

Thanks for taking the time to complete our survey. We value your feedback. Please review the nominations* below then continue to complete the survey.

For-Profit

Alpine Bank:

"They always go above and beyond in terms of supporting their community, especially with their new debit card program that gives out thousands of dollars annually to nonprofits. They also provide many volunteers to YouthEntity programs and are happy to jump on board with events and other initiatives to teach personal financial literacy to youth in our community. They are a business who truly walks the walk and invests in their community."

Bluetent Marketing:

"Founded in 2002, Blue Tent has celebrated this special valley by creating a culture that values teamwork, passion, quality, courage, and work-life balance. Peter Scott, President of Bluetent, recently said, "I often stand in awe of the people who make up our talented team. They are the backbone of our organization, and their passion, spirit, and grit have developed Bluetent into the agency that we are today. Together, we strive to foster creativity, innovation, and quality for our clients' continued success, as well as balance in our personal and professional lives."

Carbondale Creamery & Café:

"Local, family owned, handmade."

Elevate Dental Wellness:

"Nominated for their for their philanthropic support of organizations like CHA."

EverGreen ZeroWaste

"For the past seven years, EverGreen ZeroWaste has been providing compost collections, education and green events for all communities throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. They've had nothing but an outstanding reputation for their customer service and commitment to the betterment of local communities. As a completely optional service, they consistently have participants that are so enthusiastic about composting and their programs, and it's an honor to have them as part of our community."

FootSteps Marketing:

"FootSteps Marketing supports a high quality, professional working environment for 13 people, 10 of whom live in the Roaring Fork Valley. We provide our talented team with flexible work schedules, access to wellness programs to balance the work/play lifestyle that is Carbondale. We provide full-service digital marketing services to over 250 companies nationwide with high impact websites, email marketing, Social Media, search marketing and online advertising. In addition to providing services to Ace Hardware stores throughout North America, FootSteps is a strong supporter of local and regional organizations. We provide professional, affordable services to Carbondale Tourism, River Valley Ranch Homeowners, Aspen Words, Aspen Grassroots, Habitat for Humanity Roaring Fork, Carbondale Rural Fire District, Carbondale Historical Society."

Marble Distilling Company:

"Involvement in First Friday."

Potter Farms:

"Nominated for their efforts to instill the virtues and values and work ethic of small town ranching in our community."

Red Hill Animal Health Center:

"For their exceptional service, care of our four-legged friends and involvement in the community."

Rhumba Girl Liquors:

"Community involvement: The Rhumba Girls can always be counted on to donate to fundraising events in the community. In 2017 they were the sole wine sponsor for all of The Carbondale Clay Center's events including; First Fridays, the 20th Anniversary Gala and the Cup Auction. They were also the sole wine sponsor at the 2017 Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Conference and the CCAH Art Heist. Throughout the year the Rhumba Girls have also given generous donations and silent auction items to the many fundraising events which were held in Carbondale and in the Roaring Fork Valley. They have even opened their parking lot to host the Carbondale Soccer Club car washes!"

Employee Relations: It is no secret that the employees of Rhumba Girl Liquors are the friendliest you will find in town!!! Rhumba Girl Liquors offers a starting salary well above the Carbondale average for the same position. Bonuses and staff parties help to create a fun work environment, which spills over to a fun shopping environment for their customers. Rhumba Girl Liquors is proud to be part of the Mountain BOCES employment project, providing meaningful work for challenged individuals. One young man from that program has been steadily employed as a part of the Rhumba Girl team for over 2 ½ years!"

Business Collaboration: In June of 2017, Rhumba Girl Liquors extended a helping hand to The Carbondale Food Co-op/Dandelion Market, a local business which was in danger of closing for good after a series of unfortunate events. The owners and staff of Rhumba Girl Liquors recognized the importance of the local food co-op to the community and offered the Dandelion Market rent at a reduced rate in their building. The synergy has been fantastic and both businesses, the community and the town have all benefited!"

Rising Crane Training Center:

- *RCTC is a 3 yr old business and has created a safe community for all ages to train mind and body.*
- *They provide leadership and self-defense training for kids that helps build confidence.*
- *Adult sports conditioning and self-defense classes.*
- *Provided a community awareness and self-protection seminar at Launchpad.*
- *Lead a self-defense session at roaring fork high school girls summit.*
- *Provides scholarships for families in need.*
- *Performed with Carbondale arts to raise money for local art programs.*
- *Active in community parades and town events.*
- *Owner is on board of directors at local school.*

Non-Profit

Carbondale Clay Center:

"In volvement in First Friday."

Carbondale Wild West Rodeo:

"The Carbondale Wild West Rodeo Association (CWWRA) is a non-profit 501c3 corporation and was formed prior to the 2005 rodeo season by Dave Weimer and Mike Kennedy after a failed

2-year attempt by an out of town rodeo promoter. Finding sponsors at first was tough, but with lots of try and try again, the number of sponsors has grown to more than 80!

The mission is simple...to keep the western heritage of the area alive and well, through the production of a 12-week summer rodeo series. The CWWRA is starting its 14th season in June 2018!

The rodeo gives the rodeo cowboys and cowgirls from Grand Junction to Aspen to Montrose and beyond an opportunity to show their talents, win some prize money and possibly a champion belt buckle at the end of the season. Spectators come from the local area as well as out of town, out of State and sometimes from overseas! The greater majority of spectators are locals, because it is the place to be on Thursday nights in the summer!

Though a non-profit, the CWWRA has been able to donate funds to other non-profits in the area year after year. Some of the regular recipients have been The Komen Foundation, Valley View Hospital Callaway and Young Center, Senior Matters, Roaring Fork High School Basketball, the Boy Scouts, Black Sheep 4H and Mount Sopris 4H clubs, to name a few. The CWWRA has also donated over \$100,000 in arena improvements such as the warm-up arena, the large set of bleachers, roof over the bleachers, new lighting system, added livestock pens, Senior Matters concessions shed and more. Many projects were completed by the CWWRA itself and several of these projects were completed with the Town of Carbondale as a major partner and the Town has been great to work with!

The Orchard:

"The Orchard is a gathering of people who are praying and working to change our communities by Loving God and Loving People."

YouthEntity:

"Although I am an employee of the nonprofit, I am also a witness to the outstanding accomplishments of our volunteers who give countless hours of their time to teach our valley youth career paths. Looking at our ProStart program, those students worked diligently to perfect a 3-course meal that they prepared in 60 minutes with no electricity and won first place at the state level. It was a great sense of pride to watch them compete at the national level and represent the state of Colorado. I am always impressed by the ways in which our youth are empowered and exceed their own expectations. Recently, we partnered with the Aspen Community Foundation's Business Roundtable and came up with a real-world solution to a need in the community: a lack of workers for the construction industry. We launched a new internship for high school students in the RE-1 school district who earn school credit by attending our internship 2 days a week at Gould Construction. These students are being exposed to industry trades and skills and gaining social capital along the way. We have over 40 mission driven volunteers who make this all possible. For these reasons and more, I nominate YouthEntity."

**All nominations were submitted by fellow members of the Carbondale Chamber.*