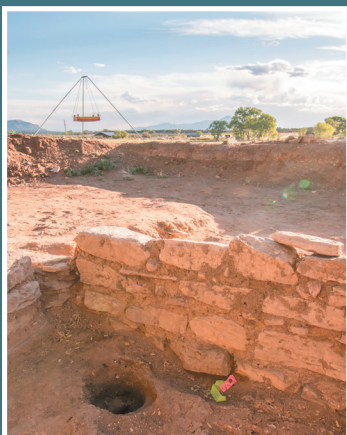




CROW CANYON ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER



— 2020 —
ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Crow Canyon Supporter,

The true nature of organizations is revealed in times of crisis. The year 2020 delivered challenges we never expected and demanded instant innovation. The “big reveal” was the outpouring of emotional and financial support from you, our supporters. You helped us meet our goal of zero staff layoffs. You touched our hearts and bolstered our resilience, making it possible to invest in the people and resources needed to meet our mission.

With your partnership, we accomplished more than we could have imagined. We launched a webinar series that has been viewed by long-time supporters and brand-new archaeological fans. We took advantage of the break in campus programming to reassess how to serve students and the public with newly designed educational engagement. We performed much-needed facility improvements. Our incredible staff jumped in with skill, energy, and heart to tackle projects from rebuilding trails to teaching online.

As always, we benefited from lessons learned from our Indigenous partners, whose ability to adapt to change over centuries underscores the importance of building resilient communities. We endeavor every day to reciprocate the generosity and wisdom given to us by Native people.

Thank you for staying connected and helping to advance our goals in an ever-changing environment. We continue to develop the programs and research projects of the future to better serve the needs of students and the public.

With gratitude,



Liz Perry, President and CEO

Dear Friend of Crow Canyon,

Leadership at Crow Canyon runs deep. The challenges of the past year drew out outstanding leadership qualities in our staff who led the way on our safety initiatives, launched our wildly successful webinar series, and implemented new ways to engage students through distance learning. As Crow Canyon trustees, we are extremely proud of our staff and what they accomplished in 2020.

As trustees, we provide leadership to ensure that when you invest in Crow Canyon, you invest in a solid organization with a deep history and an exciting future. We make sure that the Center’s assets are invested wisely to sustain a resilient organization. In 2020, we completed a three-year turnaround plan that created a financially strong organization. Staff members have enhanced opportunities to grow their careers and supporters feel confident in our ability to deliver on our mission even during challenging times.

Our diverse stakeholders bring strength to the organization. Our scholars share their expertise during our weekly webinars. Native partners share their rich understanding of landscape and culture. Students share their unbridled enthusiasm for knowledge and discovery. Donors share their resources, helping to make this organization financially stable. It is this diverse web of knowledge, skills, and resources that makes our organization strong, and we are thrilled to have you as part of the Crow Canyon family.

With gratitude and appreciation,



Ricky Lightfoot
Chair



Leslie Masson
Vice Chair

When it became clear that 2020 was going to be one for the history books, we didn't let the pandemic stop us from delivering our mission. We turned challenges into opportunities, took advantage of down time while programs were on pause, and crafted new ways to engage the public in our research.



Crow Canyon extended its worldwide reach with individuals and groups drawn to the history and culture of the Colorado Plateau and its remarkable landscape. The weekly "Discover Archaeology" webinar series attracted new and old friends from around the

globe. More than 50 webinars were viewed more than 90,000 times on Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube.

Crow Canyon produced its 10th major publication: the Basketmaker Communities Project Interpretive Report, providing insights into a pivotal, yet under-investigated, time in history.

Your generous support, funding from the 2020 Cares Act, and expanded partnerships with universities, the Bureau of Land Management, and archaeological societies enabled us to deliver on our research and educational mission. We provided much-needed supplies to Hopi, Cochiti, and Jemez Pueblos and strengthened connections with Indigenous partners. With local partners, we restored trails in the Ute Mountain Tribal Park and we completed delayed maintenance on our 170-acre campus.



New dendrochronology equipment resulted in faster and more accurate tree-ring analysis. Educational videos brought Crow Canyon educators into the classroom and home school.

