIPANTS

Alexa Interiors
Alpen Way Chalet
Bistro Del Lago
Bear Essence Salon & Boutique
Blackbird Kitchen & Bath
Campfire Evergreen
Evergreen Crafters
Highland Haven Creekside Inn
Medical Aesthetics LLC
Mountain Home
Murphy's Mountain Grill
Sisters & Company
Stems Flower Shop
TallGrass Spa
Essence
Evergreen Massage
High Altitude Kombucha
Pixie Hair Studio
Shadow Mountain Gallery

REALTORS:

\$2,500 and above

Nick Melzer / Compass Realty
Kevin & Stephanie Freadhoff / Berkshire Hathaway

\$1,000 - \$2,499

PandoraJohnProperties / Madison & Co.
Julia Purrington / Berkshire Hathaway
Nicole Reyes / LIV Sotheby's
Tupper's Team / Madison & Co.
Lark Stewart / LIV Sotheby's
Andy Wann / Berkshire Hathaway

Up to \$999

Dena Appleton / Madison & Company
Jennifer Davenport / LIV Sotheby's
Melody Ellis / Berkshire Hathaway
Diane Florscheutz / Wildflower Realty
Mary Haling / LIV Sotheby's
Emily Henderson / LIV Sotheby's
Alison Maltese / LIV Sotheby's
Yvette S. Putt / LIV Sotheby's
Peg Schroeder / Madison & Company
Deborah Simon / LIV Sotheby's
Marie Lynch / Madison & Company
Tricia Wales / Coldwell Banker

BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS:

\$2,500 and above

[Bruce] Anderson Insurance Company
Evergreen Car Wash Co. - Ponderosa & Hilltop

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Coaty and Woods, PC
Colorado Serenity
EV Studio
Evergreen Rodeo Association
FirstBank
Valerian Landscape Architecture

Up to \$999

Bear Paw Stanbro Property Management
Blue Spruce Chocolates
Creating Space Colorado
Evergreen Area Chamber of Commerce
Evergreen Clothing and Mercantile
Evergreen Discount Liquors
Evergreen Living
Flicker & Finch Salon
Lakepoint Chiropractic
Manning Financial Advisors
Neighborhood Welcome
Rising Graphics & Printing
Stillwater Partners LLLP
Valentine Seevers & Associates
Wild Aware

*Those who
supported the
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in 2024...*



*"for the love
of Evergreen"*



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INDIVIDUALS

\$10,000 and above

Jon and Alli Mueller

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Linda Kirkpatrick

\$2,500 - \$4,999

n/a

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Alexa Cowley
Amy Bergevin
Penn and Marilyn Gildersleeve
Dr. Martha Lynch-Biasi
Jim and Aleta Smith
Marty and Don Unger

Up to \$999

Carrie and Gregg Baldwin
Tupper and Karla Briggs
Charles and Bette Carcano
Anne Chew
Liz Cohen
Brenda Cumming
Greg Dobbs
Peter and Peggy Eggers
Shelleen Ellington
Reg Fleming
Rob and Donna Frantz
Anna Murray Garner and Kevin Garner
Eric Gill
Gayle Gordon
Ele Hart
Betsy and John Hays
Mary Houlihan
Judith Hughes
Dore Huss
Karen Hutcherson
Peter Jacobson
Luann and Hank Kaanta
Janice and Stephen Kaup
Jim and Anita Kreider
Todd Landrum
Carla Larson
Meg and Mike Leonard
Cindy Lempke
Peter and Pam Lindquist
Trish Maggio
Jani and Bryan McCarty
Joan Mickelson
Jean and Mike Moravek
Dave and Carolyn Nelson
Dan Pike
Martha Pofit
Cherie Pope-Eagan
Charles Rhodes
Gail Riley and Tom Statzell
Brian Roberts
Jay Roberts
Tara Ryan
Christine Schment
Mark and Julie Schnoll
Gary Studwell
Denise Stoner
Judy Tersteeg
Michele Vanags
Laura Veckerelli
Anne and Mark Vickstrom
Nancy Williams and Jim Casebolt
John Wilson
Sharon Wood



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The History of the Evergreen Legacy Fund

In 2010 area businesses establish the Downtown Evergreen Economic District (DEED) to develop a central plan to address the problems of overuse and under-repair of the downtown infrastructure. With Evergreen's being unincorporated, no governmental agency would take ownership of infrastructure issues.

Over the years, the organization morphs into the Evergreen Legacy Fund (ELF) and broadens its focus to cover all of Evergreen, going through a number of name changes along the way. For these purposes, it will be referred to as ELF going forward.

In 2012 the organization begins collecting 1% as a pass-thru from area businesses, partnering with multiple public agencies to identify necessary infrastructure projects in and around downtown Evergreen.

