

The background image shows a large, multi-story stone building with a steep, gabled roof. The building has a rustic, castle-like appearance with stone masonry and several chimneys. A green awning covers the entrance area, where a group of people is gathered. In the foreground, there are stone steps leading up to the building, flanked by black metal railings. There are also some trees and bushes around the building, and a black lantern-style light fixture is visible on the right side.

Cherokee Ranch & Castle Foundation *Report to the Community* 2026

HONORING OUR LEGACY | SHAPING OUR FUTURE

OUR MISSION

The Cherokee Ranch & Castle Foundation is committed to preserving the natural environment, enhancing cultural life in Colorado, and providing educational opportunities devoted to Western heritage, wildlife, and the arts.

Our work honors the legacy of Mildred “Tweet” Kimball, ensuring that this remarkable property continues to serve as a beacon of environmental stewardship and cultural enrichment for all.



PRESERVE

History and heritage
for future
generations.



PROTECT

Our land, wildlife, &
working ranch
legacy.



INSPIRE

Through education,
arts, & meaningful
experiences.



STEWARD

With integrity,
transparency, and
gratitude.



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Cherokee Ranch & Castle Community,

As we reflect on 2025, we are grateful for all that was accomplished and encouraged by the momentum we built together. This year, total revenues exceeded expenses, a result made possible by the hard work and ingenuity of our staff and the tireless dedication of our volunteers.



Next year marks 100 years since the completion of Cherokee Castle—a place deeply rooted in Colorado and shaped by a vision that continues to guide us today. Through Tweet's generosity and foresight, Cherokee Ranch & Castle was preserved as a lasting gift for future generations, grounded in conservation, education, culture, and community.

As we celebrate our past, we remain focused on the future. Through historic preservation, stewardship of our collections, conservation of our landscape, and expanded educational and cultural programming, we are carrying Tweet's vision forward with purpose and a commitment to the next hundred years.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, members, civic leaders, community partners, and patrons. Your support makes it possible for Cherokee Ranch & Castle Foundation to preserve its history, protect its landscape, and expand meaningful programming opportunities for our surrounding communities.

With much gratitude,

Greg Vigil
Executive Director



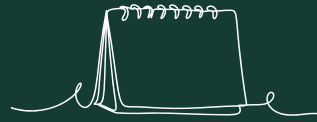
2025

BY THE NUMBERS

16,056



Castle Guests



563

Events Hosted

16,479



Volunteer Hours



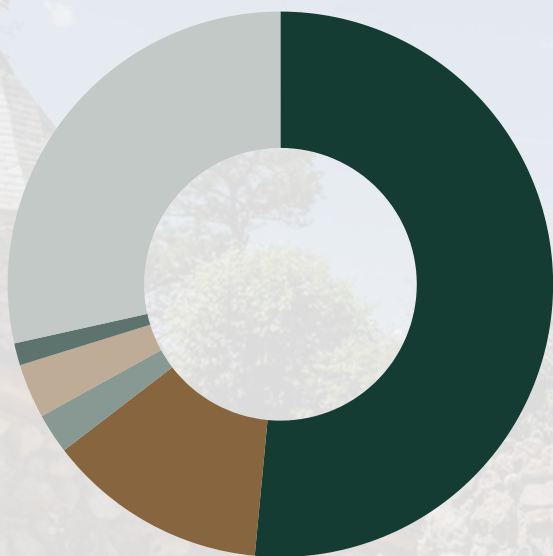
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Volunteers



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

2025 REVENUE SOURCES



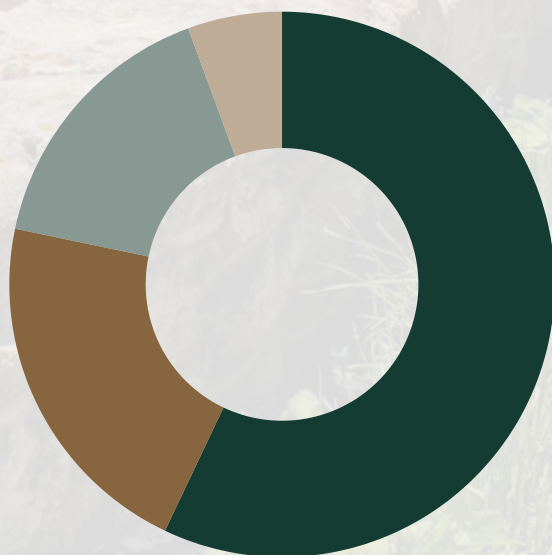
\$ 2,608,539
Total Revenue

- Events, rentals, and educational
\$1,343,399 | 51.5%
- Grants & Contributions
\$341,121 | 13.1%
- Residential
\$62,397 | 2.4%
- Live Stock
\$84,466 | 3.2%
- Other
\$34,184 | 1.3%
- Non-Operating Revenue⁽¹⁾
\$742,972 | 28.5%

(1) Includes \$668,334 of investment revenue

2025 EXPENSE ALLOCATION

- Events & Education
\$1,184,171 | 57.1%
- Land & Cattle
\$440,255 | 21.2%
- Management & General
\$334,867 | 16.1%
- Fundraising
\$116,059 | 5.6%



\$2,075,352
Total Operating Expenses



OUR MISSION IN ACTION

Every program, every restoration, every conservation effort,
and every event reflects our commitment to steward
Cherokee Ranch & Castle for the benefit of our community,
today and for generations to come.

