



WHAT IS THE CIRCLE OF GIVING?

The Circle of Giving is the Whitefish Community Foundation's core group of donors. It is comprised of a group of like-minded individuals who support the mission of the Foundation with an annual gift of \$5,000 or more, with some donors giving as much as \$40,000. The Circle allows our donors to pool their resources and create the maximum amount of impact. When you give to the Circle, you multiply the impact of your gift because you are providing important and many times critical assistance to hundreds of nonprofits.

WHY JOIN THE CIRCLE OF GIVING?

With so many worthy causes in your local community, where do you start? Consider joining the Circle of Giving at the Whitefish Community Foundation. The Whitefish Community Foundation is the one organization in our region established to support hundreds of causes from education, conservation, and recreation, to human services, arts and culture, and everything in between. We help your gift make impact where it is needed most by performing the important due diligence in our grant making.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE CIRCLE?

Your donation to the Circle of Giving benefits hundreds of local nonprofits, which are funded through the grant programs of the Whitefish Community Foundation.



GIVING TOGETHER CREATES IMPACT

The Mission of the Whitefish Community Foundation is to **ENRICH** the Quality of Life in the Whitefish Area by Fostering Philanthropy, Building Endowments, and Helping Donors and Nonprofits Benefit our Community.



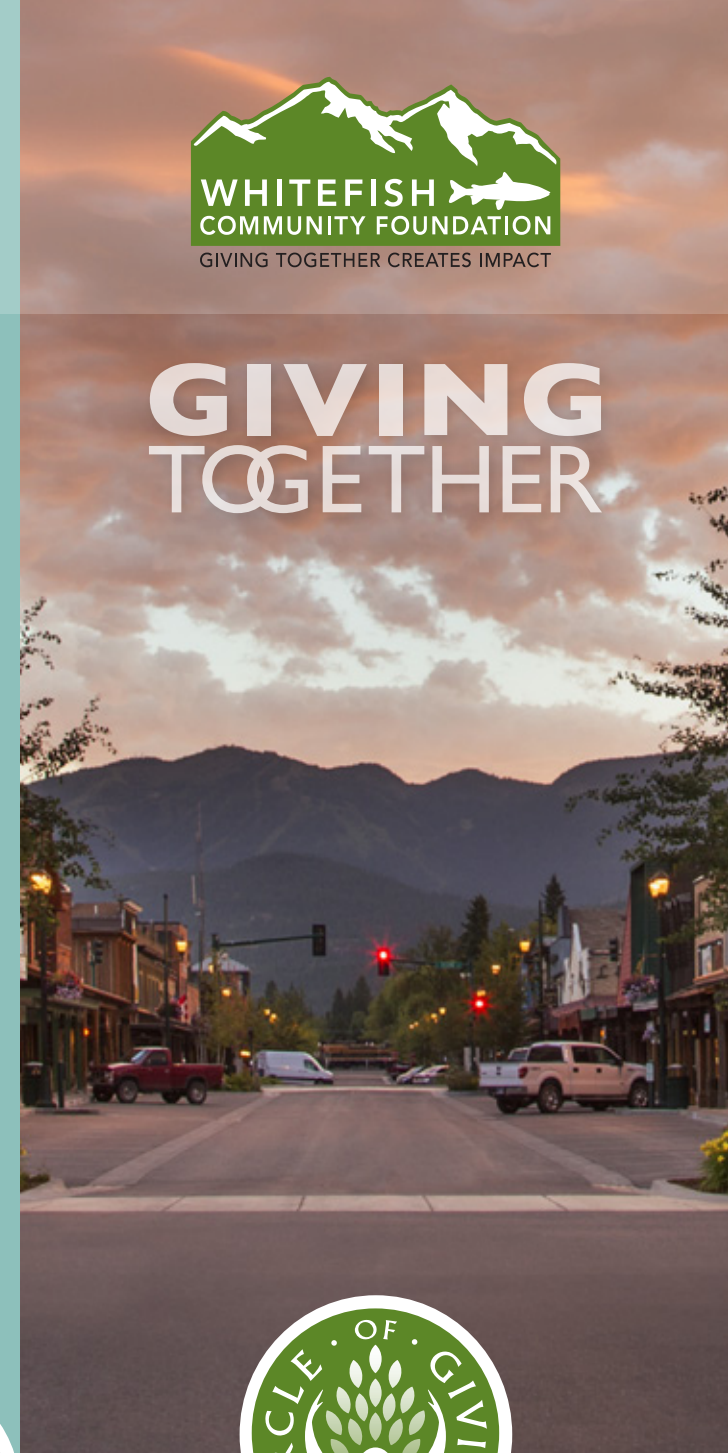
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GIVING TOGETHER