In 2013 the group participates in the Evergreen Trails Master Plan and the rewriting of the Evergreen Area Community Plan. Board Member Bob Cardwell is named Leader of the Year for his many volunteer contributions to the community. ELF receives award from Chamber of Commerce for being Uniquely Evergreen.

In 2014 ELF holds four community open houses and expands its focus to the broader Evergreen community encompassing all commercial areas from El Rancho to Downtown Evergreen. Founder Dean Dalvit is named Leader of the Year for his work with ELF.

In 2015 the Evergreen Trails Master Plan is finalized with Jefferson County, and the County Commissioners approve the Evergreen Area Community Plan. ELF is instrumental in the creation of the 200-ft. pedestrian bridge connecting the lake trail to Downtown Evergreen, donates \$30,000 to secure partner funding and assists with project coordination. Partnering with Jefferson County, the two entities are awarded a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for Trails Master Planning.

In 2016 ELF prepares design and renderings of the Evergreen Lake North Trail in response to the washout that destabilized and ultimately closed the trail for more than a year.

In 2017 the organization proposes the Evergreen Local Improvement District as a vehicle to secure grants to pay for the infrastructure issues by working with County Commissioners and other agencies. ELF partners with Evergreen Park & Recreation District (EPRD) on the Evergreen North Lake Redevelopment Trail Plan. In cooperation with the Evergreen Fire Protection District, ELF agrees to maintain two downtown defibrillators as part of its community assistance commitment. Board member Eric Gill is named Leader of the Year in large part because of his role with ELF.

In 2018 ELF holds several workshops to launch the message of the proposed Evergreen Local Improvement District (ELID) and to gather community input. Persistent efforts with CDOT over a 6-year period result in curb-to-curb paving of Main Street. ELF works on planning and advocacy for the pedestrian crossing near Christ the King Catholic Church.

In 2019 ELF and Jefferson County together are selected to host an Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel to discuss the unique challenges of Downtown Evergreen. ELF sponsors an elementary school mural painted in the underpass between the lake and downtown.

The year 2020 is a pivotal one, as the County Commissioners vote to approve the formation of ELID, assuming responsibility for 17 infrastructure projects on county rights-of-way over the following 10-year period. ELF

assumes responsibility for funding the up-front costs and pledges to contribute \$90,000 for each of the 10 years.

In 2021, the partnership completes the half-mile-long RiverWalk, additional parking on Main Street, and the addition of a signalized crosswalk across CO Hwy 65 in front of Center for the Arts Evergreen.

In 2022 ELF funds a mural by EHS students on two sides of the Evergreen Metro Building below the spillway. The organization holds its first (and only) fundraiser and begins encouraging donations from individuals and businesses in addition to the 1% pass-thru. ELF enlists support from Realtors and seeks to build individual donors through an annual appeal on Colorado Gives Day.

In 2023 ELF donates \$50,000 to EPRD toward the reconstruction of the Evergreen North Lake Trail. The crossings between The Marketplace at Bergen Park and Bergen Village are replaced to make them ADA accessible and more pedestrian-friendly. ELF acquires a stone bench for along the RiverWalk.

In 2024 ELF is responsible for the addition of sidewalks and crosswalks near Wilmot Elementary School to improve pedestrian safety -- Phase One of a three-phase project to connect Wilmot Elementary and Evergreen High School to the Library. An ELF representative leads a discussion group on the disposition of Bergen Meadow Elementary School, which closed earlier in the year. ELF donates \$5,000 toward the mural on the Century Link building on lower Main Street -- a project of the Leadership Evergreen Class of 2022. ELF partners with Evergreen Metro District to provide a stone bench below the mural at the spillway. The organization hires its first part-time Executive Director.

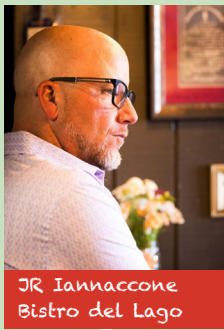


The Board of Directors

Left to right: Bob Cardwell (Treasurer), Brenda Cumming, Dean Dalvit (President), Cindy Lempke, Alexa Cowley, Sharon Wood (Secretary), Brent Kaslon, Anne Vickstrom, Linda Kirkpatrick (Executive Director), Eric Gill (Vice President).

Thank you for your support!

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Diana Dargen
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Amy Warneke & Dakota
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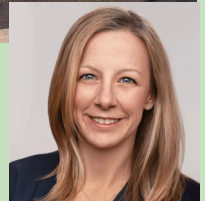
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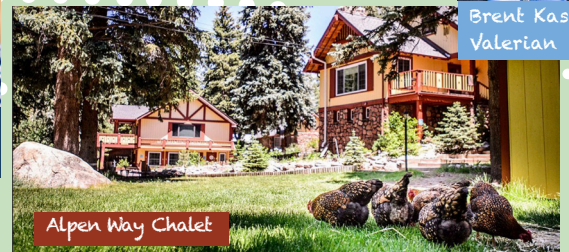
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