



2025

CORE

Community Office for Resource Efficiency

IMPACT REPORT

**Real Climate Solutions.
Real Impact. Real Progress.**

Letter from the CEO

Dear Climate Action Partners, Supporters, and Friends,

What a remarkable year 2025 was for CORE! Since being appointed to CEO in September, I've been inspired by the dedication of our team and the strength of our partnerships.

CORE supported over 200 program participants with their energy saving and electrification projects. We hosted our first-ever Green Expo, bringing together hundreds of local residents and businesses to explore clean energy solutions. We expanded our team to better serve the community's needs and moved into a new office space in Basalt, positioning us for even greater impact ahead.

The climate crisis requires swift action, and CORE is your trusted partner to deliver real results. As a scientist, a local resident, and now your CEO, I'm committed to making climate solutions accessible and effective for everyone in our region.

Thank you for your partnership in this vital work. Together, we empower our communities to embrace energy efficiency and sustainability, creating a healthier environment for all.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Stitzlein".

Tara Stitzlein
Chief Executive Officer, CORE

CORE's Mission, Vision, Values



Our Mission

CORE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization urgently reducing carbon emissions through optimizing efficiency, electrification, and resiliency of the built environment, while advancing innovative climate-saving solutions.



Our Vision

100% of buildings in Pitkin, Eagle, and Garfield County communities are electric, efficient, and contributing to the region's health, safety, and resiliency.



Our Values

- **Action** – We are driven by results.
- **Accountability** – We deliver on our promises.
- **Environmental Justice** – Our processes, experience, and solutions are accessible to every community.
- **Innovation** – We adapt and respond to opportunity.
- **Collaboration** – We work together with those advancing a shared vision.



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Smart energy. Less carbon. More living.

CORE Impact: By the Numbers

2025

\$2.5M In Grant and Rebate Funding Invested in Regional Energy Efficiency Projects

\$145,000 In State Grant Funding to Support Building Energy Code Updates & Resources

\$1.6M Total Dollars Raised in New Sources of Grants and Donations

213 Home & Business Energy Upgrade Projects Funded

50% Of Rebate Dollars to Under-Resourced Community Members

13,124 Metric Tons of CO₂ Prevented Over the Useful Lifetime of Projects Funded

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Creating Impact Together

Energy Spotlight: Response

The Halle Center for Hope and Healing in Basalt serves survivors of domestic and sexual abuse. CORE's grants and technical guidance helped Response create this all-electric facility with an energy-efficient heat pump system.

"Having CORE as a partner on this project made a big difference. Their guidance and resources helped us achieve a net neutral facility that provides a safe and nurturing environment for survivors. For the survivors and children staying here, this space represents more than just shelter. It is a place of hope, healing, and a fresh start in a healthy and supportive setting."

-Shannon Meyer, Executive Director of Response

Energy Spotlight: The Osburn Family

The Osburns went from freezing by the windows to perfect temperatures year-round. CORE helped transform their 1980s mobile home in Snowmass with a free energy assessment, an outline of cost-effective improvements, and funding to complete the projects. They installed a heat pump, insulation, a programmable thermostat, an upgraded electrical panel, and more. CORE's funding support and rebates from Holy Cross Energy, covered approximately 75% of costs.

"We could not have done these projects without CORE's help; it was just out of our budget."

-Beth & Shannan Osburn





CORE's 2026 Goals

1. Increase emissions reduction impact by 20% over 2025
2. Continue to award at least 40% of our incentives to under-resourced members of our community
3. Build stronger regional partnerships to unlock greater impact and funding opportunities
4. Deliver expert energy advising backed by grants and rebates for all community members
5. Continue to increase philanthropic support to ensure sustainable growth

A Stronger CORE, Powered by Philanthropy

2025 marked CORE's most successful year in fundraising! Following a strategic shift in 2021 to diversify funding sources, private philanthropy has become vital to our growth.

Recognizing our goal to expand our donor base, Atlantic Aviation generously stepped forward with a \$300,000 challenge grant, offering a 50% match on every contribution up to \$600,000. CORE is proud to share that we met this challenge, generating \$900,000 in philanthropic support to directly advance our programs and services.

In total, CORE raised over \$1.65 million in new sources from grants, donations, and corporate sponsorships. Given the tremendous success of the challenge, Atlantic Aviation is renewing its \$300,000 in support for 2026 by matching all donations by 50%.



"The community's ability to meet our 2025 challenge grant speaks to the credibility that CORE carries and the value it delivers across the community. That success - and our shared commitment - made renewing Atlantic Aviation's challenge grant for 2026 an easy decision. We're proud to continue this partnership and accelerate practical, on-the-ground climate action across the Roaring Fork Valley."

