

# The Gibney Family Foundation

2017 Annual Report





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## TGFF MISSION

Partnering with others to develop sustainable resources for organizations that foster independence, primarily for those who are blind.

## TGFF VISION

Sustainable Solutions for Independence



Without the involvement of the second, third, and fourth generation of Gibney family members, TGFF would not be where it is today. Thank you for involving yourselves, investing time, and inspiring others. TGFF brings us together for a common purpose. Together we are doing great things. Thank you for being the next generation that will take on Gampa's vision "we can do more together than any of us can do alone."

–Tracy Wasden, CEO



## INVOLVE

We involve ourselves in all aspects of the grant making process.



## INVEST

We invest time and resources to partner for sustainable solutions.



## INSPIRE

We are inspired by who we help and what they accomplish. We tell stories to inspire others.



## INNOVATE

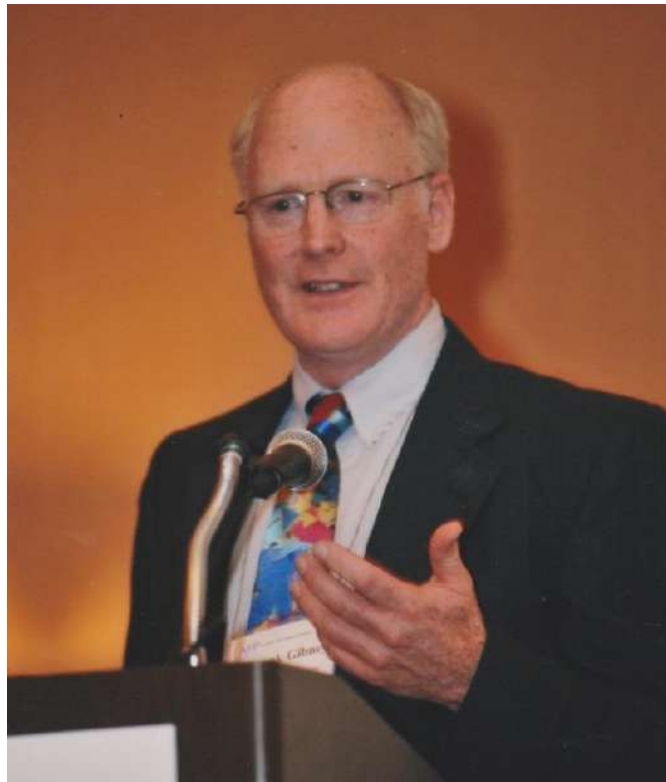
We look for innovative solutions that can be modeled or shared.



# Transitions

As The Gibney Family Foundation concludes its 26th year, we have much to be thankful for. Most especially, we are thankful for the years of service and leadership of our CEO, Frank Gibney. As we celebrate the retirement of our leader, we look forward to the future of the Foundation. The family remains committed to the Foundations mission, vision, and the philosophy that collectively we can do more together than we can alone.

To all our partners in the past and in the future, we are excited to continue to make a difference with you. Your efforts make the world a better place.



# Areas of IMPACT



## BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

- ◇ Striving to empower visually impaired individuals with independence, employment and quality of life which all should be able to enjoy
- ◇ Focusing on the individual while helping them realize their full capacity



## ADAPTIVE SPORTS AND TECHNOLOGY

- ◇ Mentoring those who are transitioning through life stages, furthering their independence along the way
- ◇ Putting smiles on their faces and confidence in their souls to reach for the stars through sports and recreation



## FAMILY AND CHILDREN

- ◇ Hard work, focused education, and a “it takes a village approach” helps at-risk youth to see their potential
- ◇ Strong families are a pillar of our society and we are committed to helping these families survive and thrive



