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* New, first time donor to the Circle

Bold: Five years + donors


**GREAT FISH COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**

Great Fish Community Challenge inspires our community to give. In just six years, the Challenge has raised more than $13M to benefit 68 local nonprofits. The challenge costs an average of $260,000 to organize and administer each year.

- **$13M** Raised for over 68 nonprofits in first six years
- **$2.5M** Matching grants since inception in 2015

- **2020**: 56 participating charities | raised $3.2M
  - $601,254 in matching funds awarded
- **2019**: 53 participating charities | raised $2.8M
  - $485,139 in matching funds awarded
- **2018**: 50 participating charities | raised $2.4M
  - $469,000 in matching funds awarded
- **2017**: 45 participating charities | raised $2M
  - $423,000 in matching funds awarded
- **2016**: 40 participating charities | raised $1.5M
  - $336,000 in matching funds awarded
- **2015**: 32 participating charities | raised $1M
  - $217,000 in matching funds awarded

**CIRCLE OF GIVING**

- **2020**: raised $1,050,000
- **2019**: raised $857,000
- **2018**: raised $734,000
- **2017**: raised $571,000
- **2016**: raised $415,000
- **2015**: raised $383,000

**ADvised Grant Fund Programs**

- **$35.2M** Since Inception in 2000
- **2020: Grants Totaling** $4.6M
  - From Donor Advised, Designated, and Endowment Grant Fund Program

**Community Grant Program**

- **$1.81M** Since Inception in 2000
- **2020: 27 Grants Totaling** $71,000
  - Supporting Charitable Projects/Programs

**Major Community Project Grants Awarded**

- **$620,000** Since Inception in 2010
- **2020**: $40,000

**Discretionary Grants Awarded**

- **$65,000** Since Inception in 2015
- **2020**: $10,750

**Day of Giving & Unity**

- **$562,000**
  - Inaugural Giving Tuesday Event
- **2020: 78 Programs Funded**
  - $562,000

**Community Emergency Response Fund**

- **$243,000**
  - Awarded to Help 26 Critical Programs
- **2020**: $243,000

**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. The average gift has grown to $10,000, with some donors giving as much as $60,000. 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 by providing critical assistance to hundreds of local 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 only organization in our region established to support hundreds of causes from education, conservation, and recreation, to health and 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 serving the Flathead Valley, through the grant programs of the Whitefish Community Foundation.

**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, 22 Major Grants totaling more than $620,000 have been awarded.
- **Great Fish Community Challenge** inspires our community to give by providing matching grants on donations raised by participating nonprofits. In just six years, the Challenge has raised more than $13M to benefit 68 local nonprofits. The Challenge costs an average of $260,000 to organize and administer each year. Nonprofit participation in the Challenge is free.

**Thanks to the Circle of Giving, we were able to quickly launch the Community Emergency Response Fund in 2020 to address the COVID-19 crisis as it unfolded across our communities. Nonprofits were experiencing a severe uptick in need for their services while also being forced to work remotely or even close their doors.**

**KIDS Fund–Giving Voice to Children** is a relatively new program targeting children experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. This program is focused on three areas: education, health, and safety with the goal of creating lasting life changes for homeless youth. Since inception in 2020, the program has awarded $100,000 to CASA for Kids for their FOCUS Program, targeted at children aging out of the foster care system.

**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. We hold an annual donor appreciation event for our Circle donors, to give us the opportunity to thank them and tell them how their donations are making an impact locally. It is a wonderful time to meet others individuals that are also 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: Linda Engh-Grady, 406-863-1781 linda@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org

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