Reflecting on a year that was anything but business as usual, Roundhouse is humbled and honored to have granted over $1 million – the most in the Foundation’s history – to organizations and communities across rural Oregon.

With the pandemic and economic crises, wildfires, and the nation’s reckoning with racial injustice, this year has pushed all of us in ways we may not have known possible. Throughout it all, our nonprofit partners have adapted to rapidly changing conditions in order to continue providing integral support to rural Oregonians.

Though 2021 will pose its own challenges, we look forward with hope, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to our mission, thanks in part to the historic leadership of our partners and community.
2020 IN THE WORDS OF OUR PARTNERS

Through all of the year’s challenges, our nonprofit partners and community leaders helped pave the way forward. We’ve collected a few of their reflections here. You can read more inspiring work from our partners on our website: www.RoundhouseFoundation.org.

**UNIVERSITY OF OREGON PARTNERS WITH LOCAL EDUCATORS TO CREATE MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN CURRICULUM**

“During a time when conversations around racial equity and justice are happening more often, I couldn’t be more excited to partner with the Roundhouse Foundation to develop a training course on Culturally Responsive Literature that empowers educators to engage their students in critical conversations around texts on challenging issues, in order to create meaningful change in the classroom and beyond.”

- Audrey Lucero, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Education Studies

**FAMILY ACCESS NETWORK PROVIDES CRITICAL SUPPORT TO CENTRAL OREGON STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

“Our local families are struggling to make ends meet. The 2020–2021 school year has demonstrated that basic needs during this global pandemic are essential for children and, with the help of our community, FAN is making sure that these children are receiving the support they need. Together, we are helping local kids and families stay resilient during this challenging time.”

- Julie N. Lyche, Executive Director

**SISTERS OUTDOOR QUILT SHOW CONNECTS ARTISTS VIRTUALLY**

“We believe that quilting - and our quilt show - offers connection. That is why the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show is free to attend; it always has been and always will be. That is also why, when 2020 brought challenges, we knew we wanted to create a way for our quilters and attendees to stay connected. Pivoting to a virtual quilt show has allowed us to deepen and broaden our connections. In the future, the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show will continue to incorporate a virtual component with our in-person show. The support of the Roundhouse Foundation and many others will allow SOQS to sustain and grow its mission of celebrating our quilting connections.”

- Dawn Boyd, Executive Director

**CAMP TAMARRACK STRENGTHENS STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH NEW OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

“It’s powerful to see how bringing together a small group of high schoolers around a campfire for a couple of nights of games and shared reflections on their lives this year — just before going to sleep in tarp shelters under the stars, and sometimes under the rain — can dissolve the mental weight that students have been carrying, and allow everyone to laugh, enjoy, build friendships, and appreciate the moment and the beauty of nature around us.”

- Carrie Campbell, Grants & Community Liaison, and Outdoor Leadership Instructor
We focus our work in and across four areas that are fundamental to thriving rural communities: Arts & Culture, Environmental Stewardship, Social Services, and Education. We recognize the interconnections of these focus areas and value opportunities that work at their intersections.

*In recognition of the role human-caused climate change has played in exacerbating the dry, warm conditions that lead to dangerous wildfires, Roundhouse categorizes fire relief support as an environmental issue. However, funds contributed to fire relief efforts span focus areas, including in support of immediate and long-term community health and wellbeing.

To learn about Roundhouse’s 2021 grant programs, funding priorities, and how to apply, visit our website: www.RoundhouseFoundation.org
Pine Meadow Ranch Center for Arts and Agriculture (PMRCAA), a project of Roundhouse Foundation, has adapted to the challenges of 2020. In the final months of the year, in socially distanced ways that make good use of the outdoors and private studios available at PMRCAA, we have hosted local artists for day-use residencies, while staff and Trustees worked hard to update and fortify PMRCAA’s strategy for the future.

As we enter 2021, we are excited and honored by all of the activities that PMRCAA has supported and look forward to more in the new year, including our first annual Garden Quilt to be designed by Central Oregon quilters, and welcoming the 2020 resident artist cohort who have been rescheduled throughout 2021.