WHY RURAL?

Out of Sight, Out of Mind

Rural schools face paramount challenges to provide educational tools to ensure the success of their students—inefficient financing, trouble recruiting and retaining teachers, and inaccessible or unaffordable services for children and families. Rural students are often overlooked but we believe they are equally deserving of access to a great education.
OUR MISSION

The Nathan Yip Foundation supports K-12 rural education.
2019 AT A GLANCE

$306,884 raised

$199,901 invested in rural education

15 projects funded

11,700 students impacted

*The Nathan Yip Foundation’s fiscal year runs April 1 – March 31. The 2019 Annual Report is based on financial statements from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.
2019 Colorado Projects

2019 saw a great mix of projects funded for science curriculum, literacy tools, the arts, as well as the continuation of our Home Visit Program. There were overwhelming requests for technology, like laptops and calculators, and STEM materials. We funded 14 projects in Colorado and 1 project in Mexico, reaching 11,700 students in 27 unique communities.

S-CAP Schools
(Generation Schools Network)
- Akron School District
- Buena Vista School District
- Buffalo-Merino School District
- East Otero R-1
- Frenchmen School District
- Hanover School District
- Haxtun School District
- Holyoke School District RE-1J
- Kit Carson School District
- La Veta School District
- Las Animas School District
- Monte Vista School District
- West Grand School District 1
- Wiggins School District

Ongoing Partnerships
- Center Consolidated School
- Eads High School

Generation Schools Network
- Monte Vista High School
- Montezuma-Cortez Re-1 School District
- Ute Mountain Ute Reservation

2019 Grant Recipients
- Byers Elementary School
- Calhan RJ-1 School District
- Caliche High School
- East Grand Middle School
- Fowler Jr/Sr High School
- Fremont School District
- Las Animas Elementary School
- Mt. Evans BOCES
- Ortega Middle School
- Future Arts Foundation*
- George Washington High School
- Patriots Care*

* Funded through Friends of Nathan Yip
2019 CHINA PROJECTS

The Nathan Yip Foundation supports approximately 120 students annually in China, through its Child Sponsorship Program. For $150, supporters can make a large impact for a student at one of the six active Child Sponsorship school sites in China.

School Sites
Huomai Nathan Yip School of Hope
La Casa di Marta Children’s Home
Lizi Elementary School
Marian Children’s Home
Shitan Salesian Children’s Center
Yangtze River Elementary School

Ongoing Projects
Reading Corner Program
Rural Teacher Training Program
**COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT**

**Center**, a small town in Colorado’s San Luis Valley (SLV), is home to the Nathan Yip Foundation’s **Home Visit Program**. The program was founded in Spring 2017 and currently serves approximately **325 students** in middle and high school.

Center is also known for its high migrant and English Language Learner population. 95% of Center students receive free or reduced lunch (the Colorado state average is 43%). Many parents work in the SLV’s booming potato industry and do not have time to engage in school activities. In order to accommodate parent’s schedules and allow them to become engaged in their child’s learning, teachers travel in pairs to conduct parent conferences in the comfort of the family’s home, outside of school hours.

As a large percentage of Center teachers do not live in town, this program has also helped bridge the relationship between the school and the community.

Through the Nathan Yip Foundation’s **$30,000 annual investment**, the school has seen increased student attendance rates, test scores, classroom participation, parent engagement and trust, and an overall feeling of community empathy. Teachers are feeling more connected to the local community, and the school district is now able to retain talented educators.
PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

**Arrow Electronics**, a Fortune 500 distributor of electronics, reached out to us in 2019 about sponsoring a project showcasing their technology in the agricultural realm. Our work with rural schools gave Arrow the opportunity to tap into students’ innovative minds, focus on hands-on learning, and familiarity with the agricultural landscape. We saw this as a chance to **partner rural students with industry leaders** and equip them with new technological skills and to apply to their local economy.

The town of **Eads**, located on Colorado’s Eastern Plains, is an agrarian community that is about 3 hours southeast of Denver by car. The surrounding area has many cattle operations, feedlots, pig farms, and some traditional farming of wheat, barley, hay, and alfalfa. Many Eads High School students work on their family farms or local operations. Students, along with their science teacher, designed a project with Arrow to **incorporate the use of drones** and electronic bolus pills to monitor and collect rumen pH and temperature data from cattle.
With electronic monitoring, cattle typically must walk by an antenna or be near a data transmission point in order to send readings to the computer. However, given that each cow must graze on about an acre per day, rounding cattle up to gather regular reading could pose quite an issue. So, students devised a plan to rig a drone with a tracking antenna, scanning mechanism, and thermal imaging camera. Ranchers would then be able to monitor and scan bolus data at an extended range, search for their roaming cattle, and visually monitor their livestock with the camera. With this technology, ranchers could easily fly the drone past the livestock, eliminating the need to handle the animals and stress them more.

