In the midst of struggle, local theater gets something priceless

Len Matheo got a wholly unexpected gift in the middle of our unfolding crisis.

The executive and artistic director of the Miners Alley Playhouse in Golden had just finished meeting with his staff when the call came in: the theater’s landlord, Mesa Meadows Land Management, would waive the $3,600 in rent the theater would owe in April.

“They wrote to us and said we are going to waive the rent for the month of April. We didn’t ask, they just did it. I thought that was so loving and giving and I wanted to share what they had done for us, in hopes that other groups in our situation were experiencing the same kind of generosity.”

might be given the same gift,” Matheo said.

The theater, established in 1989, faces between $25,000 and $30,000 a month in fixed expenses, which is largely payroll and health insurance for its six staff members. So, a $3,600 gift makes a meaningful difference for the theater.

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- The next board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on April 23, if possible. Stay tuned for opportunities to attend virtually. See the full calendar of 2020 board meetings.