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FALL 2017

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PATHWAYS DINNER & AUCTION

TO BENEFIT

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
 Helping Youth Find the Path to Success



5:30-8PM
 DINNER & PRESENTATIONS
from Women in Conservation

8-10PM
 LIVE MUSIC (OPEN TO PUBLIC)
*from our very own RMYC Alumni,
 Sarah Martinez, and Subconscious Rising*
 BY DONATION

DINNER CATERED BY:
 The Taos High
 Culinary Arts Program
*vegetable lasagna, chicken
 with roasted vegetable broth,
 sliced roast beef with red wine ajus*

SILENT AUCTION
 BENEFIT CONCERT

**Taos Mesa Brewing
 Mothership**
 20 ABC Mesa Road : El Prado

THURSDAY,
October 19th
 \$75/person

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Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is a stepping stone to new opportunities. We inspire young adults to make a positive difference in themselves and their communities. Through training and service, Corpsmembers discover their potential for healthy, productive lives.

RMYC PREPARING FOR DISASTER RESPONSE



RMYC is preparing to send crews from Albuquerque and Taos to Texas and possibly Florida to work on "muck and gut" projects to help communities recover from hurricane Harvey. Crews will remove portions of private homes that were damaged by flood water. This would not be the first time RMYC crews stepped to help other communities after a natural disaster. RMYC sent three crews to help in the aftermath of hurricane Sandy in 2012 and to Louisiana in 2016 after Katrina. Crews would work for a minimum of one month and receive disaster response training, including Incident Command System training to learn communication protocols and incident management. RMYC is proud to serve our neighbors across the country.



Communities in New Mexico are not immune from natural disasters. RMYC crews work to prevent catastrophic forest fires in the wildland urban interface and to restore floodways to a natural condition so they can absorb more water and reduce the risks of severe floods. Crews deserve our thanks for protecting us from harm.



PATHWAYS 2017 IS HERE TO CELEBRATE WOMEN IN CONSERVATION



Why do we call this event Pathways? Because RMYC creates a pathway to a successful future for young adults across northern and central New Mexico. RMYC provides youth with a comprehensive workforce development and training program, a living stipend, an AmeriCorps education award, while performing a wealth of community service and conservation projects, environmental education program, and alternative education. One of the most meaningful benefits to the youth is the lifelong relationships they develop with new friends and within the community.



Dinner tickets are \$75. Your ticket includes a full dinner, presentations from our remarkable women in conservation, and dancing. There will also be a silent auction with amazing gifts. The doors will be open to the public at 8:30pm to dance to the music of Subconscious Rising, so get ready to celebrate with us. **Go to www.youthcorps.org to purchase tickets.**

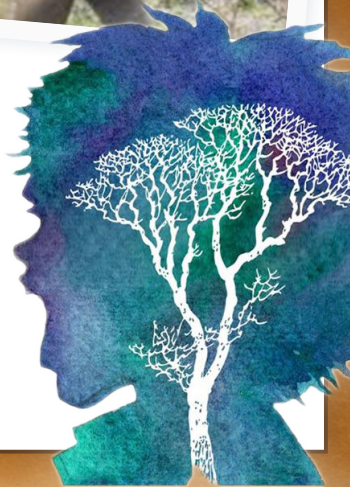
We are very grateful to Taos Mesa Brewing for their generous donation in allowing us to hold the event at the Mothership!

Contact Matthew at RMYC at 575.751.1420 or at matthew@youthcorps.org if you want to sponsor the event. Go to www.youthcorps.org to purchase tickets. Seats are going fast.

All proceed will directly support youth development training, conservation and education programs. Most importantly, the money you give will inspire the next generation of youth to find their pathway to a brighter future.



One of the most exciting parts of the event will be the live music performed by our very own RMYC graduate, Sarah Martinez, the front woman for Subconscious Rising. Sarah and the band will get us moving on the dance floor with her famous guitar riffs.



MEET PAULA ARCHULETA – A REMARKABLE WOMAN IN CONSERVATION

RMYC spent some time with Paula to learn how she came into a career in conservation. **Here is what she said.**

RMYC: *How did you first learn about RMYC?*

PAULA: I saw an advertisement. And my dad worked next door to RMYC, and he saw the crew doing physical therapy in the parking lot in the morning, and he told me that RMYC was hiring.

RMYC: *Why did you decide to apply to RMYC?*

PAULA: I always enjoyed camping and the outdoors, and I did not realize there were job opportunities that allow me to be outdoors. I was attracted to the skills I would learn. I like being outside and breathing real air, so I applied.

RMYC: *Describe yourself before joining RMYC?*

PAULA: I suffered from PTSD after my boyfriend was shot and killed. I didn't know what I wanted to do.

RMYC: *What was your experience like at RMYC? What did you do?*

PAULA: Working with the tools and chainsaw became second nature to me. I first worked on a chainsaw crew as a crew member, then I became an Assistant Crew Supervisor, then a Crew Supervisor.

RMYC: *How did your experience change you?*

PAULA: It overall shaped my future in the right direction. Growing up in Taos, you either stay in Taos and get on the wrong track of drug and alcohol abuse. I feel RMYC helped guide me to the right people and the services they offered. The people were there for me. Not every job offers a support system. I want to help offer my experience back to the youth. Now I want to go to school for a forestry degree. I am now working for Watershed Dynamics doing tree thinning. Now I have a career.



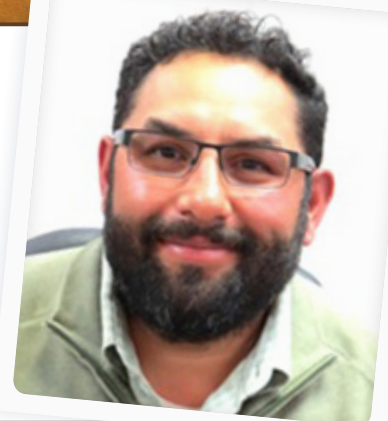
RMYC: *As a woman working in conservation, what advice would you give other women who are considering RMYC or a career in conservation?*

PAULA: Don't be scared. Have fun. Push yourself outside of your comfort level. RMYC is a good way to explore and challenge yourself to do something you're not used to. When one woman quits, another woman quits. I didn't quit.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR JASON SILVA

We are fortunate to have hired Jason Silva as our new Associate Director. Jason is a dedicated educator and administrator with over 16 years of experience in youth development and education in New Mexico. Although Jason supports all our programs and staff, he works directly with the Learning Lab and the Prevention programs in improving the curricula and engaging the community. He brings his experience developing and growing youth programs, like working with the Taos Little League and co-founding the Taos Youth Football League. He was born and raised in Taos. Jason loves spending his free time with his wife Monica, and their four sons whom they cherish. Welcome Jason. We are thrilled to have joined us.





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A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:



BENJAMIN THOMAS
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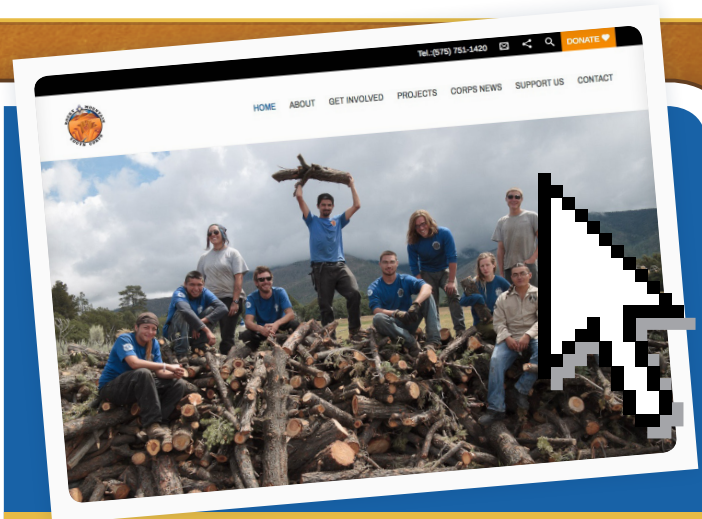
Mesa Brewery, we invite you to join us to pay reverence to some of the women in RMYC's history that have helped shape out trajectory. We will hear from some of RMYC's remarkable women in conservation while inspiring the next generation of change makers.

Please join us and honor those who have served and celebrate the success of the Corps. Reserve your seat online, www.youthcorps.org.

Thank you for your continued support, *Ben*

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This Fall, at RMYC's Pathways, Auction and Fundraiser, we are excited to honor women in conservation. On October 19th at Taos



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