



**2015-2020
LA VETA TRAILS
FIRST FIVE YEARS**



OUR MISSION

Transform La Veta into a healthier community through trails, active transportation, conservation, and organized outdoor experiences for people of all ages and abilities.

Dear Friend of La Veta Trails,

In 2020, La Veta Trails celebrated our 5th year as a nonprofit organization. We began with a handful of eager volunteers and a wild idea that we could build a community trail system for people of all ages and abilities. We have formed so many meaningful relationships through hard work and commitment to this crazy idea. Today, our vision of a system of parks, open spaces and trails is becoming a reality with the help of our donors, volunteers, business partners, and land management agency staffs. We could not do what we do without you. Please celebrate our collective accomplishments and help us make the next five years even bigger.

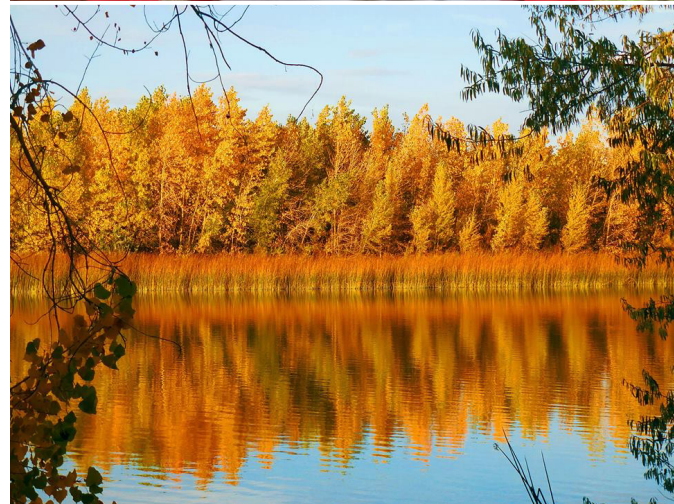
Sincerely,

La Veta Trails Board of Directors

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- Mark White
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- Lonnie Brown
- John Costea
- Sandy Helwig
- Deb Nott



GOALS



DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, PRESERVE AND PROMOTE a network of multi-use trails for the purposes of recreation, conservation, education and inspiration.



CONNECT trail users and supporters to the beauty, character and history of the area.



ENGAGE partners, neighbors, youth, and businesses in trail building initiatives.



PROVIDE the volunteer stewardship for the construction and maintenance of trails.



MILESTONES



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2015

WAHATOYA STATE WILDLIFE AREA is a 200-acre open space with two lakes each with a 1-mile trail. Working in partnership with Colorado Parks and Wildlife since 2015, Volunteer Stewards have worked 582 hours on maintaining and grooming the trails and constructing steps at an in-kind value of \$14,080.



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2016

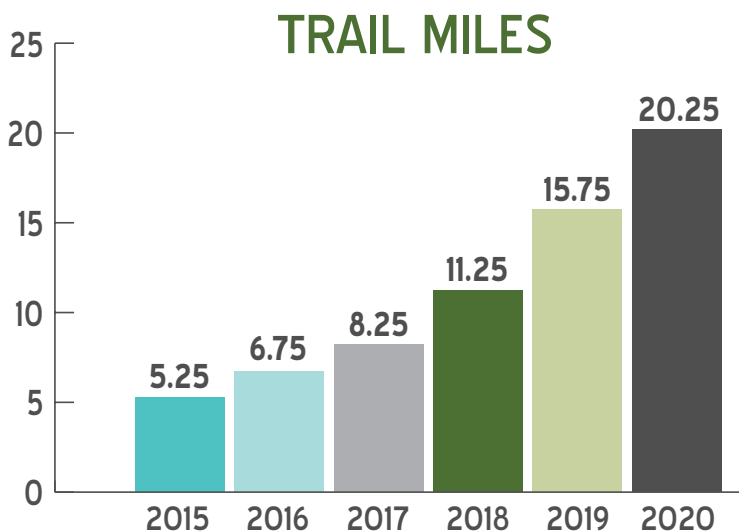
SCHOOL NATURE TRAIL is a restored .25-mile interpretive trail on 3-acres with information kiosks, plant identification signs, footbridges and benches that provides an outdoor space to learn about the natural environment. Volunteer Stewards have worked 942 hours on restoring and maintaining the trails at an in-kind value of \$22,122.



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2018

THE SPANISH PEAKS WILDERNESS AREA, consisting of 19,226 acres and 33 miles of trails, is managed by the U.S. Forest Service/San Carlos Ranger District through its field office in La Veta. The U.S. Forest Service and La Veta Trails formed the Spanish Peaks Wilderness Stewards to maintain the Wilderness trails. Since 2018, 26 Spanish Peaks Wilderness Stewards have worked 274 hours on maintenance and logging out fallen trees at an in-kind value of \$6,955.



314
VOLUNTEERS

103
YOUTH

6084
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$151,367
VALUE OF VOLUNTEER IN-KIND

FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT – A COMMUNITY EFFORT

The Town of La Veta asked La Veta Trails to lead a volunteer effort to restore the Cucharas River channel following the Spring 2018 Fire, which burned 100,000+ acres leaving a huge scar that raised the prospect of significant flooding. It took 186 volunteers working 3,318 hours over 40 days to clear vegetation along 4,800 linear feet of the river, covering 8.7 acres of land area. An extraordinary effort on the part of people from La Veta, Cuchara, Walsenburg, Gardner and places in between.