Jonathan Jones, General Manager, Atlantic Aviation

CORE's Community of Supporters

- Anonymous (2)
- Alpine Bank
- American Plumbing, Heating, Cooling, & Electrical
- Aspen Business Center Foundation
- Aspen International Mountain Foundation (AIMF)
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- Colorado Energy Office - Clean Air Program
- Colorado Energy Office - Energy Code Adoption
- Beth Conover
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- Delta Brick and Climate Company
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- The Friedman Family Foundation Advised Fund at Aspen Community Foundation
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- Eric Vozick
- Betty and Howard Wallach
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- Watershed Giving Circle
- WE-cycle
- Western Colorado Community Foundation
- Rosie Wettstein
- Lara and Marc Whitley
- Andy Wiessner
- Jan and Kirk Williams

This list recognizes individual and corporate donors, local and state grants, and foundation support for contributions received from January 1, 2025–January 10, 2026. We've made every effort to ensure accuracy. If you notice an error, please reach out to us at (970) 925-9775.



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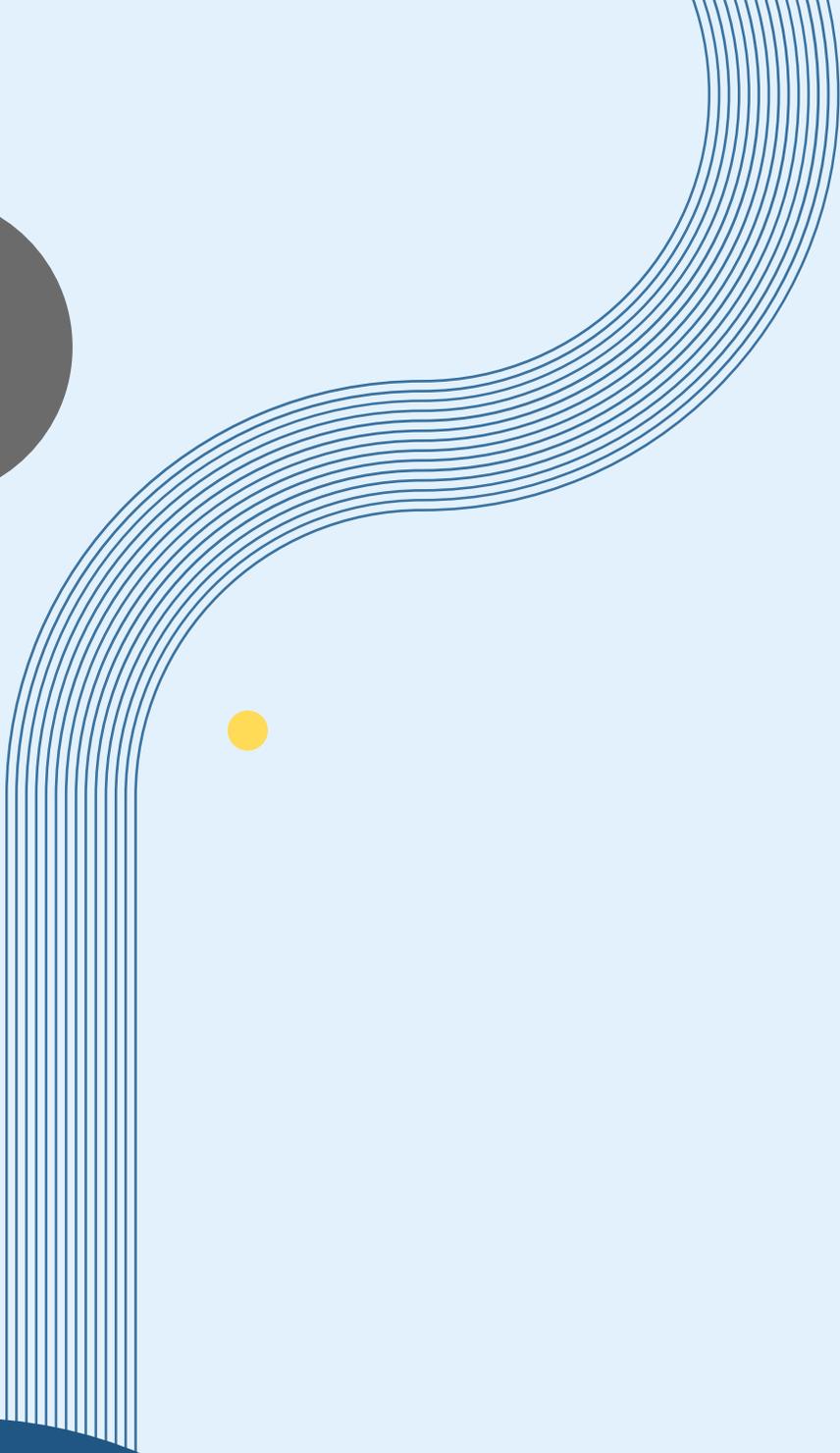
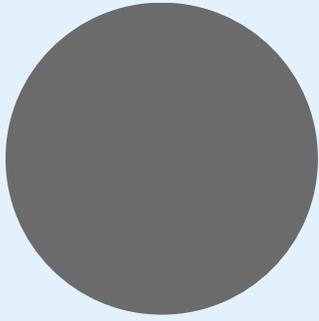
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