## MISCELLANEOUS

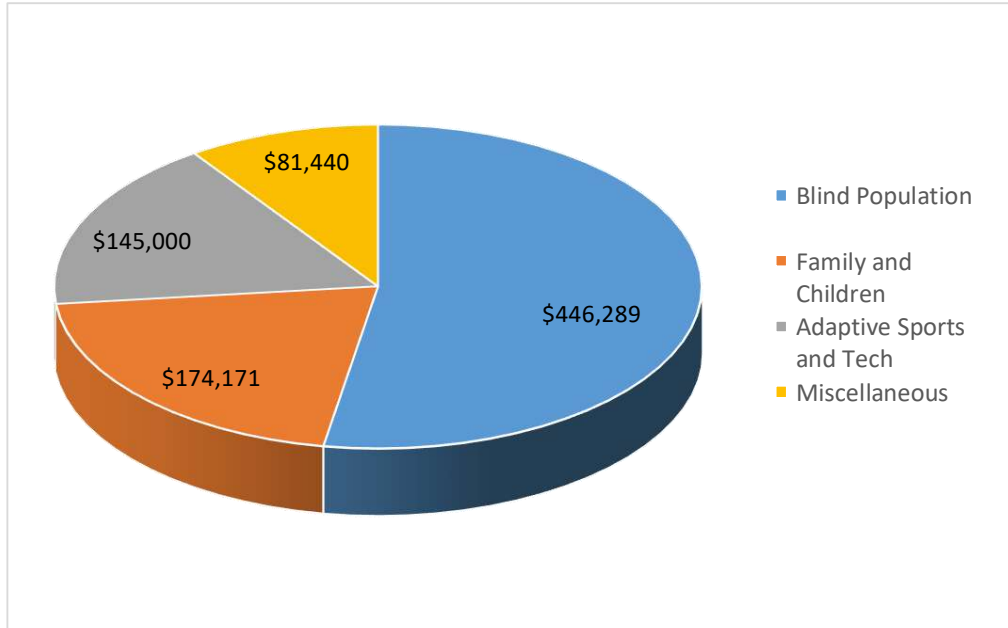
- ◇ A variety of organizations, new and existing, fall into this category showing the diversity of family involvement
- ◇ We will see an increase in this area in the future



# 2017 Total Grants Paid: \$894,418

\*Includes Donations and Council on Foundation dues

## By Areas of Impact

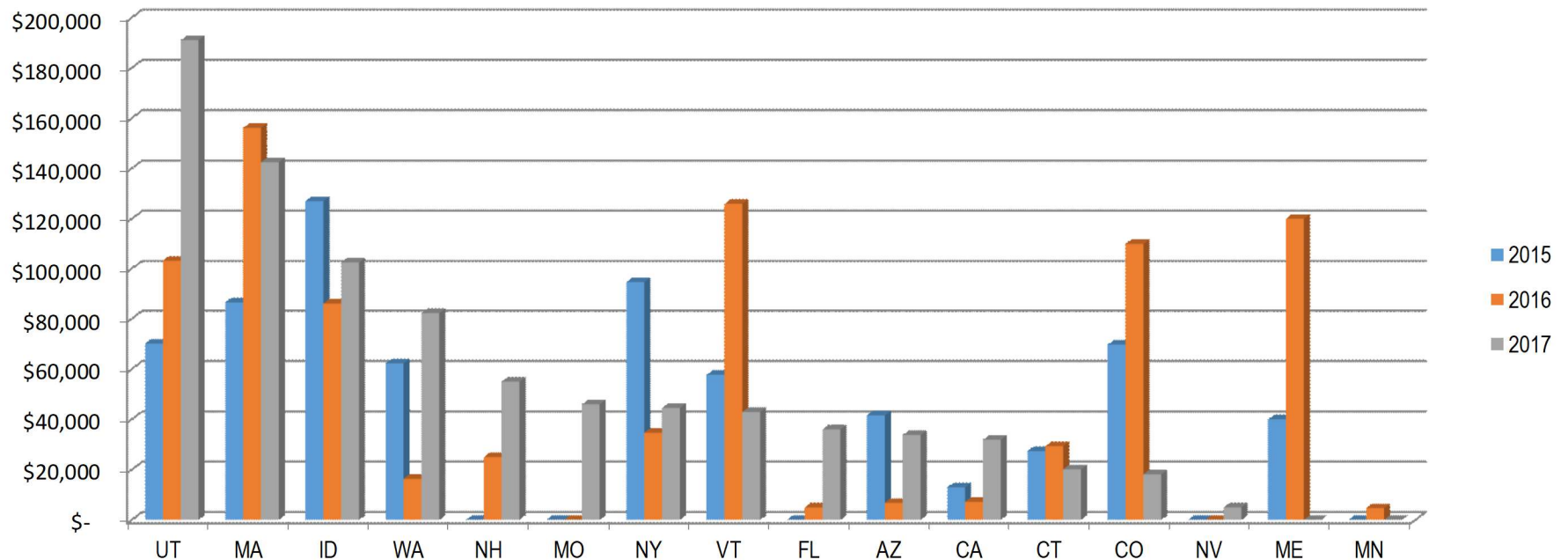


## Percent to the Blind and Visually Impaired

Year:	Amount	Percentage
2017	496,589	55.5
2016	\$557,450	64
2015	\$534,534	76
2014	\$671,133	76.7
2013	\$630,000	77.2
2012	\$767,935	84
2011	\$631,406	81
2010	\$507,125	68
2009	\$595,979	61
2008	\$857,074	73.4

## By State

Ranked highest to lowest for 2017



# BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

## **Blind Children's Center** **\$26,900**

Los Angeles, CA

A Social Skills pilot program, in phase three, will be developed and the curriculum will be perfected, collated, then published into a kit that can be sold for additional revenue.

