

Mission and Vision

The Fullmer Legacy Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) created in 2018 to memorialize the legacy and good works of brothers Gene, Jay, and Don Fullmer. As documented in a 2012 BYUtv *Turning Point* feature, the Fullmer brothers impacted the lives of hundreds of youths, guiding them to find strength within themselves despite the hardships they face.

Gene, Jay, and Don Fullmer were disciplined and acclaimed professional boxers during the golden age of boxing. Winning or losing, they possessed indomitable yet light-hearted spirits. **Fullmer Legacy Foundation is dedicated to instilling the values that they embodied and shared with so many to create stronger, more resilient citizens of our community through wellness in body, mind, and spirit.**

Our mission has three primary goals:

1. **Support the Fullmer Boxing amateur boxing program.** For more than four decades the program has provided at-risk youth, both boys and girls, along with adults, the opportunity to build strength of character through the unique sport of boxing and compete at the sport's highest levels of competition. Our program is endorsed by and registered with the National Golden Gloves Association and USA Boxing.
2. **Construct the Fullmer Legacy Center (FLC).** The FLC will become a permanent and shared community facility for Fullmer Boxing programs as well as an event space for local, regional, and national amateur boxing tournaments facilitated through Golden Gloves and USA Boxing. The FLC will also be a shared multi-use community space with South Jordan City and Salt Lake County where individuals of all ages can be mentored through programs that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
3. **Expand Fullmer Boxing programs.** The new Fullmer Legacy Center will allow us to expand our reach to serve adults who are discovering the health and wellness benefits of non-contact boxing, including special programs for women, older people, and those suffering from neurological diseases such as Parkinson's disease.

“We try to give them goals to live by. We try to get them to do the very best they can. We’re not saying everybody’s going to end up being a champion. But I can guarantee you, if they keep coming down, they’ll be better kids and they’ll be better citizens—that’s all we can ask.” – Jay Fullmer

Fullmer Legacy Center

Project Background and Financing

Together with our partners, VCBO Architecture and Gramoll Construction, we have designed a beautiful, multi-purpose 15,683 square foot, two-story (approximately 31 feet tall) community facility worthy of the Fullmer legacy. The new Fullmer Legacy Center will sit in the South Jordan City sports complex near the South Jordan Fitness & Aquatics Center, softball fields, tennis courts, and other recreation facilities. The facility is being constructed on property owned by Salt Lake County under a 50-year lease to the Fullmer Legacy Foundation.

We have committed assets of \$8,764,150 of the \$10,695,320 needed for total cost-to-build, leaving \$1,931,170 in needed commitments to complete the facility (see table below). The total cost-to-build the new facility stands at \$6,887,670 for which we have \$4,956,500 committed funds, of which \$4,936,500 are secured/banked funds. This puts our **total anticipated cash need for construction completion at: \$1,941,170.**

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Fullmer Legacy Center Construction Proforma (updated July 31, 2024)

Description	Cost	Committed	Un-Committed	Banked or Exhausted Capital Funds	Un-Banked Cash Need
Land (1.5 acres)	\$ 3,807,650	\$ 3,807,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Cost-to-Build	\$ 6,887,670	\$ 4,956,500	\$ 1,931,170	\$ 4,936,500	\$ 1,951,170
Construction Total	\$ 6,426,736				
Owner Items	\$ 460,934				
Totals	\$ 10,695,320	\$ 8,764,150	\$ 1,931,170	\$ 4,936,500	\$ 1,951,170

Fullmer Legacy Center Donors (July 31, 2024)	Committed Cash Amount	Banked	EOY Anticipated Additional Cash	EOY Anticipated Un-Committed Need	EOY Anticipated Banked/Exh. Capital Funds
The Kahlert Foundation	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0		
State of Utah	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0		
VCBO	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0		
Assoc. Contr. of America	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0		
Zions Bank	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0		
Ken Woolley Family Foundation	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0		
Merit Medical	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000		
George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0		
Larry & Claudia Fullmer	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0		
Utah West Landscape	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0		
The Daniels Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0		
Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Foundation	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0		
Marc C. & Deborah H Bingham Foundation	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000		
Totals	\$4,956,500	\$4,936,500	\$20,000	\$ 1,931,170	\$ 4,956,500