**186
VOLUNTEERS**

**3,318
HOURS**

**40
DAYS**

**4,800
LINEAR FEET**

**8.7
ACRES OF LAND AREA**



CONNECTING WITH YOUTH STEWARDS



YOUTH CREW LEADER CLASS WITH MARK WHITE



STUDENT LED CLEAN-UP OF THE SCHOOL NATURE TRAIL



YOUTH CREW WORKING ON FLOOD MITIGATION



YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP



METHODIST YOUTH GROUP WORKING ON FLOOD MITIGATION

53
YOUTH STEWARDS

401
HOURS

\$10,204
IN-KIND VALUE



CONNECTING PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO TRAILS



GUIDED ART WALK ON THE TOWN CENTER TRAIL



PRESCHOOL CLASS ON THE SCHOOL NATURE TRAIL



TOWN MARSHAL WILLBURN HELPING 2ND GRADER READ POETRY ON THE SCHOOL NATURE TRAIL



WALK OR WHEEL WEDNESDAY ON THE TOWN CENTER TRAIL



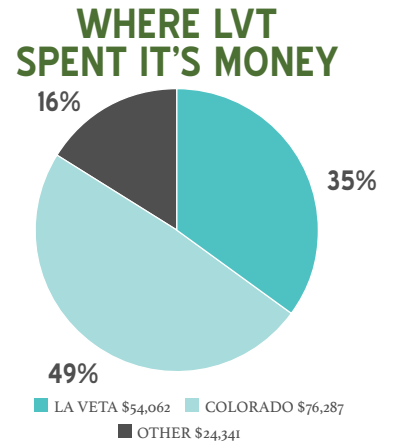
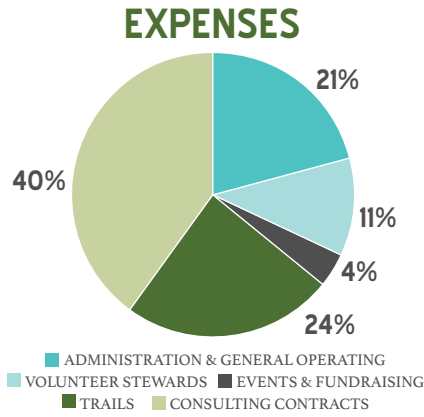
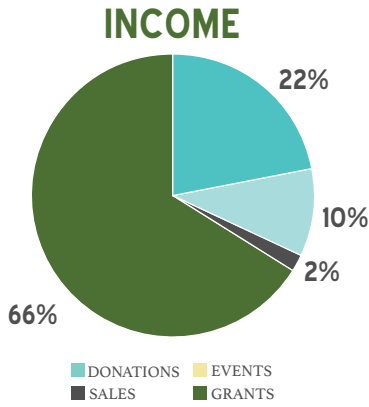
38 GUIDES HIKES/WALKS HOSTED
539 PEOPLE 46 DOGS



WHEN HISTORIAN NANCY CHRISTOFFERSON LEADS A WALK, EVERYONE LISTENS!



GUIDED HIKE ON THE WAHATOYA LAKE TRAIL



THANK YOU, BUSINESSES, DONORS, ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFITS!

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 Katharine Emsden's Children
 Kathy Hill Studio
 Keli Kringle
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 Kenneth Simons
 Kent Hay
 Kerrie Meyler

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS 2015-2020

CO Parks and Wildlife	\$38,000
CO Health Foundation	\$28,000
LiveWell Huerfano County	\$19,500
NextFifty Initiative	\$10,000
Tercio Ranch Foundation	\$8,500
Huerfano Park and Recreation	\$8,424
San Isabel Electric Association	\$4,600
National Alliance of Wilderness Stewardship	\$4,584
Tri-state Generation and Transmission	\$3,350
So. Co. Community Foundation	\$3,100
El Pomar Foundation	\$2,500
Basin Electric Power Cooperative	\$2,500
Town of La Veta	\$1,000
Cuchara Hermosa	\$1,000
First National Bank	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$136,058

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- Sam Montalbano, Student Intern, Active Living Project and La Veta Parks, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan



*Sam Montalbano (left) and Emily Masinton
 presenting the Rural Active Living Assessment
 Findings to the Community.*



VOLUNTEER STEWARDS

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ERNEST SHEALY, WITH WIFE JUDE (MIDDLE) AND SHAWNA – ALL SUPER VOLUNTEERS!

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Dewayne and Bethany Yeddo
Peggy and David Zehring

VOLUNTEERS WE SADLY SAID GOOD-BYE



Katharine Emsden (left) and Joan Hanley.



Robert Rosen (left)

NEXT FIVE YEARS

1. Increase capacity to construct and maintain an interconnected network of high-quality, multiple-use trails for diverse users.
2. Motivate and retain volunteers with a fun and social trail building experiences.
3. Develop a trail signage plan to improve the user experience.
4. Strengthen partnerships to cultivate a leadership team with diverse talents and experiences.
5. Develop a diversity, equity and inclusion plan to guide LVT as it strives to become a more inclusive and diverse organization.
6. Strengthen partner trust, secure new revenue sources, and recruit volunteers by highlighting our sustained success, growth, and plans.
7. Offer fun, high-value events to engage the trail- user community, and to increase unrestricted revenue.
8. Secure dedicated office, storage, staging, and meeting space.