WHAT ARE THE CORE PROGRAMS?

- Community Grant Program is offered twice a year to help fund smaller nonprofit projects and programs. Nonprofits are able to apply once per year for a maximum grant request of \$4,000.
- Major Community Project Grant Program awards grants of \$10,000 or more to significant community projects. Since 2010, 18 Major Grants totaling more than \$550,000 have been awarded.
- Great Fish Community Challenge inspires our community to give by providing matching grants on donations raised by participating nonprofits. In just four years, the Challenge has raised more than \$7M to benefit 55 local nonprofits. The Challenge costs an average of \$200,000 to organize and administer each year. Nonprofit participation in the Challenge is free.
- Discretionary Program awards rapid response Micro and Emergency Grants to address unexpected and immediate needs as they arise. We have awarded upwards of \$100,000 to meet the urgent needs of our nonprofit community.

CIRCLE FUNDING ALLOCATION

95% of gifts made to the Circle of Giving directly support the Foundation's grant programs and the administration of the Great Fish Community Challenge, while 5% helps to underwrite the operational costs of the Whitefish Community Foundation.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

To learn more about the work of the **Whitefish Community Foundation** and the **Circle of Giving** please contact us and we will send you an annual report filled with facts and good information about the impact of our work. Or, visit our website at whitefishcommunityfoundation.org

Plus, we hold an annual social event for our Circle donors to show our appreciation for their support, give them the opportunity to hear how their donations are making an impact locally, and meet others that are passionate about helping our community for the better.

HOW DO I JOIN THE CIRCLE?

Circle of Giving donors contribute an annual gift of \$5,000 or more to the Whitefish Community Foundation. Gifts can be made by:

- Check or Credit Card
- Donor Advised Funds/Private Foundations
- Gifts of Appreciated Stock
- Distributions from your IRA if you are 70½

For more information on how to join this extraordinary group contact:

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CIRCLE OF GIVING

2018 RAISED	\$734,000
2017 RAISED	\$571,000
2016 RAISED	\$415,000
2015 RAISED	\$383,000

MAJOR COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS AWARDED

2018	\$50,000
2017	\$73,000
2016	\$20,000
2015	\$25,000

GREAT FISH COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

2018:
50 PARTICIPATING CHARITIES | RAISED \$2.4 M
\$469,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS AWARDED

2017:
45 PARTICIPATING CHARITIES | RAISED \$2 M
\$423,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS AWARDED

2016:
40 PARTICIPATING CHARITIES | RAISED \$1.5 M
\$336,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS AWARDED

2015:
32 PARTICIPATING CHARITIES | RAISED \$1 M
\$217,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS AWARDED

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS AWARDED

2018	\$25,000
2017	\$26,000
2016	\$38,000

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

2018: 42 GRANTS TOTALING \$66,000
SUPPORTING CHARITABLE PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

2017: 31 GRANTS TOTALING \$94,000
SUPPORTING CHARITABLE PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

2016: NO PROGRAM IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THE
GREAT FISH COMMUNITY CHALLENGE & MOVE FROM
FALL TO A SPRING COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM.

2015: 78 GRANTS TOTALING \$250,000
SUPPORTING CHARITABLE PROJECTS/PROGRAMS