The addition of Ute and Navajo oral histories and cultures enriched our curricula. Our website, crowcanyon.org, linked learners to online resources during the pandemic, with a new website to be unveiled in 2021.

2020 allowed for a deepening integration of the components of our mission: archaeological research, Native American knowledge, and public education. We couldn't have done it without you. In an extraordinary year, you made an extraordinary difference. THANK YOU.



Why are people drawn to Crow Canyon? We are at the nexus of history, science, culture, and art. We incorporate the landscape and Indigenous knowledge in our programs. We care about sustainability and the environment. Our mission inspires people to expand their understanding of the complex cultures and histories of the Four Corners region.

Excavations continued at Haynie and other sites in the Lakeview group, one of the densest concentrations of great houses found north of Aztec Ruins. The Haynie site contains two Chaco-period (A.D. 1050–1140) great houses and evidence of substantial earlier occupations and may be one of the longest continuously occupied sites in the Northern Chaco region.



We were moved by the generosity of our donors to get us through a year like no other. Steadfast support in an unexpected moment in history strengthened our resiliency and ensured that our research and educational outreach would continue. We were inspired by the resiliency and ingenuity of our Native partners, whose cultural and historical life experiences deepen our understanding of the world today and our shared path to the future.



The images in this report were taken at Crow Canyon's campus laboratory and the nearby Haynie site. Haynie contains two Chaco-period (A.D. 1050–1140) great houses as well as evidence of substantial earlier occupations. All are part of the larger Lakeview group, which includes the two great houses at Haynie and two others nearby on private land. This makes the Lakeview group one of the densest concentrations of great houses found north of Aztec Ruins. Artifacts described below, appearing on pages 3 and 4, were found at sites within the Lakeview group.

Pueblo I period = PI; AD 750-900 Pueblo II period = PII; AD 900-1150
Pueblo III period = PIII; AD 1150-1300



McElmo or Mesa Verde Black-on-white rim sherd, carbon paint, PIII bowl.



Ladle, or possibly scoop or bowl. Mineral paint design; likely PIII.



At left, a Dolores style projectile point, PI to PII. At right, a Bonito-Notched point, PII to PIII.



Modified sherds, Deadmans Black-on-red, Southeast Utah (L); Mancos Black-on-white, both Late PII.



Mancos Black-on-white rim sherd, mineral paint, sunflower design, Late PII bowl.



Grooved gaming pieces made of non-human bone. Gaming pieces may be grooved or plain and are usually found in groups.



Olivella shells, Sea of Cortez or Pacific Ocean. Glycymeris shell pendant.



As seen on front cover: Sherd probably depicting a dog, coyote, or wolf. Possibly a jar handle or an effigy vessel. Late PII.

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Rim sherd, bowl. Thick lines and bold patterns were common on Mancos Black-on-white pottery in Late PII.

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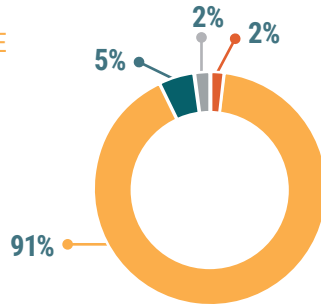
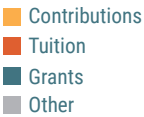
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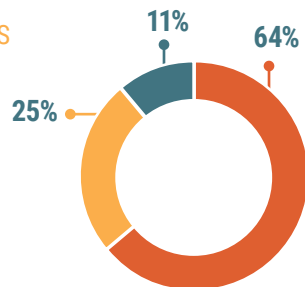
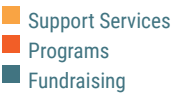
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TOTAL INCOME
\$3,452,640

OPERATING EXPENSES



TOTAL EXPENSE
\$3,504,857

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Assets

Cash and equivalents	\$	1,901,928
Investments and pledges	\$	26,076,505
Property and equipment net of depreciation	\$	1,735,079
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	29,713,512

Liabilities

Accounts and notes payable	\$	514,002
Accrued liabilities	\$	156,016

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 670,018

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