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AspenOUT Expands Year-Round Impact Across the Roaring Fork Valley and Beyond

ASPEN, CO (October 30, 2025) – AspenOUT, the nonprofit organization behind the iconic Aspen Gay Ski Week, proudly announces a record-breaking year of both celebration and service. The 2025 Aspen Gay Ski Week welcomed over 5,000 attendees and generated an estimated \$12 million in economic impact for the Aspen, Colorado community.

More than just a world-renowned LGBTQ+ winter celebration, Aspen Gay Ski Week directly funds AspenOUT's critical year-round initiatives in mental health, youth empowerment, and community inclusion throughout the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond.

“AspenOUT has been able to underwrite more than 600 hours of mental health services from Aspen to Parachute over the past 12 months,” said Kimberly Kuliga, Executive Director of AspenOUT.

“In 2025 alone, AspenOUT has awarded \$44,000 in college scholarships to students in the Roaring Fork Valley; that's \$100,000 over the next four years,” Kuliga remarked.

With a clear focus on expanding youth programming, AspenOUT is committed to deepening its impact on the next generation of LGBTQ+ leaders and allies.

AspenOUT funded a growing number of inclusive youth programs, including the following in 2025:

- Youth Winter Inclusive Party
- All-Inclusive Prom
- Inclusive Hike from Aspen to Rifle

In 2025, AspenOUT has committed a total of \$58,000 in donations to local community partnerships and organizations, including:

- Basalt High School Theater program
- Aspen Film Society (including education and support for local GSAs)
- Basalt Art Base
- Aspen Youth Center
- Aspen Hope Center (LGBTQ+ therapist training)
- Tyler Clementi Foundation
- The Meeting Place & Queer Sober Club
- Mountain Pride

- Andy Zanca Youth Empowerment Program
- PFLAG-Roaring Fork
- The Center on Colfax
- High Rockies Harm Reduction
- Queer Asterisk

Additionally, AspenOUT has partnered with VODA, an innovative mental health app, to provide 100 scholarships for LGBTQ+ youth and adults seeking digital wellness support.

“We are incredibly proud of how far we’ve come—and even more excited about where we’re going,” said Kuliga. “AspenOUT is committed to lifting up our community, empowering our youth, and ensuring everyone—no matter where they live or how they identify—has access to safe, affirming support.”

For more information about AspenOUT, upcoming programs, or ways to get involved, visit aspenout.org

About AspenOUT

AspenOUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Aspen, Colorado. Best known as the producer of Aspen Gay Ski Week, AspenOUT uses its platform to support mental health services, inclusive youth programs and LGBTQ+ advocacy throughout the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond.