# 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT







# **CONTENTS**

MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO & BOARD CHAIR

4 KARL FLEMKE PIONEER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**5**ABOUT JA

6
MEET OUR TEAM

**7**PROGRAM IMPACT

8 FINANCIALS

**9**JA MILESTONES

10-14
DONOR LISTING

15-17
EVENTS & EVENT SPONSORS



# **WELCOME**

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, it is with great pleasure and pride that we share with you the remarkable achievements of Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado. With your steadfast support and unwavering commitment, we have achieved significant milestones that have propelled our organization forward in fulfilling our mission of empowering young people to own their economic success.

We are thrilled to report that together we've experienced unprecedented growth in our impact on students, engagement of volunteers, and financial investments. These achievements are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our entire team, as well as the generosity and support of our partners, volunteers, and investors.

**Student Impact:** Through our innovative programs and initiatives, we have reached more students than ever before. Our programs have empowered thousands of young people across Southern Colorado to develop critical financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work-readiness skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. The feedback we have received from students, educators, and parents reaffirms the transformative impact of our programs in preparing the next generation for success in an increasingly complex and competitive world.

**Volunteer Engagement:** Our volunteer base has grown substantially, with passionate individuals from diverse backgrounds stepping forward to share their expertise and mentorship with young people in our community. Their commitment to empowering students with the knowledge and skills they need to achieve their dreams has been truly inspiring. We are deeply grateful for their time, energy, and dedication to students across Greater Colorado.

**Financial Investment:** We are pleased to report that our financial investments have enabled us to expand our reach and deepen our impact across Greater Colorado. With the support of our generous donors and partners, we have been able to invest in new programs, resources, and initiatives that are driving positive change in the lives of young people in our community.

As we look to the future, we are filled with excitement and optimism for the opportunities ahead. Together, with the continued support of our partners, volunteers, and investors, we are confident that we can build on our momentum and continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people across Southern Colorado.

On behalf of everyone at Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado, we want to express our deepest gratitude to our partners, volunteers, and investors for their unwavering support and commitment to our mission. Your belief in the power of education and opportunity is transforming lives and shaping futures in our community and beyond.

Together, we are empowering the next generation of leaders, innovators, and change-makers.

With warmest regards,

#### Anji Roe Wood & Becky Fuller

President and CEO Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado Chair, Board of Directors



# PRESTIGIOUS KARL FLEMKE PIONEER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Anji Roe Wood, president of Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado, was awarded the esteemed Karl Flemke Pioneer Achievement Award for 2023. This highly prestigious accolade is presented to first-time JA presidents who have demonstrated exceptional contributions and accomplishments within the organization. The award ceremony took place during the Junior Achievement USA® National Leadership Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 24 to 27, 2023. Wood was selected out of five other exceptional finalists for this coveted national recognition.

Under the exceptional leadership of Wood, JA of Southern Colorado has experienced significant growth in program reach, philanthropic impact and partnership development over the last four years. Through innovative strategies, intentional regional collaboration spanning over 2/3 of the state, and unwavering dedication, Wood has led JA of Southern Colorado to unparalleled success, including the launch of the region's first Karl & Mary Flemke JA Finance Park mobile program. This unique program delivery method that's truly mobile offers the critical financial literacy curriculum available to students across the Greater Colorado region without barriers of fees or out-of-district transportation costs.

Jack E. Kosakowski, president and CEO of Junior Achievement USA, said, "We are thrilled to honor Anji with this well-deserved award, as her remarkable accomplishments serve as an inspiring example for all emerging JA executives. At Junior Achievement, our mission is to empower students in bridging the gap between classroom knowledge and real-world application. Anji's exceptional achievements embody the spirit of our organization, and we are proud to recognize her significant contributions."

The Karl Flemke Pioneer Achievement Award pays tribute to the late Karl Flemke, who served as the president of Junior Achievement Inc. from 1982 until his untimely passing in 1994.



## **ABOUT JA**

We are the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices.