Arrow Electronics enthusiastically equipped the group with state-of-the-art technology and sent their engineers to Eads to give students drone flying lessons and work with them to program their electronic boluses and data receivers. Arrow then sent a film crew to document the process for debut at the 2020 National Western Stock Show.
PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

In 2019, the Nathan Yip Foundation piloted a new program called Nate’s Passport. Nate’s Passport taught youth ages 10-13 lessons about philanthropy and giving back in their community.

Participants attended training events and days of service themed around giving Time, Talent, and Treasure. They also received a passport book to fill with a record of tasks and activities they completed throughout the year – earning stamps for every good deed recorded and collecting prizes along the way.

At the end of the program, participants got to design their own service project utilizing any combination of Time, Talent, and Treasure – for a cause they were most passionate about. Projects were presented at the Mid-Autumn Festival Luncheon (September 2019).
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The Nathan Yip Foundation works directly with stakeholders to ensure that its support is thoughtful, sustainable, and fits with the community’s needs. By building these partnerships, allows the partners to work together to craft innovative solutions.

In Colorado, each partnership request is carefully evaluated by the Rural Colorado Education Advisory Committee – made up of education professionals and community/industry leaders – to determine alignment with the foundation’s mission and resources.

In China, our team makes annual visits to sponsored schools to conduct needs assessments and collect project updates. Many of these schools are in very remote mountainous areas, taking our team on days-long journeys across harrowing roads. Students in China are hand-delivered their scholarship funds to ensure that the families directly receive the support.

As the foundation prides itself in its grassroots, hands-on nature, all partners receive a site visit – an important step in lending the foundation’s eyes and ears to each and every project.
OUR COMMUNITY

FRIENDS OF NATHAN YIP

This young professionals’ group was founded in 2012 by Nathan Yip’s friends and peers. Since Nathan loved music, the group holds a benefit concert each year to raise funds for causes it deems worthy of support. The group has an associate board that reviews grant requests. Historically, the concert has supported music education as well as local metro-Denver projects that the greater foundation would otherwise not fund due to its rural focus.

SPONSORS

We rely on corporate and individual sponsors for an important portion of our revenue. All sponsorships are carefully crafted to ensure that our partners are getting the community engagement they seek. Individuals and private and family foundations giving to the Nathan Yip Foundation know that our hands-on approach means that we will steward their funds to the projects that need them the most.

COMMITTEES

Our committees are the heart of our organization. Joining a committee, whether for an event or for a larger strategic role, is a great way for folks to lend their talents to our cause. We recruit committee members for their professional experience or mission-related passion and dedication.

VOLUNTEERS

Many volunteers donate their time, talent, and/or treasure to our organization. The majority of our volunteers are event-related, helping us with planning and onsite event operations. Some volunteers have gone on to create their own fundraisers to benefit the Nathan Yip Foundation – including social media campaigns, collecting donations in lieu of birthday or wedding registry gifts, or even planning their own fun events for friends and family.
FRIENDS OF NATHAN YIP

Friends of Nathan Yip was formed in 2012 by a group of Nathan’s peers with the goal of bringing the Nathan Yip Foundation’s message to young professionals in the Denver community. Friends of Nathan Yip strives to promote and carry on Nathan’s love of music and passion for community through an annual benefit concert, Nate’s Night, which raises funds for local charitable organizations. Money raised by Friends of Nathan Yip stays in Colorado, funding educational opportunities with a particular emphasis in music education related projects.

2019 GRANTS

FUTURE ARTS FOUNDATION

$5,000 for musical instrument donations to local public schools and free/discounted music and art lessons to children with parents in public service professions (teachers, first responders, etc.).

GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOT PAIRS MENTOR PROGRAM

$1,520 to purchase graphing calculators for the incoming Freshman class of mentees.
The Nathan Yip Foundation relies on special events to raise funds for its many education projects throughout Colorado and China.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY**

East meets West at the biggest Chinese-themed Lunar New Year party in the Rocky Mountains! This party features a delicious Chinese banquet dinner, unique Chinese night market, and thrilling performances, like the traditional lion dance. The after party is a night to remember with karaoke, silent disco, fortune teller, calligrapher, portrait artist, and more!

