OUR MISSION:
Whitefish Community Foundation is dedicated to fostering philanthropy, building endowments, and helping donors and nonprofits benefit our communities.

OUR CHARTER:
• We provide effective ways for donors to make charitable contributions.
• We advise on strategic giving priorities.
• We invest gifts to grow and sustain giving.
• We offer services to simplify giving.
• We work with donors to empower giving.
• We lead initiatives to inspire giving.
• We strengthen local nonprofits to excel in governance.

Our end goal is to improve the quality of life in the Flathead Valley, which includes supporting nonprofits that provide valuable resources to our communities.
FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

We began 2021 hopeful that it would be a year of “returning to normalcy.” Alas, it was not to be, and this virus continued to affect us throughout the year. Our community members and non-profit organizations were under tremendous strain.

We called on our donors for help, and they generously and graciously responded. Our Circle of Giving grew to more than 130 members. These core donors are passionate about making a difference in people’s lives. Since 2015, Circle of Giving donors have contributed more than $5 million through the Foundation’s robust grant programs. As a result of the generosity of our donors, Whitefish Community Foundation was able to support several critical projects and programs in 2021.

While I’m expressing gratitude for the generosity of our Circle of Giving, I would like to acknowledge two members who went above and beyond for our community. Since its early days, Whitefish Community Foundation has operated out of a charming house owned by Mike and Barb Jenson. Last year Mike and Barb made a tremendous gift to the Foundation when they donated the house to the organization. Thanks to the Jensons, the Foundation now has a permanent home in the heart of Whitefish.

Looking forward, we are aware that the pandemic has profoundly affected the Flathead Valley. It has shifted where and how people live and work. We have seen unprecedented growth, which along with other factors, has led to an increase in housing costs and created a crisis for many people who are finding it very challenging to obtain affordable housing. We are working closely with donors and concerned citizens to help address this critical issue. We believe every community member deserves a chance to build a quality life in this place we all love.

I would like to thank Linda Maetzold for providing a steady hand for the past three years as Board Chair. As always, Linda Engh-Grady provides inspiration, enthusiasm, and leadership as she challenges the Board and staff to achieve more than we thought possible.

We welcome and appreciate your feedback and continued involvement in our mission and work. Thank you for believing in what we do and helping us keep our communities strong and vibrant. We are changing lives together!

Ardy Whisler
Board Chair 2022
“As long as people believe in the organization, see the potential for good, and support it, Whitefish Community Foundation will continue to be successful.”

-Mike and Barb Jenson

Mike and Barb Jenson

“I have been personally involved with Whitefish Community Foundation since its inception, and I still believe it is part of the solution to problems Whitefish and the Flathead Valley will face in the coming years. As long as people believe in the organization, see the potential for good, and support it, Whitefish Community Foundation will continue to be successful.

Whitefish Community Foundation has been a co-occupant of our building on Second Street West since shortly after I closed my gallery there in 2004. When Barb and I began to consider the future of the building, we agreed that making it the Foundation’s permanent home just felt right. Not only does this gift go a long way toward ensuring the existence of the Foundation, it also takes care of where it will be physically located in the future. We like the thought of Whitefish Community Foundation being here rather than it being simply sold for another business. This is not only a gift to the Foundation, it’s also a gift to Whitefish. We very much enjoy living here!”

Mike Jenson co-founded Whitefish Community Foundation in 2000 along with Connie Heckathorn, John Kramer, Roxanne Rogers, and Dave Stewart. The Foundation would not be the place it is today without Mike’s vision, creativity, and kindness. He and his wife Barb generously transferred ownership of 214 West Second Street to Whitefish Community Foundation in September of 2021. The Foundation is humbled by this gift and beyond grateful to the Jensons for providing us with a forever home.
“Charlie and I met in Bigfork in 1979. Charlie had recently purchased the local town café, the Buffalo Café, and I was beginning a new career in Kalispell at Conrad National Bank. We married and in 1983 moved our young family and the Buffalo Café north to Whitefish, with the goal of skiing more and working less. Well, the ‘working less’ part in the restaurant business took another 37 years to accomplish, but along the way our family business remained in Whitefish and now includes our two sons, their wives, and grandkids. We have also been fortunate to have made many long and fulfilling relationships that continue to connect us deeply to our beloved Whitefish and Flathead Valley.

We were first introduced to Whitefish Community Foundation over 20 years ago when the founders were brainstorming over morning coffee at the café. As we watched the Foundation grow, we were impressed by the positive impact this energized organization was having in our community by bringing together committed donors and nonprofits to benefit our Valley and lift our neighbors in need. It was an easy decision to become involved with the Whitefish Community Foundation and the Circle of Giving as a tangible way to give back to a community that had supported our family business for so many years.

