Dear Leadership Circle Donors,

Spring fund drive reached goal, with several new individuals joining the Leadership Circle. Expansion in our leadership program allows WPM to reach beyond southeast Wyoming through signal improvements and content development. Thank you to everyone who responded, and to the hundreds of sustaining leadership circle donors whose gifts are on-going.

This month's newsletter includes several inspirational examples of your investment at work, and I bring a few to your attention. Education Reporter Tennessee Watson received two Murrow Awards, and was selected as a Langeloth Fellow to report on solitary confinement and treatment of juvenile offenders in Wyoming. She is also participating in "Deer #139" – a film project in conjunction with the UW Haub School of Environmental Resources and partially funded by the National Geographic Society as well as Wyoming donors.

Kamila Kudelska's story on guns in the classroom was picked up by NPR. Kamila is based at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, and reports for both the Center and WPM. Her position is funded by the Hal R. and Naoma J. Tate Foundation. Cooper McKim's stories were picked up by NPR's All Things Considered as well as Here and Now. Cooper's position is funded by the George B. Storer Foundation as well as several individual donors who have a passion for natural resources reporting.

WPM's podcast producers again came home with numerous awards and citations as you can see in the Newsletter.

We are looking ahead to StoryCorp's visit to Jackson. For a full month beginning May 24, listeners will have the opportunity to record stories and memories in the Airstream studio that will be parked in the back of the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum. In addition to StoryCorps, WPM will partner with the Teton County Library throughout June for a series of story-related events featuring WPM's reporters and produces. It's a wonderful opportunity to peek behind the scenes of our productions. If you're in the area for any of these events, please drop in to say hello. WPM is indebted to our partners including the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum, Teton County library, Center of Wonder, the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, among many others who made this event possible. Special thanks go to the Hardie family – Leslye, David, Lachlan, and Wilson – for arranging lodgings for the StoryCorps team and making them feel at home in Wyoming.

More StoryCorps information available at wyomingpublicmedia.org/storycorps-jackson.

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Christina Kuzmych GM, Wyoming Public Media



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