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Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 marks the date for the Nathan Yip Foundation's Annual Chinese New Year Gala. The Chinese New Year celebration is our way of sharing the Yip family's culture with the local community, while raising funds to support schools, teachers and students in rural Colorado. **This year we reached a wonderful donation milestone - since 2016 the Nathan Yip Foundation has donated more than \$1,000,000 to rural K-12 schools and teachers throughout Colorado.** Our mission is to empower rural Colorado schools, students and teachers. Through funding and collaborative support, our vision is to close the education and opportunity gap between rural and urban schools in the state. Projects have ranged from STEAM technology classroom upgrades to online resources and funds for districts to enhance vocational programs, as well as funding to support student visits to

Our Chinese New Year Gala, in addition to being one of the largest Chinese New Year celebrations in the state, is also our largest fundraiser - the money raised at the Gala is granted shortly thereafter to schools and districts. Our event will once again be at the Grand Hyatt and we will be ringing in the Year of the Dragon. Guests will be treated to a banquet dinner, our popular Night Market, and a live auction and paddle raiser for rural school support. The event will be chaired this year by Dr. Michael and Lyn Schaffer. Dr. Schaffer has worked extensively in rural Colorado in his medical practice and thus has seen first-hand the need for education support in rural areas. Lyn Schaffer brings extensive experience in chairing incredible events, so we are excited to have their passion and experience as we work to create a memorable experience for our 400+ guests.

We are currently seeking sponsorships for this year's Gala. Please see the attached packet - which outlines the various sponsorship opportunities available this year. As many of the sponsorships are exclusive, please contact Executive Director Jill Henwood at [jill@nathanyipfoundation.org](mailto:jill@nathanyipfoundation.org) as soon as possible if any sponsorships interest you or if you have any questions regarding this opportunity. The deadline to be recognized on our program materials is December 31st, 2023 so please let us know by then if you are interested in sponsoring; however, we would love to celebrate your collaboration on emails and on social media as soon as possible. (Sponsorship payment can be made in 2023 or 2024 - whichever you prefer.)

Thank you for your consideration,

*Jill Henwood*

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# CHINESE NEW YEAR GALA

FEBRUARY 3, 2024



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Contact Jill Henwood, Executive Director: [Jill@NathanYipFoundation.org](mailto:Jill@NathanYipFoundation.org)

### PRESENTING SPONSOR | \$15,000

(EXCLUSIVE) SOLD

Two (2) PREMIER location tables for ten (10) guests each - twenty (20) total guests, plus:

- **A Special Honor!** Opportunity for representative to lead guests (from stage) in the traditional New Year salad toss activity to kick off the banquet dinner
- Live verbal recognition at the event by program emcee
- Logo or Name on sponsorship signage, digital screens, and printed program at the event
- Inclusion in email announcements to over 2,000 recipients
- Logo or Name on the event website page

### COCKTAIL SPONSOR | \$7,000

(EXCLUSIVE) 1 AVAILABLE

One (1) PREMIER location table for ten (10) guests, plus:

- Exclusive Logo or Name on 1,000 Cocktail Napkins during reception
- Live verbal recognition at the event by program emcee
- Logo or Name on sponsorship signage, digital screens, and printed program at the event
- Inclusion in email announcements to over 2,000 recipients
- Logo or Name on the event website page

### RED ENVELOPE SPONSOR | \$7,000

(EXCLUSIVE) SOLD

One (1) PREMIER location table for ten (10) guests, plus:

- Exclusive Logo or Name on 1,500 red envelopes
- Live verbal recognition at the event by program emcee
- Logo or Name on sponsorship signage, digital screens, and printed program at the event
- Inclusion in email announcements to over 2,000 recipients
- Logo or Name on the event website page

### PROGRAM SPONSOR | \$5,000

6 AVAILABLE

One (1) PREMIER location table for ten (10) guests, plus:

- Company Logo or Name and message on the back page of the event program book
- Live verbal recognition at the event by program emcee
- Logo or Name on sponsorship signage, digital screens, and printed program at the event
- Logo or Name on the event website page

### FRIENDS OF THE YIPS TABLE SPONSOR | \$4,000 UNLIMITED

One (1) table of 10 (ten) guests, plus:

- Company/Individual Name on digital screens at the event
- Company/Individual Name in the printed program at the event

### SPONSOR A RURAL TEACHER | \$2000

Tickets for two (2) guests for the event, plus:

- Sponsorship covers the travel expenses of a rural teacher to attend and present at the Gala
- Company/Individual Name on digital screens at the event
- Company/Individual Name in the printed program at the event