We have seen our Valley grow tremendously over the years, and the simple concept of ‘give where you live’ resonated deeply with us. We love our town and trust the Whitefish Community Foundation to use our donations to make the greatest impact on the lives of everyone in the Flathead.”

Linda Maetzold has been highly involved with Whitefish Community Foundation since the early days, serving on the Board of Directors and in various officer roles. She served as Board Chair from 2019-2021, leading the organization through a period of rapid growth and bringing us to a new level of excellence in governance. While serving as Board Chair, Linda participated in every committee to ensure she had a thorough understanding of the scope of the Foundation’s work. She continues to serve as the Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee.

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-Maetzold Family
“Many years ago we came to Whitefish to visit our youngest daughter, Caeli. We fell in love with this little town, bought a home, and set out to learn about the local area. We had the great fortune to meet Richard and Carol Atkinson and John Kramer and quickly learned from them about the needs of the community. They steered us directly to the Whitefish Community Foundation. Soon afterward, we transferred our charitable giving from our Family Foundation in Orlando to our Donor Advised Fund with Whitefish Community Foundation. We have greatly enjoyed the opportunities to help fund selfless nonprofits and their programs.

We can think of no other organization in this part of Montana that is such a source of inspiration as Whitefish Community Foundation. It is an honor and a pleasure to be part of such a dynamic and grounded institution. The early founders were wise and dreamed big.

It is the most FUN thing we do. It is also the most satisfying. To watch the Foundation and the benefiting nonprofit organizations grow and prosper, to see the services they provide for their constituents, and to be witness to the relief they provide for so many people is truly awe-inspiring.”

Tom and Teresa Quinn became active with Whitefish Community Foundation shortly after they moved to the Flathead Valley. Over the past 14 years, Whitefish Community Foundation has worked with the Quinns to further their charitable giving. Tom served for seven years on the Board of Directors and for 12 years on the Grants Committee. Tom and Teresa’s daughter, Caeli Quinn, is following in her parents’ philanthropic footsteps and recently joined the Board of Directors.

“We are grateful to all who have worked so hard to make the Foundation a community treasure!”

-Tom and Teresa Quinn

(Photograph): McDonald Creek
“When we relocated from Houston to Kalispell in 2014, we made quite a few friends and were enjoying life under the Big Sky but were struggling to find the right charities to support. It was pretty easy when we lived in Houston but not so easy here as we vetted a number of organizations and weren’t satisfied with what we learned. We love to ski and a few seasons ago we got really cold in the parking lot putting on boots and schlepping skis across the lot to the lift. A friend suggested we join Whitefish Community Foundation’s Patron Ski Pass Program. We called and talked with Linda Engh-Grady and learned how the program benefits local charities.

Next ski season came, and we got our locker and passes. Our locker happened to be next to Betsy Bayne’s. Betsy was a longtime member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors, and we enjoyed visiting with her. Betsy would tell us about special grants the Foundation had awarded to various organizations, as well as what their broader programs were accomplishing. It was clear to us that the Foundation knew the community and was very focused in its mission. We spoke with Linda a bit more, and it became an easy decision for us to become members of the Circle of Giving.

As the population of the Flathead Valley continues to grow, so do the needs of our local communities. We really believe that Whitefish Community Foundation is a great way to serve these needs. The Foundation continues to raise more funds to meet these needs every year. You can see what a great job they are doing by looking at the results of the 2021 Great Fish Community Challenge.”

Andrew and Linda Viens joined the Circle of Giving in 2018 and represent a growing number of Kalispell-area donors who have become active with Whitefish Community Foundation in recent years because they see the positive impact their gifts are making on the entire Flathead Valley.

“We encourage everyone to show their determination to assist those in need, and we believe there is no better way than the Whitefish Community Foundation.”

-Andrew and Linda Viens
CIRCLE OF GIVING

THE CIRCLE OF GIVING is Whitefish Community Foundation’s core group of donors who see the value of philanthropy and what it can do to change lives. Circle donors support the mission of the Foundation with an annual gift of $5,000 or more, with donors giving as much as $50,000. The Circle allows donors to pool their resources to create maximum impact multiplied over hundreds of charitable projects and programs. The Circle is the backbone of the Great Fish Community Challenge, making it possible for the Foundation to organize and host the Challenge and provide a strong matching grant each year. Ninety-six percent of gifts made to the Circle of Giving directly support the Foundation’s grant programs and the Great Fish Community Challenge. Four percent of Circle gifts support the Foundation’s operations.