Celtic Bank LOC	Limit	Drawn	Anticipated Need	Unmet Cash Need
LOC Amount	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$1,931,170	-\$68,830

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Organization and Background

After retirement, the “Fighting Fullmers” stayed connected to Utah and their community through the sport of amateur boxing, instructing and mentoring thousands of youths through five decades. From its inception, the Fullmer Brothers’ Boxing Gym has been a free gym, open to any with the desire to work hard and live clean. The Fullmers continued to operate the boxing gym right up to the end of their lives and never for monetary compensation. BYUtv documented these unique Fullmer Brothers and their dedication to the youth and their community in a *Turning Point* documentary.

Buoyed by the generous support of the community and thousands of volunteer hours, the gym continued its mission, as envisioned by the brothers, under the Rocky Mountain Golden Gloves franchise.

While the existing gym facility, located for more than 10 years at the South Jordan Equestrian Center, has served the community well, the size and condition of the facility limits access and growth. Recently, Utah State University took ownership of the facilities and property, now known as the Bastian Agricultural Center. A lease agreement allows the Fullmer Boxing gym right to the existing premises at the Bastian Agricultural Center through 2025.

The volunteer boxing coaches and Fullmer family recognized that a new facility would soon be needed if the Fullmer brothers’ legacy and work would long continue. In 2018 they, along with others who shared their vision, formed the Fullmer Legacy Foundation (FLF), a 501 (c)(3) dedicated to building a permanent facility to help fulfill this unique and valuable mission. In the short time since formation, the FLF has gained critical support and partnerships on its way to building the Fullmer Legacy Center—a shared community space that will become the permanent home of Fullmer Boxing as well as other community programs for wellness in body, mind, and spirit.

Fullmer Boxing

Social and Community Impact

Fullmer Boxing has maintained a viable and safe learning environment, mentoring at-risk youths in the unique sport of boxing at no cost to them. This unique model has given thousands of youths the opportunity to build resilience and strength of character.

- 200 participants from 27 different cities (the majority residing in West Jordan, South Jordan, and West Valley) registered annually
- Approximately half of participants ages 8 to 25 are considered placed at-risk
- Approximately 40% of participants are from communities of color with the majority identifying as Hispanic or Latino

The gym is a free and open gym—cost is not an impediment to participation. Local law enforcement has historically worked with Fullmer Boxing coaches to coordinate with youth who need the structure and discipline of the program. They work to resolve transportation or other issues that would otherwise keep them from participating.

As detailed in a 2012 BYUtv Turning Point documentary, the Fullmer Boxing programs build resilience, determination, and character in those who participate. The documentary (found online at: <https://www.byutv.org/bb944980-8ee6-454c-80d8-c9e1ece611ae/turning-point-fullmer-bros-boxing-gym>) captures the moving stories of several participants.

“My coaches instilled in me a desire to keep moving forward and never give up.”

-A featured young participant in the documentary who lost his mother and father in a tragic homicide/suicide event

“I learned respect and to embrace a healthier lifestyle.”

-A featured young participant in the documentary who found Fullmer Boxing after several brushes with the law

“I wanted to change my life because of the care, support, and encouragement I received from my coaches while incarcerated.”

-A featured young participant in the documentary who returned to the program to turn his life around

Social and Community Impact (continued)

- The Hispanic and Latino population live in poverty at more than double the rate of the white population.
- It is also more likely both parents in a Hispanic or Latino household are working outside the home or that the family is supported by a single female.
- Kids who participate in sports are less likely to be depressed.
- Kids who participate in a sport are less likely to smoke cigarettes or use other illicit drugs.
- Physically active kids get up to 40% higher test scores.
- Students who participate in sports are more likely to get higher grades and aspire to attend college.
- 49% of U.S. adults have struggled to pay for their kid(s) to participate in a youth sport.