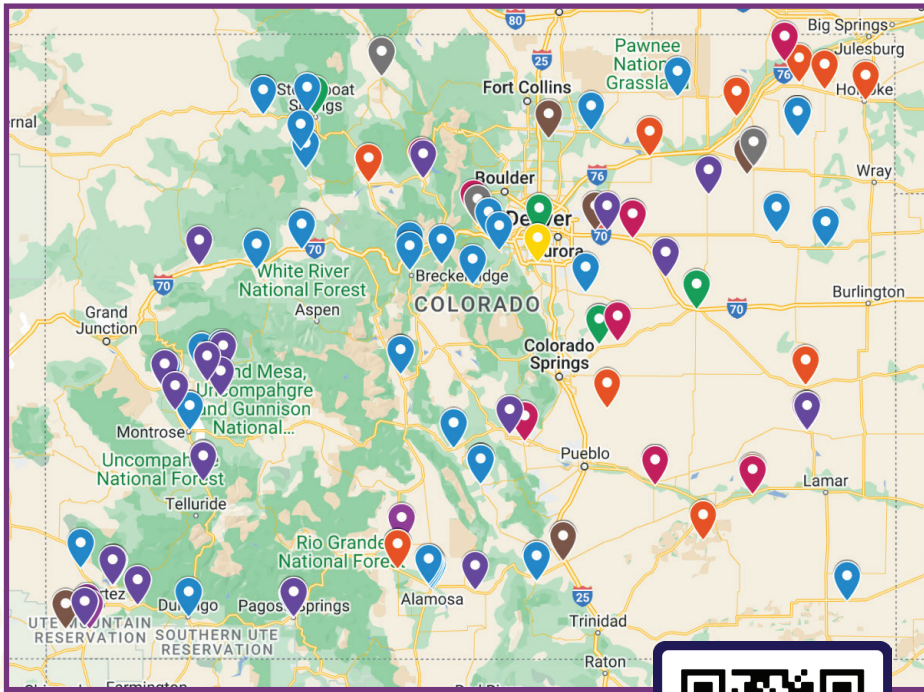






## OUR MISSION

The Nathan Yip Foundation Supports  
K–12 Education in Rural Colorado



### WE HAVE COLORADO COVERED!

By the end of 2023, the Nathan Yip Foundation will have awarded more than \$1 Million to schools and teachers throughout rural Colorado. Scan the QR code or click here for an interactive version of the map to see complete details of our funding.



Nathan Yip Foundation  
Colorado Grants Map



Empowering Rural Colorado's  
Schools and Students

[www.NathanYipFoundation.org](http://www.NathanYipFoundation.org)







## RECENT PROJECTS

**Agate School District | Agate, CO**

**East Grand School District | Granby, CO**

**Industrial Arts Equipment.** Fund the purchase of new large equipment (including saws) to improve the safety and relevance of the industrial arts program.

**Bennett School District | Bennet, CO**

**Fire Sciences Pathways Program.** Fund industry standard equipment and supplies so students in Bennett and surrounding areas can attain their Fire Science Certification while in high school.

**Canon City School District | Canon City, CO**

**Delta County School District | Delta, CO**

**RE-2 School District | Rifle, CO**

**Good-Natured Learning:** Support districts in district-wide implementation of effective nature-based learning by funding training for Good Natured Learning Teacher Fellows that will support and train others in the districts.

**North Fork School of Integrated Studies | Paonia, CO**

**Low Strings Instruments:** Support school efforts to purchase and maintain low-strings instruments for neuro-divergent students to experience musical education in a positive way.

**San Juan Mountain School | Pagosa Springs, CO**

**Alternative School Greenhouse:** Provide funding necessary to build a campus greenhouse. Students will participate and learn through building the greenhouse and then utilize the facility to learn agricultural and other hands-on environmental skills.

**Ute Mountain Ute | Towaoc, CO**

**Summer Cultural Camp:** Provide funding for a cultural camp for Ute middle-school students to better understand their heritage and interact with elders. This program is designed to improve mental health and academic success for Ute youth as they navigate two worlds.



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## WHY RURAL?

### *OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND*

Nathan Yip, after visiting China as a teen with his family, felt a strong urge to help schools and students in rural areas of China. To honor his memory and turn their grief into meaningful action, Nathan's parents dedicated themselves to raising funds in support of his vision for enhancing rural education. Since 2016, the Nathan Yip Foundation has focused on improving education in rural Colorado. Through initiatives like school and district grants, as well as grants for rural teachers, the foundation continues to actively support K-12 education in these areas. By directly providing funding for specific needs identified by rural educators, we aim to positively impact the educational journey of students in rural Colorado. Our goal is to narrow the educational disparities between rural and urban schools. Together, we can make a significant difference in ensuring that every student in rural Colorado has access to a high-quality education, exciting opportunities, and the resources they need to succeed.

Your support is invaluable in helping us accomplish this mission.

## RURAL COLORADO TEACHER GRANTS

**Established in 2022, the Nathan Yip Foundation awards grants to rural Colorado teachers.**

147 districts in the state of Colorado (out of 179 districts statewide) are identified by the Colorado Department of Education as rural or small rural. The Nathan Yip Foundation aims to support teachers in these rural districts with rural teacher grants. Projects funded include a microscale chemistry lab in Cotopaxi, rolling music carts for the roving music teacher in Custer County, graphing calculators in Dolores, Orff instruments in LaVeta, iPads in Hayden, and a kiln for K-12 students in Joes!

## ANNUAL EVENTS

**We invite you to join us in our unique "fun-draising" events** that celebrate our Asian heritage and generate support for rural Colorado schools and students. **Please check our website at [www.NathanYipFoundation.org](http://www.NathanYipFoundation.org)** for dates and information.

**Chinese New Year** (February) - Our premier event and one of the largest Chinese New Year Celebrations in the metro area. You won't want to miss this event with lion dancers, a night market, and a traditional salad toss.

**Mid-Autumn Festival** (September) - Our annual "Thanksgiving of the East" family event.

**Sushi Party** (June) - Kick off summer with sushi and sake.

