

Kit Carson House, Inc. Annual Report 2023



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to report on the progress with Kit Carson House, Inc. (KCH) for 2023.

Taos Mainstreet facilitated a visioning exercise for the site in February. The process identified the need to tell a more complete history and include different perspectives of the US Westward expansion. Guiding principles shall include authenticity, inclusiveness, partnership, stewardship and educational impact.

The transfer of ownership of the property to the nonprofit was approved by Bent Lodge #42 and the Grand Lodge of New Mexico in March. The legal transfer is underway with an estimated closing date of mid-June 2024.

UNM Dept of Museum Studies continued the collaboration with KCH. Intern Lucas McDaniel was followed by Madisyn Rostro in inventorying artifacts and organizing the collection database. Funding for a new software collection database is being sought.

An appraisal of the collection is underway by *McTague Appraisers* and should be completed in early 2024.

Historical Architects from the National Park Service (NPS) Heritage Partnerships Regional Office visited the site in August. The NPS team confirmed and prioritized the urgency for preservation work on the structure and concerns with drainage. A full written report is pending.

Swinehart CPA performs the accounting services for KCH. Donations were vital to the mission of KCH and totalled \$17,285. KCH was awarded an unrestricted \$2K Impact Grant from the Taos Community Foundation.

Based on suggestions from the visioning exercise, the Board has selected a new name: *The Carson House & Museum* which will be adopted as a DBA (Doing

Business As) upon approval by the NM Secretary of State Business Services Office. Revitalization Specialists in Graphic Design & Marketing with New Mexico MainStreet (facilitated by Taos Mainstreet), created a new logo for the organization using the DBA and is building a new website which will go live in early 2024. To date, services received through the partnership with Taos MainStreet is valued at approximately \$8K (at no cost to KCH).

A Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant was awarded to the Town of Taos from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Department in December. The grant will fund *The Carson House Courtyard Phase 1 Restoration Project*. This project will be the first step to address the drainage issues in the courtyard and direct the water away from building walls. The work will include engineering, architectural design and evaluation, and archaeological review, as well as a physical change to the existing courtyard. *Conron & Woods Architects* will be taking the lead on this effort.

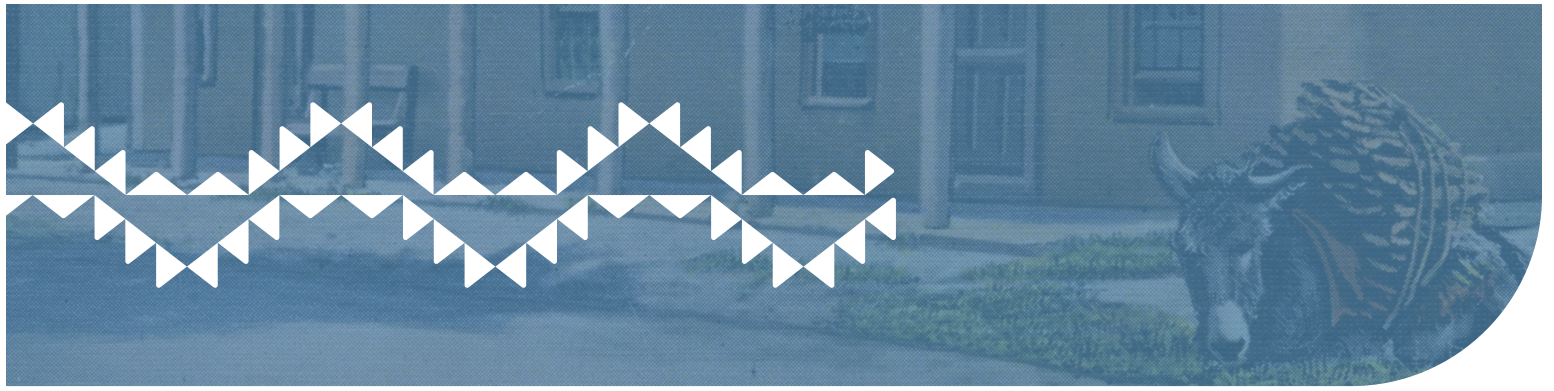
We hope you have enjoyed the two excellent newsletters (Spring/Summer & Fall/Winter). Special thanks to Barbara Schultz, Editor.

KCH plans to open a Designated Intermediate Fund with the Taos Community Foundation in 2024 for accepting public donations for the restoration project.

The top priorities of Kit Carson House, Inc. are to rehabilitate, restore, and preserve this important National Historic Landmark

Thank you for your support,

Martin Jagers
President, Kit Carson House, Inc.



MUSEUM VISITS 2023

January	344
February	398
March	848
April	845
May	1,066
June	1,080
July	1,481
August	1,219
September	1,488
October	1,448
November	574
December	567

Dave Cordova *Museum Manager*

Board of Directors

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ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

17000 • Nusenda Checking	\$26,150.64
17100 • Cash Drawer	\$400.00
17400 • Funds In Transit	\$1,365.28
17500 • Nusenda Savings	\$76,102.55
Total Current Assets	\$ 104,018.47

OTHER ASSETS

17600 • Taos Community Foundation Endowment	\$11,435.43
Total Assets	\$115,453.90

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

24000 • Payroll Liabilities	\$504.26
24010 • Federal Taxes (941/943/944)	\$1,025.90
24020 • NM Income Tax	\$327.60
24025 • NM Unemployment Tax	\$7.45
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,865.21

EQUITY

30000 • Opening Balance Equity	\$400.00
32000 • Unrestricted Net Assets	\$151,741.12
Net Revenue	- \$38,552.43
Total Equity	\$ 113,588.69
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$115,453.90

Help us preserve an important American Treasure

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