[Aspen Institute Project Play](#). (n.d.). Youth Sports Facts.

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Opportunities

The current Fullmer Boxing Gym resides in an old and dilapidated facility at the South Jordan Equestrian Center (now the Bastian Agricultural Center operated by Utah State University). This facility limits the exciting growth opportunities and health and wellness benefits that exist now through the sport of boxing.

We have an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime chance to memorialize the Fullmer legacy and extend the powerful work they began by building a permanent community facility—the Fullmer Legacy Center.

The Fullmer Legacy Center will allow us to:

- support 300 to 400 youth participants annually
- add more coaches, staff, and volunteers
- offer an academic tutoring program, including college and career prep
- expand and establish programs with the juvenile justice courts, local law enforcement, school districts, community health organizations, mental health providers, and family support agencies
- establish programs like “Rock Steady” to serve populations with neurological disorders such as Parkinson’s disease
- improve health outcomes for seniors by offering fitness programs that lower the risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, and diabetes
- reduce the risks associated with osteoporosis affecting primarily women through strength training and support healthy aging for all populations
- increase accessibility as a shared community sports and events complex

A *New York Times* article recently detailed the increasing popularity of boxing for wellness, stating:

“Boxing’s varied and high-intensity workouts offer a blend of strength and cardiovascular conditioning that improves agility, coordination and balance, and which may be especially beneficial for people with neurological disorders such as Parkinson’s disease.”

A recent student newspaper at Utah State University in Logan detailed how:

students are “rolling with the punches to improve [their] health.” The article stated that “Amanda Winterton, an instructor for the kinesiology and health science department at Utah State University, said boxing classes help students release stress and tension, build their self-esteem and improve their mental health and mood.”

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Operations

The pro-forma included below envisions full operations of the Fullmer Legacy Center. The core program (Fullmer Boxing) is currently self-sustained and operating legally under Rocky Mountain Golden Gloves. Those programs will be moved to operate under the Fullmer Legacy Foundation.

FULLMER LEGACY CENTER: Annual Operating Budget

Operational Expenses	one-time	Annual	Income from Operations	one-time	Annual
Legacy Center Facility Manager		\$80,000	Boxing Events		\$20,000
Part-time staff expense		\$80,000	Special Events		\$30,000
Utilities		\$35,000	Adult Boxing, Fitness, and Wellness		\$18,000
Legal, Accounting, and Professional fees		\$15,000	Community Events		\$6,000
Janitorial	\$5,000	\$25,000	Other Programming		\$30,000
Grounds Maintenance	\$2,500	\$6,000	Youth Programs		\$45,000
Insurance and bonds		\$12,000	Resell Items		\$6,000
Marketing & PR		\$12,000	Concessions		\$45,000
Office Supplies		\$2,500	Total Income from Operations		\$200,000
School Tutoring Program	\$20,000	\$20,000			
Adult Boxing, Fitness, and Wellness	\$30,000	\$12,000	Grants & Philanthropic	one-time	Annual
Boxing & Special Events		\$12,000	School Tutoring Program	\$20,000	\$20,000
Resell Items		\$3,000	Sponsor-a-Boxer Program		\$100,000
Concessions		\$15,000	National Grants & Philanthropies	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total Operations Expenses	\$57,500	\$329,500	Local Grants & Philanthropies	\$20,000	\$20,000
			Total Income from Grants	\$90,000	\$190,000
Fullmer Boxing Program	one-time	Annual			
Program Costs		\$80,000	Fullmer Boxing Program	one-time	Annual
Total Fullmer Boxing Program Expenses		\$80,000	RMGG Grant		\$75,000
			Fundraising		\$80,000
Capital Expenses	one-time	Annual	Total Fullmer Boxing Income		\$155,000
Building Maintenance & Sinking Fund		\$5,000			
FF&E	\$80,000	\$2,500	Total Income	\$90,000	\$545,000
Landscaping	\$50,000				
Total Capital Expenses	\$130,000	\$7,500	Surplus/Deficit	(\$97,500)	\$128,000
Total Expenses	\$187,500	\$417,000			

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