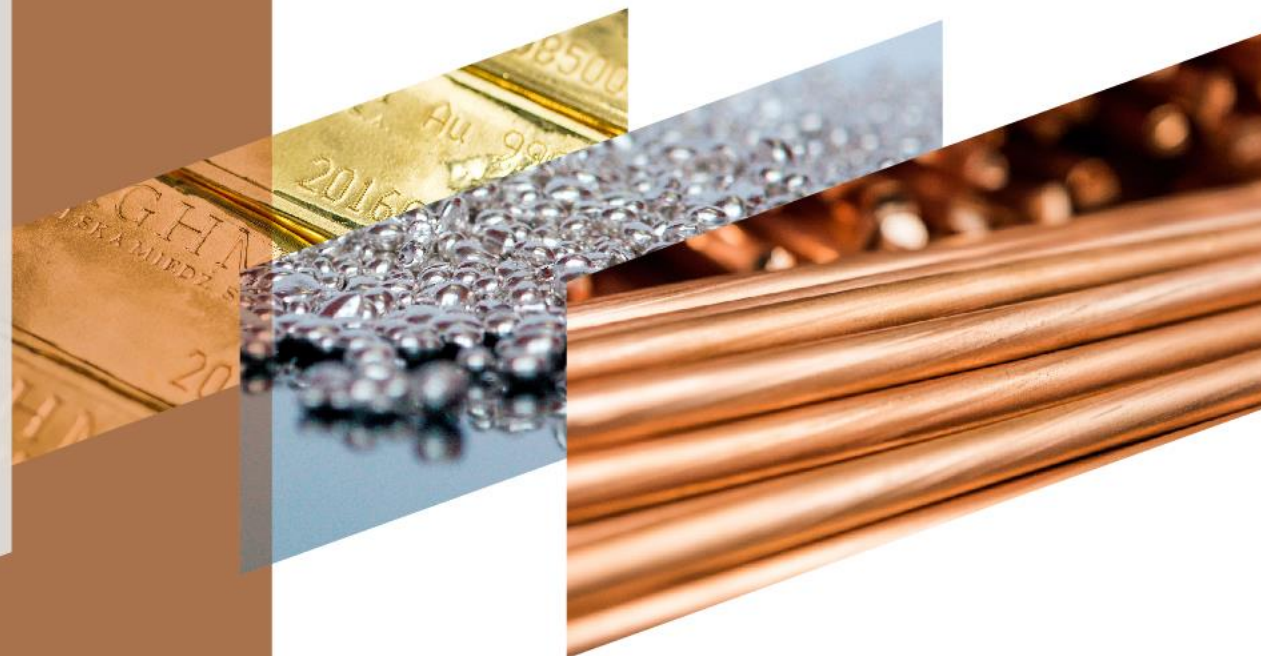


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KGHM Robinson Mine  
Childcare Initiative

January 20, 2023

# White Pine County Demographics



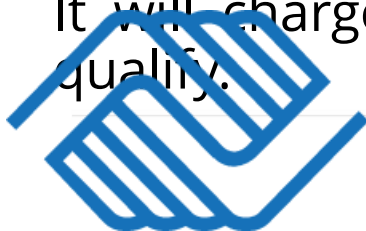
- White Pine County's population is estimated at 9,660 of which 512 (5.3%) are within the birth – 5 age group.
- Despite the large number of children in the community, there are only two licensed facilities in the county:
  - Magic Carpet Preschool provides services for up to 42 students ages 3-5
    - Only open September – May from 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
    - No financial aid or income restrictions
  - Little People's Head Start provides services for up to 86 students ages birth to 5
    - Only open September – June from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday
    - 90% of the slots are income dependent

**Because of these limited services, working parents MUST rely on family or unlicensed facilities to care for their children or make the decision to remove themselves from the workforce.**

# Boys and Girls Club Solution



- The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows (“the Club”) has a successful program in White Pine County for ages 5-18.
- To alleviate the childcare issue in our community, the Club is expanding their services in our community with an Early Learning Center (“ELC”) to serve children 6 weeks – 5 years old.
- The ELC is expected to serve 65 children Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- While these hours will not entirely fulfill the needs for mine shift workers or prison workers, this facility will provide an much needed solution for many hours per week.
- The ELC will provide quality child care focused on kindergarten readiness in terms of social-emotional skills, numeracy and literacy.
- It will charge a weekly fee and will have financial aid available to those who qualify.



