



Grand Lake Heart & Soul Project Seeks Community Input

Dear Community Member,

During 2018, the Town of Grand Lake was honored to form a partnership with the Orton Family Foundation to bring a Heart & Soul initiative to the area. Heart & Soul is a unique two-year project focused on reaching out to **all voices** of a community to find out **what matters most** to its citizens, with the goal of incorporating this information into long-term planning and actions.

The Orton Family Foundation (www.orton.org) is focused on building stronger, healthier and more economically vibrant towns and small cities across America. It was founded in 1995, with offices in Vermont and Colorado. After a decade of input, the foundation has created a successful development model that builds trust and empowers residents to shape the future of their communities.

Community Heart & Soul projects are underway across the country creating positive change that is resident-driven and recognizes the value in the unique character of each place and the deep emotional connection of people who live there. This included Golden, Cortez, and Paonia Colorado.

Grand Lake's Heart & Soul initiative began in March 2018 and is actively working to gather local stories and community input. Over the 2018 summer, a volunteer team began gathering information from residents and attendees at a variety of different community events and celebrations. Many ideas the team has collected are intuitive-- such as the need to protect the lake and other natural resources. Some comments mention supporting Grand Lake, so it can remain the historic mountain town that it is, while diversifying and amplifying the economy for the fall and winter seasons. Others have voiced their love and appreciation for our town library and the Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre. Some have stressed the need for more pedestrian routes in and around town. Long story short, the feedback has been educational and heartfelt! We will continue to gather stories and hear voices during 2019!

What do you love, and what would you like to see in Grand Lake? Please make **your voice heard** and take our short survey or contact us for a personal interview. The first section of the survey asks questions about **what you value** in the community and invites suggestions you might have for Grand Lake's future. The second set of questions requests demographic information—which is important to see if all sectors of a community are being represented.

We have a goal of receiving 400 surveys and interviews, and we need your help. Please pass this information on to your own networks including employees, clubs, and families, so we can reach as many voices as possible. Going forward, all findings will be accessible and shared with our community towards the end of 2019.

Grand Lake's Heart & Soul also offers many opportunities to get involved. If you would like to assist us with any amount of time you have available (a minute, a morning, a month or more), please call 970-627-7877 or email us at glheartsoul@gmail.com. You can keep up to date by regularly reviewing our FB page @GrandLakeHeartandSoul. Our FB page also has the on-line survey for anyone.

It takes a Village to raise a Voice

Share YOUR story & Share what matters most to YOU

We want to hear from all community members in our area regardless how long you have been in the Grand Lake area. Including Businesses, Employees, Families, etc.

You are invited to share your story by reaching out to us in a variety of ways:



1. Call us at 970.627.7877



2. Take our survey on Facebook
@GrandLakeHeartandSoul

3. Email us at GLHeartSoul@gmail.com



Your Village. Your Voice.



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