



ANNUAL REPORT

2022



Youth Are the Solution

A message from our Executive Director

I continue to be so grateful that I am able to be a part of the work that HVCC does in our community. HVCC has changed and grown tremendously in the 15 years I have been doing this work and in many ways it parallels the challenges and rewards of raising a family; as we enter the years of young-adulthood, I am proud of who we are.

Our team of amazing, caring, talented adults have huge hearts and make the days at HVCC fun and worthwhile. We hope you know the HVCC team always appreciate your conversations, ideas, and concerns, so stop by and say "hi"!

High Valley serves the most amazing families and young people through after-school, Fridays, summers, and sports programs. We are also honored to have built connections and relationships through our Encore Program that serves adults 50 years and older. HVCC could not do any of this without the partnerships and friendships that we have built. Investing in HVCC is simple and provides excellent tax benefits as well. Together we can ensure that our youth and older adults have amazing programs for years to come.

Thank you for being a part of the solution!

Adriana Atencio

HVCC

Youth Programming

43,284

Student Contact Hours

HVCC provides meaningful and engaging programming to youth in kindergarten to 12th grades. This year we have focused on helping our participants make up for the loss of learning and connection that they experienced during the height of the pandemic.

HVCC is committed to providing high-quality services free of charge for all youth. We understand that even small fees for program participation can create a burden on families. As our programming runs from just after school to 6:30 p.m., we offer warm, home-cooked meals each night, and breakfast and lunch during the summer.

68%

of HVCC students qualify for Free or Reduced Lunches

287

Individual students registered

Every year we tell ourselves that we have finally maxed out the number of youth who will sign up for our programming, but every year they prove us wrong. We welcome students from across the San Luis Valley, around the state and even some summer visitors from other states. This year, we had the privilege of having 405 unique youth register for our programs.



Current Youth Programs

Afterschool

We provide a safe and caring space for school-aged young people to complete homework, enjoy a meal, and learn new things.



Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
4:00 to 6:00

Fabulous Fridays



We are able to offer breakfast, lunch, and a variety of adventures and opportunities on Fridays. Throughout the year we offer 10 weeks of swim lessons, bowling, hiking, and interesting trips around the valley.

Fridays
8:00 to 5:00

Summer

During the summers, our students enjoy a wide variety of activities, which emphasize the arts, physical activities, crafts, and geography. They take weekly field trips where they get to visit local museums, the Great Sand Dunes National Park, Zapata Falls, and Creede Repertory Theatre. Students also take part in work and college readiness activities.



Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
8:00 to 5:00

HVCC Sports



Physical activity and good sportsmanship are some of the skills we are determined to help our youth develop. We offer youth volleyball, flag football, basketball, soccer, baseball and t-ball.

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Encore Programming



In our first year of programming Encore:

Registered more than 90 participants

Delivered more than 4,677 meals

Offered weekly activities

Encore programming provides meals, activities, and opportunities for connection for adults over 50 years old. This program helps us to create connections between our youth and adult participants throughout the year and serves a population who are often struggling with social isolation.

Participants have had some great things to say about our first year!

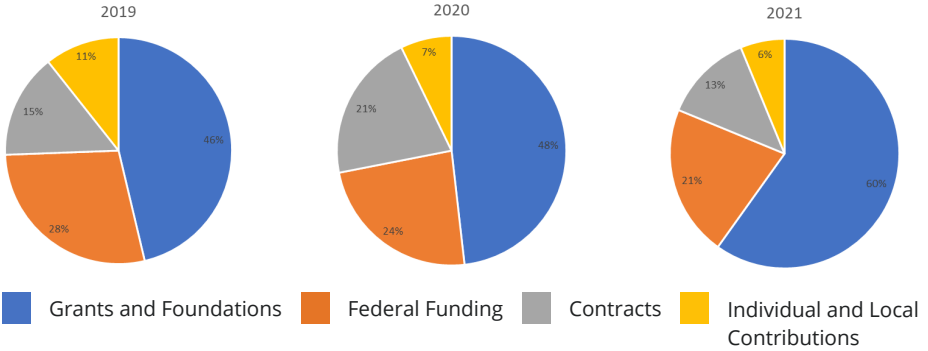
After a holiday break one participant told us, "I sure missed you guys and this food".

"Art class is the highlight of my week."

- Encore Participant

HVCC Financials

Income



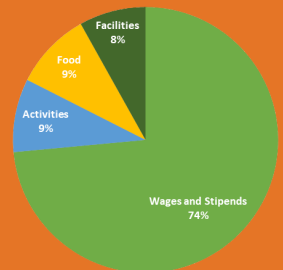
HVCC is working hard to maintain and grow our local contributions to help create sustainability in our programming. Our goal is to raise 30 percent of our income through local contributions. This will allow us to ensure that HVCC continues in our community and continues to help youth build the tools and skills they need to be the solution!

We cannot reach our goals without your continued support. HVCC donors and volunteers make our programming possible. Reach out to find out how you can be a part of the solution.

Expenses

HVCC's top priority is to create meaningful and healthy relationships between our students and staff. This is reflected in our spending.

Wages and stipends include staff payroll, junior staff stipends, coaching, sports assistants, and activity leaders. Our federal funding, and contracts are largely committed to these expenses. Community support allows us to purchase materials and supplies to provide engaging activities and trips for our youth.



HVCC History

HHVCC began in 1998 as three young mothers who wanted to create a community space in the Del Norte and South Fork communities. The vision included classes and opportunities for community members of all ages and many health and wellness components.

In 2009, we purchased our first building and added the after-school program and regular Friday activities. We expanded our Summer Program from four to eight weeks. Each year, the programs have grown and become more successful.

When our executive director was invited to speak at the 2015 SLV Rural Philanthropy Days, she realized that her topic, youth, was presented as the third of a group of problems facing our community.

She put down her prepared words and instead shared a more optimistic view of our work where young people in our community have the potential to solve all of the economic, environmental, and societal issues that were being discussed in that room. She realized that the truth each person needed to walk away with, is our motto: Youth are the Solution.



Get Involved



You can help us show how
Youth Are The Solution!

Watch our website for
employment opportunities

Volunteer to help with
Youth and Encore
programs

Bring your skills to our
Board of Directors

Make a donation or pledge
for the upcoming program
year

Invest Today

One-Time Contribution: \$

Monthly Contribution: \$

Online: Cash or Check:

Name: _____

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