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# Robinson's Goals



- Robinson directly employs 15% of the total workforce in White Pine County with high paying jobs
- We are copper miners – we are not experts in child care
- Unemployment in White Pine County as of November 2022 was 3.2% and Robinson has +50 open positions.
- How many people are not able to enter the workforce because of the lack of quality childcare?
- We wanted to contribute to a community solution – not a solution to meet only our needs

# Community Commitment



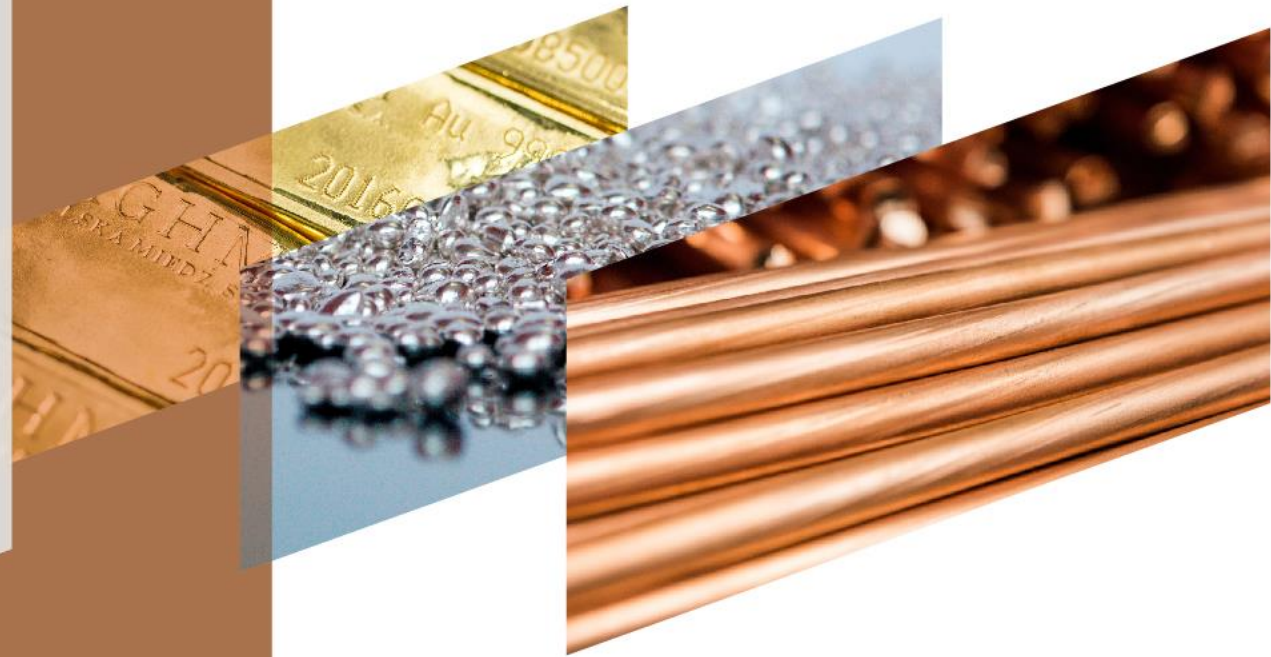
- In February 2022, KGHM Robinson Mine made the initial \$500k seed donation for the project. Since then additional funds have been secured through the City of Ely, the William Bee Ririe Hospital, dozens of community members and a foundation.
  - An unused Kindergarten building owned by the White Pine County School District will be leased to the Club for a nominal fee, and renovations for the building will begin soon.
  - This will be available to all community members – not just one or two entities
  - There is fantastic grass roots level support for this project!
  - A contractor has been selected
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- Even though \$2.8M has been secured, the project is still short from the anticipated costs of refurbishing the building and establishing the program and different options are being pursued.

# Project Status

- A contractor has been selected for the project and construction is anticipated to start in early Spring. Even though \$2.8M has been secured, the project is financially short from the awarded bid and additional fundraising efforts will be required. Onward!



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THANK YOU!