



# Collaboration and Community Impact

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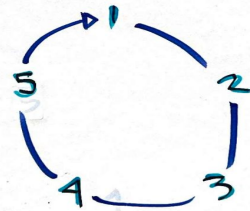
# Our 2024 Work

## HYPOTHESIS/ASSUMPTION

BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS > INFORMS EVERYTHING ELSE

- 2024 THEMES:
- > ENGAGEMENT [internal]
- > STORYTELLING [remembering purpose + connection]
- > ENGAGEMENT [high performance]
- > IMPACT [measures]
- > ACCOUNTABILITY [commitment to doing]
- > IMPACT [community collaboration]

- 1 Relationships
- 2 Opportunities
- 3 Connections
- 4 Impact
- 5 Story



# A little preamble...



Key Points



- Collaboration means something different to everyone; understand what it means to you before getting into a collaboration or it can go sideways
- Sustainable and long lasting examples are hard to find - why? Context and content changes. You either want to modify or change the program, find a new organization to collaborate with or the program is outside of mission

Question



- Based on your experience as a nonprofit leader - when does collaboration lead to great impact in the community?

# Building definitions - Collaboration



Description/example of internal collaboration	Description/example of external collaboration	Are collaboration and partnership the same? If not, how do they differ?
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**What do you mean when you hear the word “collaborate” or collaboration?**

What are some examples of good collaboration?



# INSIGHTS?



# What can collaboration do for nonprofit organizations?



- **Reduce costs:** Balance out costs between organizations, such as for training, shared workspace, or transportation
- **Improve programs:** Combine existing programs or build new ones with a wider range of resources and tools
- **Increase funding:** Access more resources, new technology, and data
- **Solve problems:** Pool resources, knowledge, and expertise to address challenges
- **Foster innovation:** Bring together diverse perspectives
- **Engage stakeholders:** Amplify impact by involving the community

# BENEFITS?



**Build relationships** - People can form meaningful relationships with others and feel included and valued.

**Share resources** - People can pool their knowledge, skills, and expertise to achieve goals more efficiently.

**Increase visibility** - People can share their opinions and suggestions with organizations and businesses, which can increase their visibility and credibility.

**Create positive change** - People can help ensure positive change through open discussions and forums.

**Build resilience** - Communities can become more adaptable and resilient in the face of challenges.

**Create vibrant spaces** - Communities can create public spaces that reflect the needs of the people who use them.

# What makes collaboration hard?

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## What makes collaboration hard?

- Not knowing what you actually need
- Knowing and understanding the problem you are trying to solve
- Asking for help > EGO
- Have solutions already formed in your head
- Time constraints
- Not having the right people at the table
- A willingness to collaborate

Are collaboration and partnership the same?  
If not, how do they differ?







# DOES COLLABORATION INCREASE COMMUNITY IMPACT?

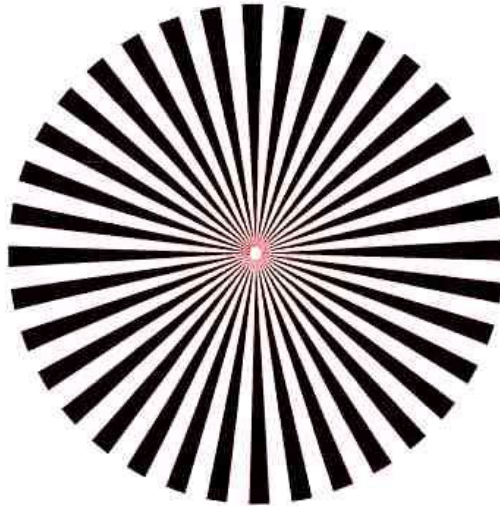




## Discussion

### FOCUS IN QUESTION:

Where is collaboration already happening for your organizations? (internal and external)?



### ZOOM OUT:

Where does collaboration feel possible, given all the challenges facing Routt County?