Junior Achievement's programs-in the core content areas of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy-ignite the spark in young people to experience and realize the opportunities and realities of work and life in the 21st century.



## A BRIEF HISTORY

Junior Achievement was founded in 1919 by Theodore Vail, president of American Telephone & Telegraph; Horace Moses, president of Strathmore Paper Co.; and Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts. Its first program, JA Company Program®, was offered to high school students on an after-school basis. In 1975, the organization entered the classroom with the introduction of Project Business for the middle grades. Since then, Junior Achievement has expanded its activities and broadened its scope to include in-school and after-school students.

## **PURPOSE**

To inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.

## **VALUES**

- Belief in the boundless potential of young people
- Approach our work with passion, honesty, integrity, and excellence
- Seek out diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and talents in our staff and volunteers, and boards to reflect the geographies and communities we serve
- Teach principled, market- based economics and entrepreneurship that build a more sustainable world
- Nurture the power of partnership and collaboration
- Advocate for hands-on learning

## **JA STAFF**



**Anji Roe Wood** President + CEO anji.roewood@ja.org



**Kristen Nunez** Philanthropic Partnerships Manager kristen.nunez@ja.org



Jennifer Meerpohl Stewardship & Donor Engagement Specialist jennifer.meerpohl@ja.org



Jean Jie Manager of Program Partnerships and Impact jean.jie@ja.org



**Sherri Albertson** Program Coordinator Teller County sherri.albertson@ja.org



**Nicole Segura** 

Senior Program + Impact Manager nicole.segura@ja.org

**Krystal George** District Manager - Pueblo krystal.george@ja.org

**Joey Gavato** 

JA Finance Park Program Manager joey.gavato@ja.org



Jake Lasko District Manager Roaring Fork Valley jake.lasko@ja.org



**Tess Vanderhoof** Program & Volunteer Coordinator Roaring Fork Valley tess.vanderhoof@ja.org



Sarah Cabiao JA Finance Park Program Coordinator sarah.cabiao@ja.org



**Leinin Schuerr** Communications & Brand Coordinator leinin.schuerr@ja.org

# 2022-23 PROGRAM IMPACT

Junior Achievement's unique delivery system provides the training, materials, and support necessary to bolster the chances for student success. The impact is measurable, too. Students who participate in Junior Achievement programs demonstrate a significant understanding of economics and business concepts. We invite you to take a closer look at our programs!

15,910 STUDENTS

108 SCHOOLS

627 **VOLUNTEERS** 

90,782 **HOURS OF** INSTRUCTION

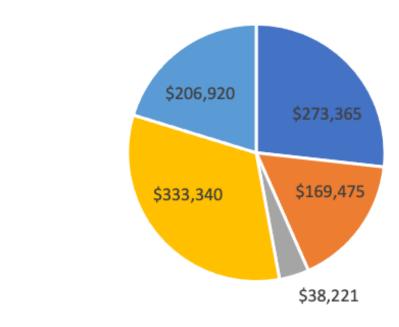
30 SCHOOL **DISTRICTS** 



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

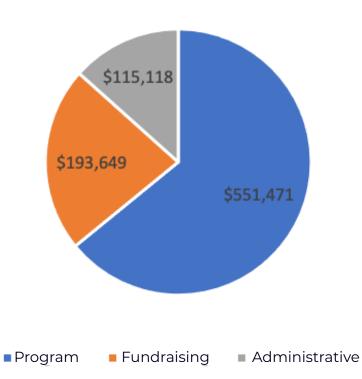
Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado consistently receives high grades for accountability and transparency.

## **REVENUE 22-23**



■ Corporations & Community ■ Events ■ Interest & Investments ■ Legacy Gift ■ Grants

# **EXPENSES 22-23**



## **2022-2023 MILESTONES**

The past year was a momentous one for Junior Achievement. Not only was JA able to go back to in-person delivery of learning experiences, but several significant events also happened that helped illustrate the impact of Junior Achievement. These included:

## **RECORD SUPPORT**

Junior Achievement received the largest gift by a single donor in its 103-yearhistory when philanthropist MacKenzie Scott donated \$38.8 million to Junior Achievement USA and JA operations in 26 communities across the country. While our region was not a direct beneficiatry of this powerful gift, we are thrilled that Junior Achievement USA received 10 Million dollars that will benefit offices like ours with enhanced and dynamic infustructer support. This unrestricted support is being used to make JA learning experiences more accessible to young people in underserved communities and to build organizational capacity to have an even greater impact with help from other partners.

