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“I am delighted and honored to announce that Summit 54 has been awarded a grant of \$20,000 by Aspen Community Foundation,” Terri Caine, Co-Founder of Summit 54, announced today. According to Caine, the grant will be used to help expand the Summer Advantage USA program to Carbondale, where 200 Kindergarten through Third Grade students at Crystal River Elementary School will receive programming.

Summit 54 is committed to improving Colorado's economy and society through effective, efficient and accountable investments in education. Founders Terri & Tony Caine seek proven programs with metrics of success and sponsor bringing those programs to Colorado.

Summer Advantage USA, a nationally acclaimed, summer academic and enrichment program, was brought to the Roaring Fork Valley last summer by Summit 54 in partnership with the RE-1 School District. Last summer, the program served 410 K-3 students at Basalt, Sopris and Glenwood Springs Elementary Schools and resulted in an overall gain of **3.6 months in reading and 1.7 months in math during the five-week period**. The free five-week Summer Advantage program includes breakfast and lunch, bus transportation, weekly speakers and field trips. Students spend the morning reading, writing and studying math, and in the afternoon participate in creative and learning-based projects, such as science experiments, dance, music and art.

Summer Advantage is privately funded in the Roaring Fork Valley by Summit 54, recipient of a Mile High United Way/Social Innovation Fund Grant that provides matching dollars for 500 scholars in Basalt and Glenwood Springs. The Aspen Community Foundation grant will help expand last summer's program to Carbondale, so that a total of 750 children from Basalt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs will be able to participate this summer.

Aspen Community Foundation has been working since 1980 to improve the quality of life in our communities. Based in Aspen, the Community Foundation serves the extended Roaring Fork and Colorado river valleys and directs a collection of funds created by individuals, families, nonprofits, businesses, and the Community Foundation itself for charitable purposes. Each year, Aspen Community Foundation strives to positively impact the quality of life in our communities by awarding millions of dollars in grants to nonprofits from these funds. Aspen Community Foundation also serves as a civic leader, convener and sponsor of special initiatives designed to address community issues. For more information, visit [www.aspencommunityfoundation.org](http://www.aspencommunityfoundation.org), or call 970.925.9300.

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