

A great community is comprised of great people. Today, with all of the turmoil in the Real Estate Market and in every ones day- to- day lives, it is such a wonderful feeling to work and live in a valley that is willing to give so much back to others

This article isn't so much about the Real Estate Market, but about the amazing Brokers and Affiliates that contribute so much of their extra time and energy behind the scene helping our friends and neighbors.

Each year our REALTOR and Affiliate members raise funds through events to provide scholarships to our graduating seniors from all seven high schools in Garfield County. That includes Roaring Fork and the Bridges High Schools in Carbondale, Glenwood Springs and Yampa Mountain High Schools in Glenwood, Coal Ridge High in New Castle, Rifle High School and Grand Valley High in Parachute. The total amount awarded each year depends upon what our committee is able to raise. This committee works diligently throughout the year in order to provide awards to much deserving students. The REALTORS have been providing scholarships for the past 16 years and to-date we have helped 117 graduating seniors. This committee is all volunteers, but are the same dedicated brokers and businesses that help you through the home buying process.

I have been very fortunate to serve on this committee for the past several years. Let me tell you about our exciting event this year. Our Chair of the committee is Sherry Rubin, and I cannot express my gratitude for the immense amount of work that she has put into this fund raiser and to the committee members that donated their time in making this one of our biggest success stories yet. The fund raiser this year is called "A Year full of Fun" We were delighted to have donations from businesses up and down the valley, individuals and even friends and family.

A Year Full of Fun is comprised of 12 months. Each month has a package that is worth \$750.00 or more. On August 14th at our annual membership luncheon we will determine the lucky winners of each individual month. This event has created so much excitement and we are so very thankful to each and every broker and affiliate that assisted us in making this such a Huge success.

Our final total for the event has not yet been determined, but we do know it is a tremendous amount. Next time you see your favorite REALTOR, please stop them and say "thank you" and know that they do so much to help others.

We are truly grateful that we have had the opportunity to help so many local high school graduates as they pursue their dreams through higher education.

Thanks again to everyone that made this year such a great success for everyone involved.