## **Collaborative for Education Services** **\$30,000**

Northampton, MA

Funding towards the documentary *Becoming Helen Keller* which will air on PBS.

## **Colorado Center for the Blind** **\$1,500**

Littleton, CO

Educating the foundation members on blindness, tactile art and providing service opportunities.

## **Colorado Center for the Blind** **\$10,000**

Littleton, CO

Building upon previous success, the Youth Summer Program will provide new classes for students enrolled in the Independence Training Program.

## **Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted Center for the Visually Impaired** **\$39,600**

Buffalo, NY

Providing career training for individuals who are blind and visually impaired in the field of Information Technology and Adaptive Technology.

## **Idaho Eastern Oregon Sight and Hearing Foundation** **\$20,000**

Boise, ID

Launching a satellite Eye Bank in eastern Idaho which is a previously untapped resource.

## **Institute for Community Inclusion** **\$15,000**

Boston, MA

Developing a statewide needs assessment tool documenting individual state efforts in meeting the needs of children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.

## **MAB Community Services, Inc.** **\$36,000**

Sarasota, FL

Expanding existing programs to help individuals overcome barriers which enable them to live healthy active lives, increase self-sufficiency, and independence.

## **Mana-Sota Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc** **\$50,000**

Albany, NY

Helping to fund an Outreach Coordinator to bring a greater awareness of the organization's presence and services offered within the community.

## **National Federation of the Blind, Idaho Treasure Valley Chapter** **\$5,000**

Boise, ID

Leveraging additional dollars at a sports event to raise money for braille literacy and summer work programs for teens with visual impairments.

## **Nevada Blind Children's Foundation** **\$5,000**

Las Vegas, NV

Funding will develop a database to organize all of the organization's constituents in an effort to be more efficient at reaching donors, tracking students and managing volunteers.

## **New Hampshire Association for the Blind/Future for Sight** **\$25,000**

Concord, NH

Addressing the unmet need of low vision services, in New Hampshire, with a new vision care center while instituting a sustainable business model.

## **Northeastern Association for the Blind, Albany** **\$4,950**

Albany, NY

Funding a feasibility study and planning process to determine the roadmap to build a full service rehabilitation center that will allow for integrated programming, employment training and specialized services.

## **Northwest Association for Blind Athletes** **\$48,700**

Vancouver, WA

Expansion project over a two year grant period, to build participation, volunteers and awareness infrastructure necessary to open the first satellite office.

## **Pacific Foundation for Blind Children** **\$3,567**

Vancouver, WA

Traveling stipend for staff to visit the transition program of another organization who serves teens who are visually impaired, then implement those ideas within their own agency.

## **Perkins School for the Blind** **\$27,111**

Watertown, MA

Providing tools and education materials to propel teens who are blind or visually impaired to successful college, employment, and community living.

**Southern Arizona Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** \$30,000  
Tucson, AZ  
Expanding their educational programming to additional service areas to help more than 200 school aged children who are blind or visually impaired reach their goals.

**The Carroll Center for the Blind** \$40,000  
Newton, MA  
An initiative to launch a professional internship program for university scholars in the field of blindness.

**United States Association of Blind Athletes** \$1,625  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Provide hands-on experience for the foundation members and create further awareness about adaptive sports, which empowers people who are blind and visually impaired to lead independent lives.

**US Association for Blind Athletes** \$5,000  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Providing an opportunity for blind athletes to compete in an international event alongside able bodied peers.

**Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** \$15,000  
South Burlington, VT  
Designated to help teenage students receive more extensive training (addressing skills not addressed in schools, such as college prep, budget, utilizing public transportation, etc) so they will be able to succeed academically, professionally, personally, and more importantly, autonomously.

**Vermont Family Network** \$4,981  
Williston, VT  
Presentation of Puppets in Education to area schools to raise awareness of the challenges and abilities of those who are blind and visually impaired.

**Vision Serve Alliance** \$46,000  
St. Louis, MO  
Development of an app to help ophthalmologists refer patients to organization which support vision loss and providing a seamless transition to receive further services to prolong their independence.

**Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired** \$5,000  
Palo Alto, CA  
Providing blind and visually impaired youth opportunities to have an adult role model propelling them to be independent, productive members of society.



# ADAPTIVE SPORTS AND TECHNOLOGY

**Common Ground Outdoor Adventures** \$45,000  
Logan, UT  
Expanding services by supporting a new Facility/Program Manager at the new Adaptive Center at Beaver Mountain ski and summer recreation areas.

**CReATE** \$5,000  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Providing lighting in the warehouse to help volunteers to work in a safe environment as they refurbish mechanical wheelchairs.

**CReATE** \$5,000  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Second grant to increase wheelchair parts storage capacity in the warehouse and additional tools needed to work more efficiently, thus delivering more refurbished wheelchairs than previous years.