### **GLOBAL RECOGNITION**

In early 2022, JA Worldwide, the organization representing Junior Achievement globally, was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. It's difficult to have peace without prosperity, and JA's programs in 115 countries around the world help ensure young people have the tools, knowledge, and support they need to help achieve prosperity for themselves, their families, and their communities. JA was also recognized for its innovative approach to learning by publisher Fast Company, learning technology group LearnX Live!, and research firm Brandon Hall Group.

## REVITALIZATION

Junior Achievement got a new look in 2022, with the first update to the brand since the 1980s. Based on input from JA stakeholders from around the world, JA Worldwide initiated an effort to modernize the brand to reflect Junior Achievement's role as a partner in education, impacting millions of young people globally. The rebranding included changing the logo, color palette, and overall style. The first phase of the rebranding started in 2022 with the goal of completing the rebrand by 2026.

# **NIK ROBINETTE, JA SOCO BOARD MEMBER**

JA makes a difference in the lives of our future. Going through it as a student I remember the first experience of having a job and being on an assembly line. I remember the importance of taking pride in what you do and doing a good job. I would not have had this experience in elementary school without this type of program. It provided me skills for the workplace I use 30 years later."



## **DONOR LISTING**

Junior Achievement could not prepare young people to succeed in a global economy or empower young people to own their economic success without our investors. Every single dollar makes a difference and all donations to JA SoCo help to continually evolve JA's enriching programs locally. The corporations, foundations, and individuals listed here have provided Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado with funding in 2022-2023.

# CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION

#### \$50,000+

Pikes Peak United Way Russell B. Gray Jr. Trust

#### \$10,000+

Alpine Bank American Furniture Warehouse Battelle Foundation

Colorado Housing and Finance Authority

CSAA Insurance Group

FedEx

Junior Achievement USA
Schmidt Construction Company

Space Foundation
State Farm Insurance

T. Rowe Price Foundation, INC.

US Bank Foundation

USAA

Woodford Manufacturing Xcel Energy Foundation

City of Glenwood Springs

#### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Colorado Springs Utilities El Pomar Foundation GE Johnson John Duncan Trust Packaging Express, Inc. Pitkin County United Way USI Insurance Services, LLC

## \$2,500 - \$4,999

AT&T

City of Aspen First Interstate Bank Garfield County Garfield County Board Of County Commissioners

Independent Financial

Pepsi Co

Snowmass Village Rotary Club Charitable Foundation

US Bank

Wells Fargo & Company

Xcel Energy

Xcel Energy - Comanche Plant

#### \$1,000 - \$2,499

AmPro Inspections

ANB Bank (Attention: Lisa Mills)

Bank of the San Juans

Colorado Enterprise Fund

CREDIT UNION OF COLORADO

Edward Jones

Edward Jones

Gold Camp Elementary PTO

John H. and Gertrude E. Wills Memorial Fund

Joslyn Charitable Trust

Monument Hill Foundation

Mountain View Electric Assocation

Nevans, Inc. DBA Great Clips

Packaging Express

Pet Pantry & Dog Wash

Raytheon Technologies

Rifle Community Foundation

SAFE INC.

Snowmass Village

T. Rowe Price

The Arc Pikes Peak Region

The Bernd Group, INC.

The Greater CO Springs Chamber & EDC

The Spidell Foundation

Town of Basalt

Vanderhoof Family Fund

Wells & West General Contractors, Inc.

## CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION

#### \$500 - \$999

7 Summits Roofing Adam Decker State Farm

Bank of Colorado

BANK OF THE SAN JUANS

Bh Colorado Electric Llc

Credit Union of Colorado

Defiance Capital

Harrison Dist. 2 Credit Union

Jon Harman. Coldwell Banker Mason Morse Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation

Keq 1 Colorado, LLC

Land Title Guarantee Company

Mountain Closets

NBH Bank (Community Banks of Colorado)

NeighborWorks Southern Colorado

Pacific Sheet Metal Inc

Parry's Sliceria & Taps

Phil Long Subaru

Wilcoxson Wealth Management, LLC

Young Services

## **Up to \$499**

Adams Electric, INC

Amazon Smile

ANB Bank

ANB Bank

Ashby Road Studio

BANK OF THE SAN JUANS

Barnes, Pearson & Rudow, PC

Berwick Electric

Broadmoor Rotary Club

Calvin Turner Roofing

Churchill Mortgage Corp

Colorado Gives Community First Foundation

Dapper Dan Homes

DD Marketing, Inc.

Ent

Fifty9, LLC

FirstBank

Herring Bank

Insurance 4 U

Kashs Gems Inc

Key Elements Construction Inc.

KR Swerdfeger Construction

Kroger City Market

#### **LEDOMS**

Microsoft

Minnequa Works

Moore Automotive Inc

Network For Good

Plus One Milam

Professionals in Excellence

Peak Family Chiropractic LLC

Pueblo Depot Activity

Royse Electric Co.

Sonic

State Farm Insurance

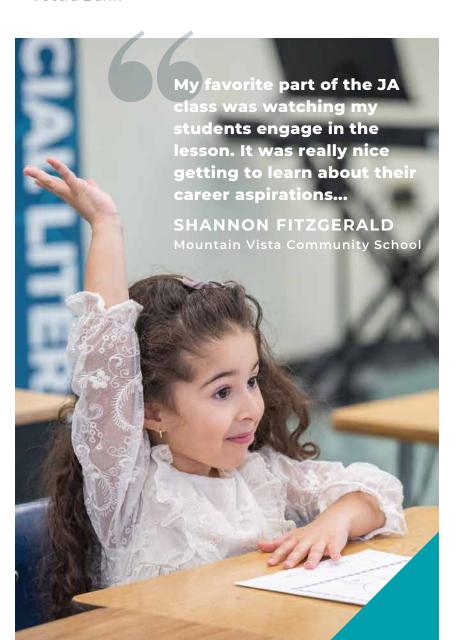
The Cross Company A Colorado Corporation

Thrivent - Peak Legacy Group

TK Originals LLC

Unite Private Networks

Vectra Bank



# INDIVIDUAL DONORS

#### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Dave & Carolyn Colburn Anonymous

#### \$2,000 - \$4,999

Jack Howard Rod Dorsey Steve & Kristin Woodford Tami L. Sisneros

#### \$1,000 - \$1,999

Benjamin Wojchik Daniel Apricio David Edwards Dixie Snyder Jeff Weston Jennifer Gomez Jim Curry Joel Thayer John Linck Joseph Kanavy Ken Wasoba Kristen Nunez Lisanne McNew Melissa Peterson Rita Nicholson Scott Albertson Scott Johnson Shanon Schinkel

#### \$500 - \$999

Adam Decker AJ Cash Alan Hazlett AnnMarie Miller Becky Fuller **Brad Nees** Brenda Lough Brian Sargent Brooke Mitchell Bryan Plocek Candice M. Green Chauncey Stigen Chet Myers David Colburn David Gavato Donald Gavato II