2026 FIRST HALF HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrated the 100th anniversary of Cherokee Castle, completed in 1926
- Successfully created the Miranda Club with the purpose of supporting the restoration of the Picnic House
- Reopened the fully restored Picnic House as a new private event space at the historic venue
- Launched additional land tours and expanded hiking and education programs for all ages
- Waterloo the Centennial Gala hit a record-breaking year for donations
- Continued conservation efforts, including fire mitigation, water system improvements, and habitat stewardship
- Welcomed thousands of visitors, students, volunteers, and guests to experience Cherokee Ranch & Castle



LOOKING AHEAD

Preparing for Cherokee Ranch & Castle's Next Century

As we celebrate 100 years since the completion of Cherokee Castle, we are inspired not only by what has been preserved, but by what lies ahead. Guided by Tweet Kimball's enduring vision, Cherokee Ranch & Castle Foundation remains committed to strengthening this extraordinary place for future generations through thoughtful stewardship, strategic investment, and meaningful community engagement.

Our focus for the coming year includes:

Preserving a Historic Treasure

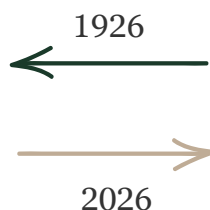
Continue the restoration and preservation of Cherokee Castle, its historic structures, collections, and archives, ensuring these irreplaceable cultural resources endure for generations to come.

Protecting the Land

Steward 3,441 acres of open space through responsible ranch management, wildlife conservation, water resource improvements, and continued fire mitigation efforts that protect this remarkable landscape.

Expanding Education & Cultural Experiences

Grow opportunities for students, families, and visitors through expanded educational programming, hands-on learning experiences, concerts, exhibitions, guided tours, and community events that bring the Foundation's history and landscape to life.



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Strengthening Community Partnerships

Build deeper relationships with donors, volunteers, members, civic leaders, sponsors, and community organizations whose support makes our mission possible and expands our impact throughout Colorado.

Ensuring Long-Term Sustainability

Invest responsibly in Cherokee Ranch & Castle's future by diversifying revenue, strengthening financial stewardship, enhancing fundraising initiatives, and thoughtfully planning for the next century of preservation and public engagement.

Together, We Shape the Future

Every gift, every volunteer hour, every visit, and every partnership helps preserve a place unlike any other in Colorado. As we enter Cherokee's second century, we remain committed to honoring the past while creating meaningful experiences that will inspire generations yet to come.



WITH GRATITUDE

Because of you...

Every historic artifact preserved.

Every acre protected.

Every student inspired.

Every concert enjoyed.

Every volunteer hour shared.

Every unforgettable experience at Cherokee Ranch & Castle...

...is made possible through the generosity, dedication, and partnership of our incredible community.

As we celebrate Cherokee Castle's Centennial and begin its second century, we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who invests their time, talents, and resources to preserve this extraordinary place for generations to come.

Thank you To Our...

Volunteers

Our dedicated Volunteers generously share their time and talents each year, welcoming guests, preserving history, supporting educational programs, caring for our collections, and helping bring Cherokee Ranch & Castle to life. Their passion and commitment are woven into every experience we provide.

Monica Teuscher, Volunteer Coordinator & Jan Abbott, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator

Board of Directors

Jeffery R. Battin | President, Timothy L. White | Vice President, Sue Lapierre | Secretary,
Kenneth B. Buckius | Treasurer, Patti Hostetler, Eric "Ric" Miles, & Glen E. Summers

CRCF Staff

Greg Vigil, Executive Director
Marilyn Duckett, Director of Operations
Rafael Miranda, Ranch & Land Manager
Nicky Fleming, Wedding & Private Events Manager
Anjelica Akers, Event Bartender
Jordyn Duckett, Event Assistant
Brian Jolly, Facilities Assistant
Nathan Lieberman, Facilities | Ground Coordinator

Consultants

Smith Arts, LLC | Donna Smith & Russ McKenna
JD Designs | Jasmine Duckett



WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you To Our Community Partners...



Morgan Stanley
DENVER WEALTH MANAGEMENT GROUP
AT MORGAN STANLEY



CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE LEGACY

Help us preserve the magic of Cherokee Ranch & Castle for generations to come. Your donation supports historic preservation, cultural programming, and environmental stewardship through the Cherokee Ranch & Castle Foundation. Scan the QR code to make a one-time or recurring donation.

Every gift makes an impact. As a 501(c)(3), your contribution may be tax-deductible.

Together, we are keeping Tweet's vision alive.



Scan Here to Donate Now!

