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Comments: The West Central Mountains Youth Advocacy Coalition (YAC) is an umbrella coalition, that was formed more than a decade ago, and works largely behind the scenes supporting youth serving organizations and collaborative projects. Originally a loose coalition that worked only in Valley County, it was funded through grants with our member partners. In February 2019, YAC organized into a formal 501(c)3 non-profit organization to better serve the community and expand our reach to Adams and Idaho counties. In pursuing our mission, we have had a number of opportunities to work with Midas Gold and see firsthand their commitment to the well-being of the community.

Midas Gold has supported local children in so many ways. The community may see small signs acknowledging Midas's contribution to the parks in McCall, Donnelly and Cascade, but they do so much more in the background. These include small things like providing a meeting room for YAC and VCORP (another community coalition to fight opioid use disorder) when they had nowhere to meet and recruiting volunteers to help with community events, like the Donnelly back-to-school event, the Donnelly Farmer's Market, parades in McCall, the YAC's Youth and Family series, and the iExplore STEM festival.

Midas Gold also runs a free ski week during spring break for area children at Brundage Mountain, even providing transportation from as far away as Cascade and Council and staffing the event with their own employees. They take the lead in a Coats for Kids program making sure area children have a warm coat. For years, their Community Relations Manager has been the lead fundraiser for Sober Grad Night for McCall-Donnelly high school graduating seniors, and has stayed up to ridiculous hours of the night as a chaperone to make sure the graduates are safe and having fun. She is also the Chair of the Board of YAC, an active Rotarian, and was an officer of the Optimist Club until recently. The list of Midas Gold community contributions goes on and on.

In light of this, the YAC Board of Directors, wishes to acknowledge the significant contributions that Midas Gold has made to area youth and the community as a whole and recognize it as an outstanding community partner.