#### \$500 - \$999 Cont.

Lindy Dahl

Mike Richards

Robert Walla

Sarah Driller

Steve Colburn

Ted Mossman

\$250 - \$499

Ann Sulley

April Wagner

Austin Maher

Bradley Hensley

Carlos Jimenez

Corey Grundel

Dan Niedbalski

Debbie Shackelford

Heather Hennings

James Jennings

David Egner

Doug Leskee

Gina Federico

Ben Kelloff

Beth Kohr

Andrew Perkett

Anji Roe Wood

Patrick Knowlton

Edward Grocholski **Greg Tabor** Jason O'Connor Jack Kosakowski James Knowlton Jennifer Suess Jeffrey Dimmen Jeremy Hader Katie Harshman Jim Johnson Kelly McMurtrey Joanna Abrot Kevin Hunter Joanne Knight Kristi Shelton Joey Finkbeiner Lyle Lough John Clark John Vasilakis Matt Isensee Jonathon Dron Rachel Rosario Joseph DeVan Scott McKechnie Joseph Gebhart Sherri Albertson Kinder Morgan Tisha Hickerson Kristina Freeman Lauren Letter Lee Wagner **Up to \$249** Linda Roe Abbie Griffiths

AJ Hoerth Alan Bailey Alan Veeck Alex Sanchez Alex Valentine Alicia Mendoza Amanda Zavala Andrea Stewart Andy Oyler Anne Yost Anthony Alexander April Ray Ashley Campbell Ashley Piontek Ashley Romero Ben Lythgoe Benjamin King Bev Lough Bianca Young Billy Maxwell Blake Nemechek

#### \$250 - \$499 Cont.

Janelle Hannaman Jennifer Meerpohl Jeramie Crabtree Mary Ellen Benson Wayne & Jan Booker

**Bob Tyson** Brandon Akers Brenda Ortiz Brenda Toolsie Brian Coram

Bridget Michaelson Buzzy Thibodeaux Caleb Newberry Camille Davis Candy Vandenberg Cara Price Carin Maher Carmen Martinez Carol Montoya Carrie Nelson Catherine Milone Catie Hartunian Celeste Aragon Charlyn Jannasch Cheryl Dale Cheryl Potman Cheryl Potman Chris Hanaway Christina Medina Christine Kunz Christopher Vuk Cindy Haskins CJ Moore Cody Westerfield Colby Foos Colleen Smith Corey Hodges Cory Renon

Cory Renon

Crystal Hoch

Cynthia Szarka

Daniel Costello

Darian Albrecht

David M. Nichols

David Olivares

David Smith

David Switzer

David Vanderhoof

Deanna Register

Debbie Bennett

Debby Foresta

Debbie Denmark

Delma Y. Lindsey

David Loose

Daniela Galvan-Wall

Danielle Ramacciotti

Daniel Borata

## INDIVIDUAL DONORS

**Up to \$249 Cont.** Denise M. Hoover Desiree Puaso Donald J. Gavato Donna Martinez Douglas Mccree E. M. Sokolove Eddi Vanderhoof Edward Priem II Eileen Burnley Elliot Cohen **Emily Maurer** Eric Stephan Eric Young Erica Smith Evi Estrada Escobar Floyd Lee Simons Frank Evans Gabby Martinez Gabrielle Sheehan Gary Davis

George Gay Georgianna Warszawski

Gina Montesonti Glynn Goodrich

Hannah Wells Hayden Nolder Heather Benjamin

Heather Thompson

Howard Bartner lan Lee

Jacinto Mata Jackie Baldwin Jackie Dant

Jacob Bahr James Fortune

James Mundt Jamie Lanphear Jamon Bowen

Jan Ozga

Janelle Bryarly Jaye Koch

Jean Jie Jeanette Lee

Jeannette Ortiz Jeff Chadick

Jeff Chostner

Jeffrey Forget Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer Cazares Jennifer Wilson Jenny Lieber

Jerame Barr Jeremy Eldridge

Jerri Fears Jerry Frazee Jesse Egan Jill Hinkle Jim Read

Jim Smith Jim Stewart Jody Knight Jody Sneed Joe Aldaz Jr.

Joey Gavato Joey Koski John Geiger

John Gruitch John Hermes John Nunez John Weil

Joseph Clark

Josh Best Julie Reed Justin Schmidt

Justin Verhulst Karen Knight Kassi Weathers

Katelynn Behan Kathi Speight Katie Hofstetter

Katie Keane Katrina Lusk Kay Craig

Kelli Beerer Ken & Cindy Brown

Ken Ulrich Ken Wasona Kenneth Myers

Kent Felice Kent Hood Kevin Basinger Kevin Shireman Kim Vanderlin Hunter Kirby Heck

Kirsten Curran Kris Ponciroli Kristen Kennedy Kristen MacDonald

Lakshmi Punnam Laura Goodman Laura Hook Lauren Graham

Laurie Walker Leinin Dumitrescu

Lindie Eads Lisa M. Bachman Lisa Riley

Lois Carlock Loretta Rodriguez Lucy ODonnell

Luke Willis Lynda Cink Maeleen Dugan

Marcia Culver Mariah Cullinane Marissa Regnerus

Mark DeWitte Joseph Kevin Chemali Mark Fiore Mark Gosling

Mark Wright Marla Newberry marlene rothzeid

Marshall Thomson Marty Lee Mary Kinkennon Mary Miller Matthew Telles Melanie Adams Melissa Graves

Michael Davis michael fields Mike Galli

Molly Tjaden Nancy McCarty Nathan Meerpohl

Nicole Goss Nina Harris Nora Day Pam Drummer Pam Lasko

Pam Ojeman Patricia Mikita Patricia Sarnz

Patty Stewart Paul Haas

Paula Padilla Penny Harper Penny Immel

Peter Baumann Randal Mays

Randy Knull Renee Borchelt Reyana Ruiz-Stell

Richard Sachs Rick Salek Robert Berndt

Robert Half Robert Patterson Robin Hindsdale

Robin L. Ravenkamp

Rochelle Snipes Roma Borland Ron Bass

**Ruth Fiore** Ryan Hahn

Sally Moynihan Stamper

Salome D'Silva Sammy Carroll Sandra Friese Sarah Tiffin Scott Frager Scottie Hardy Shannan Beeler Shannon Dillow

Shannon Fitzgerald Shannon Stuck Shannon Sullivan

Shawn Branstetter Shelly Quaif

Shelly Ruedin Ruedin

Sherri Burton Sheryl Mann

Sridhar Thodupunoori Stefanie Wallerstein Stephane Wallace Stephanie Alwan

# INDIVIDUAL DONORS

#### **Up to \$249 Cont.**

Stephanie Curtis Stephanie Meany Stephanie Waltman

Steve Lirette Sue Allnutt

Sue Sullivan

Susan Blizzard

Susan Luu Susan Nakai

Susan Smith

Tami Godsey Tammy Dillman

Teri Patrick

Terri Campbell

Terry Baughman Tim Bouma

Tim Dorpinghaus

Tim Greinert Tina Gilbert

Tom and Cyndi Montesonti

Tom Dewar Tom Landsness Toni Gierhart Tracy Selvig Trevis Hayslett Victoria Yates

Wendy King Wilfred Romero

William Hartford Yolanda Garcia

Zach Bunney Zachary Tomek

> What a fun time and such a cool thing to teach! I had so much fun and enjoyed the interaction with the kids. I wish that I had been taught this as a kid so I love that this program exists.

#### TARA HARMAN **Glenwood Springs Chamber**



# **EVENTS & EVENT SPONSORS**

A note of gratitude to our event Sponsors and Participants: without your continued support, Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado would not be able to continue to deliver JA Programming to students all across Greater Colorado. Thank you!

# 20th Annual JA Golf Classic Presented by **Schmidt Construction Company**

August 5, 2022 | Cheyenne Shadows Golf Club

























Pikes Peak Region

































# **Day of Giving and Golfing Presented by Packaging Express**

October 17, 2022 | Country Club of Colorado

































# **EVENTS & EVENT SPONSORS**

A note of gratitude to our event Sponsors and Participants: without your continued support, Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado would not be able to continue to deliver JA Programming to students all across Greater Colorado. Thank you!

# **Rock 'N Bowl Black Tie Bowling**

March 7-11, 2023



















# JA Gala FT. Are You Smarter Than A JA 5th Grader?

May 13, 2023

CSAA Insurance Group, a AAA Insurer

















