**Higher Ground** \$45,000  
Ketchum, ID  
Providing the opportunity for local children with disabilities to participate in recreational after-school programs thus helping with independence, self-confidence and improved relationships.

**Kostopulos Dream Foundation** \$40,000  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Expanding the program, which ensures people with disabilities have the opportunity for gainful employment, by providing job training and skill development.

**Utah Assistive Technology Program** \$5,000  
Logan, UT  
An assessment room with evaluation materials, adaptive equipment and workstations will be developed to help a larger number of clients.



*"I see the family uniting with a common goal, despite being geographically dispersed, to enable others who have life-altering challenges to more fully live up to their potential. Success stories from these efforts will inspire and encourage further family commitment."*

**-Al Gibney, Founder**

# FAMILY AND CHILDREN

<b>Bridle Up Hope</b> Alpine, UT Providing a stipend for girls to enter a 13 week program to help overcome the challenges they face through equine therapy.	<b>\$4,800</b>
<b>Children's Center</b> Vancouver, WA Funds will be leveraged to energize and motivate giving at annual fundraiser with the earnings going to improve access to mental health professionals to school-aged children.	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Children's Home Society of Idaho</b> Boise, ID Removing barriers for children to receive mental health services by providing therapy within their schools thus reducing absenteeism, the burden of transportation and missed appointments.	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse</b> Logan, UT Funding the final portion of their building expansion for a child care and therapy center after raising \$415,000 as a match to our initial seed money.	<b>\$26,304</b>
<b>Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse</b> Logan, UT Funds will be multiplied through an aggressive online marketplace to sell donated overstock goods thus providing an avenue for job training for clients.	<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>My Sister's Place</b> Hartford, CT Employment services for women in the shelter to become employable at levels which can sustain themselves and their families, thus becoming self-sustaining and secure in their housing.	<b>\$15,122</b>



<b>Spectrum Youth and Family Services</b> Burlington, VT Providing work experience and job training in a supportive environment for at-risk teenagers.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Steps to End Domestic Violence</b> Burlington, VT Important strategic planning and fundraising training for Board members and staff to best leverage their skills and commitment in service to the organization.	<b>\$14,145</b>
<b>West Valley Child Crisis Center</b> Glendale, AZ Implementation of a marketing strategy to raise the number of foster or adoptive homes for children in crisis.	<b>\$3,800</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS

<b>Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership</b> Idaho Falls, ID Filling needs for a supply closet for homebound senior citizens to allow them to live independently in their own homes.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Healing Meals Foundation</b> Simsbury, CT Providing 12 weeks of free organic meals to those suffering from a health crisis.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services</b> Concord, NH Funding a teacher of the deaf to work with toddlers and their families enabling them to get a head start on accessibility and services before preschool.	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Wyakin Warrior Foundation</b> Boise, ID Final funding to the initial five Wyakin Warriors, for the remainder of their college experience, resulting in their graduation and successful placement in positions with career potential.	<b>\$7,640</b>

## Board of Directors:

Frank Gibney, Founding Member  
Joan Whittaker, Founding Member  
Sue Young, Founding Member  
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Rob Whittaker, Vice President  
Brian DiFatta, Treasurer  
Sue DiFatta, Corporate Secretary  
Diane Muhr  
Ken Wasden  
Joleen Widmark

## Staff:

Tracy Wasden, CEO  
Frank Gibney, CIO  
Sue DiFatta, Program Director  
Joleen Widmark, Chief Grant Officer  
Andrew Young, Assistant Treasurer  
Madison Whittaker, Family Correspondent

## Grant Officers:

Joleen Widmark, Chair  
Frank Gibney  
Sue Young  
Tracy Wasden  
Sue DiFatta  
Diane Muhr  
Molly Whittaker  
Celeste Beazer  
Mallory Wasden

## TGFF Family:

Frank Gibney and Diane Muhr  
Chris and Joan Whittaker  
Stan and Sue Young  
Rob and Molly Whittaker  
Brian and Sue DiFatta  
Gerry and Jennifer Boyd  
Ken and Tracy Wasden  
Adria Sumsion  
Rob and Joyana Samsel  
Todd Young  
Andy and Lisa Young

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Cache and Aubrey Summers  
Chris and Natalie Hansen  
Tate and Mallory Bair  
Tyler Samsel  
Bailey Dyson  
Brayden and Ashlyn Weeks  
Allison Wasden



*"Embrace the concept of a narrowly focused mission as an opportunity to encourage a geographically scattered family to maximize successes as we work together toward a common goal. These unified efforts and resulting successes will allow passion to grow. The narrow focus will also honor the dedicated and inspirational efforts of the Donor's mother and aunt who spent many hours enabling blind children to read through their efforts to translate children's books into Braille" -Donor's Intent*