**SUSHI PARTY**

This annual event is our kick-off to the summer and a celebration of Nathan Yip’s June birthday. Guests enjoy an all-you-can-eat feast of sushi, sake, and Japanese treats prepared by Chef Miki Hashimoto of TOKIO Restaurant. Formally at the Yip’s home, this event has grown and is now hosted at the Dome at AMG.
SPECIAL EVENTS | Continued

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LUNCHEON

The Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is often referred to as the Thanksgiving of the East. We celebrate with a family-style feast that’s fun for everyone. This luncheon is a casual gathering, hosted at a local Asian restaurant. The luncheon also features a kid’s craft area and mini Night Market with fun clothing and accessories from China.

NATE’S NIGHT

Nate’s Night is an annual concert held at Ophelia’s Electric Soapbox in Downtown Denver, hosted by Friends of Nathan Yip. The 2019 show featured Adam Aijala and Ben Kaufmann of Yonder Mountain String Band, with other well-known bluegrass musicians. A VIP dinner menu was provided by Seattle Fish Company, with 100% of meal proceeds donated back to Friends of Nathan Yip.
SPECIAL EVENTS | Continued

ANNUAL “YIP TRIP” TOUR

Philanthropy travel at its best! Each year, a small group of donors travel with Linda and Jimmy Yip for an in-depth experience in Chinese culture and history. The tour itinerary is unique each year, bringing people to every corner of China and other parts of Asia. The 2019 tour featured Taiwan and Japan.

SHANGHAI GALA

The Shanghai Gala is held every other year, at the tail end of the annual “Yip Trip” tour. Students and teachers from the various Nathan Yip Foundation Schools of Hope throughout China travel to Shanghai to attend the gala and meet donors. Funds raised stay in China and are directed to the Rural Teacher Training Program and Reading Corner student literacy program.
The Nathan Yip Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity and raises every dollar through the generosity of individual donors and corporate sponsors – and through special events and planned/legacy gifts.
TOTAL REVENUE

TOTAL REVENUE IN THE PAST FISCAL YEAR
$306,884

IN 2019, WE RAISED
$36,508 in donor-restricted support for Colorado rural education projects
$7,718 in donor-restricted support for China rural education projects
$6,700 in endowment fund contributions
$13,669 in other restricted revenue
$242,289 in net unrestricted revenue

IN 2019, WE INVESTED
$242,911 to support rural education programs
$39,235 to support mission-critical operational needs
$39,458 to support fundraising and development efforts

2019 NET ASSETS
$383,121
FINANCIALS

BREAKDOWN BY PROJECT
In 2019 we invested close to $200,000 in 15 rural education projects, impacting 11,700 students.

$9,000  Calhan School District
$13,625  Caliche School
$30,000  Center School District
$23,500  Eads High School (underwritten by Arrow Electronics)
$15,000  East Grand Middle School ($5,000 underwritten by the Madge M. & Joseph T. Mohar Foundation)
$20,000  Fowler Middle School
$17,250  Fremont School District
$5,000   Future Arts Foundation (Friends of Nathan Yip)
$10,000  Generation Schools Network
$1,520   George Washington High School Patriots Care (Friends of Nathan Yip)
$20,000  Las Animas Elementary School
$17,000  Monte Vista School District
$8,000   Mt Evans BOCES
$4,000   Ortega Middle School
$6,000   Tree of Life (Arbol de Vida) Children’s Center

ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

- 77.5% Program Expenses $248,888.00
- 8% Management & General Expenses $26,471.95
- 14.5% Development & Event Management Expenses $46,245.36
The Nathan Yip Foundation has partnered with Rose Community Foundation to establish an endowment fund. Help support education programs for generations to come - build your legacy while helping us sustain ours.

Gifts may include bequests, appreciated stock, beneficiary designations on retirement or insurance policies, tangible personal property, or real estate. Gifts of stock are managed and brokered by The Inverness Group at Morgan Stanley.

There are several approaches to planning the best gift for your situation and lifestyle. Seek the advice of your financial advisor and/or estate planner and contact Tarika Cefkin at 303-817-8400 or tarika@nathanyipfoundation.org to discuss your legacy gift.

Are you our secret admirer? If you have already included the Nathan Yip Foundation in your plans, please let us know. We would love to thank you!
Since 2002, the Nathan Yip Foundation has funded 76 projects serving over 63,000 students worldwide.