

PRESS RELEASE

BRECKENRIDGE, COLO. (January 16, 2024) – Breckenridge Grand Vacations steps up annual giving with \$1.6M last year – bringing total BGV Gives support to over \$15 million.

In 2023, BGV Gives impacted 192 non-profits supporting health, human services, education, arts, environment, and sports and recreation in Summit and Park Counties. Additionally, BGV's Volunteer Time Off (VTO) program paid employees for 6,565 hours working at non-profits.

BGV's 2023 Volunteer of the Year, Jacob Budnick, said, "for me, BGV's VTO program is an opportunity to do our part in maintaining and continuously improving this incredible place that we're so lucky to call home."

Particularly impactful was BGV Gives' support of the Summit Community Care Clinic's hypertension program. The Care Clinic distributes home blood pressure monitors and provides enhanced patient support to decrease cardiovascular risks and mortality for local residents.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kathleen Cowie says about the program, "Much of blood pressure management depends on patients understanding their condition and working with a trusted provider. Hypertension is known as the 'silent killer,' as most people feel fine with elevated blood pressure. We found that positive results increased significantly through this program."

In Park County, BGV Gives provided both funding and volunteer assistance to create an educational, high-alpine community garden at the Sacramento Creek Ranch near Alma through a partnership with Mountain Area Land Trust (MALT).

According to Lynn Caligiuri, Executive Director of MALT, "The Trust is fortunate and grateful to have found such a turnkey partnership with BGV Gives. Upon completion in summer of 2024, the community garden will host a population of 15-20 native plants, along with educational interpretive signage to support students, educators, and community members seeking to learn about biodiversity, botany, and high alpine plant environments. Without BGV Gives, this educational hub would not be a reality!"

Tara Dew, BGV Gives Program Manager, said "Philanthropy is a top priority for Breckenridge Grand Vacations. From the company's executive leadership to our newest hires, BGV employees give back to those around them."

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To learn more about the BGV Gives Program, please contact Program Manger Tara Dew at (970) 547-8748 or <u>tdew@breckgv.com</u>.

ABOUT BGV GIVES

Founded in 2016, the BGV Gives Program, inspired by the late Owner/Developer Rob Millisor, was established to facilitate, and further extend BGV's philanthropic impact in Summit County and surrounding areas.