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AGL Foundation
Toni and Jeff Allen
Kate and Chip Andrews
Brent Appelgren
Val and Beau Armstrong
Carol and Richard Atkinson
Lisa and Bob Bailey
Julie and Summerfield Baldridge
Ledgey and Phillip Ballard
Sharon and Dean Baltzell
Charlene and Stephen Barach
Tish and Rick Bartleson
Cindy and Mogens Bay
Betsy and Bill Bayne
Doe and Jim Bennett
Terri and Jon Bieker
Linda and Terry Bell
Bonne and Rick Billini
MaryAnn and Bill Binder
Sandy and Dick Boyce
Tara and Matt Briner
Beth and Jerome Broussard
Rockwood Brown
in Memory of Marilyn
Lindsey and Todd Burns
Eileen Boci Campbell
Dorothy and Lutter Campbell
Mickey and Pat Collier
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Maureen Casey
Jane Kolmeyer and Terry Chute
Marie and Brian Clark
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Kate and Ross Dworman
First Interstate BancSystem Foundation
Michael Fraser
Fun Beverage
Barbara and Mike Gallagher
Laura and James Garbacz
Kathy and Greg Garrison
Marion and Duff Gerrish
Sanya and Judah Gerst
Adelle Goldberg
Cheryl Watkins and Dick Gordon
Linda Engl-Grady and Dave Grady
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Cameron Blakie and Sandy Grey
Cindy and Joe Gregory
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Kelly and Robert Hayes
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Cheryl and Brad Howard
Bill Howard
Ilia B. Dousman Fund
Iron Horse Foundation
Barbara and Mike Jensen
Ann and Paul Jeremiassen
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Robin and Mark Jones
Brenda and Jonny Jones
Rachel Kelton
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Jon McBride and John Kramer
Julie Williams and Matt Kurthmuck
Mignon and Jay Latimer
Gerry and Frank Leathers
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Judy and David Williams
Mary and Hal Williamson
Bet and Doug Wise
Susan and John Witt
Debra Wolfe

THANK YOU to our Circle of Giving members for helping us create impactful grant programs and grow the Great Fish Community Challenge into a highly successful fundraising platform for Flathead Valley nonprofit organizations.

Names in bold represent donors who have given at the Circle level for five years or more, demonstrating their long-term commitment to improving the quality of life in the Flathead Valley.

We encourage you to join this extraordinary group of donors inspiring our communities to give through the Great Fish Community Challenge and making good things happen in the Flathead Valley.

$1,409,000 DONATED TO THE CIRCLE OF GIVING PROGRAM IN 2021

130 DONORS IN 2021

$10,842 AVERAGE GIFT SIZE IN 2021

2021 ALLOCATION:
- 60% Great Fish Community Challenge
- 24% Community Grants, Discretionary Grants, Major and Micro Grants
- 12% Community Emergency Response Fund
- 4% Whitefish Community Foundation’s Operations
WHAT IS THE GREAT FISH COMMUNITY CHALLENGE?

THE GREAT FISH COMMUNITY CHALLENGE is truly a community-driven effort, inspiring greater giving and participation from across the Flathead while building awareness about the critical work of our local nonprofits. The Challenge brings us together through a single, high-profile, and collectively beneficial event. Since 2015, the Great Fish Community Challenge has raised over $17 million for more than 75 Flathead Valley nonprofit organizations. Whitefish Community Foundation organizes the Challenge free of charge for qualifying nonprofits.

$17 M
RAISED SINCE INCEPTION IN 2015

$4,200,643
RAISED IN THE 2021 CHALLENGE FOR 61 CHARITIES

56%
MATCH ON THE FIRST $20,000 RAISED BY EACH PARTICIPATING CHARITY

$665,739
TOTAL MATCH AWARDED
MAXIMUM MATCHING GRANT OF $11,200

28%
INCREASE IN FUNDS RAISED THROUGH THE 2021 CHALLENGE OVER 2020

$285,000
COST TO ORGANIZE THE 2021 GREAT FISH COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

WCF provided a percentage match on the first $20,000 raised by each nonprofit for a maximum matching grant of $11,200 per organization.

2021 Great Fish Community Challenge

Great Fish Community Challenge

by the nonprofits participating in the 2021 Great Fish Community Challenge including the match

$4,200,643

TOTAL RAISED

CHARITIES

Great Fish Community Challenge

Abbie Shelter .................................................................. $155,540
Backpack Assistance Program ...................................... $85,893
Big Brothers Big Sisters NW Montana ....................... $37,414
Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation ................. $57,594
Boys and Girls Club of Glacier Country .......... $64,348
Braveheart Chaplain Ministry ................................... $33,941
CASAlfors Kids .............................................................. $178,883
Center for Restorative Youth Justice ..................... $70,510
Child Bridge ................................................................. $131,442
DREAM Adaptive Recreation ....................................... $121,363
Farm Hands-Nourish the Flathead .......... $99,799
Flathead Area Mountain Bikers ......................... $40,957
Flathead Audubon Society .......................................... $35,632
Flathead County Sheriff’s Posse ......................... $32,688
Flathead Food Bank .................................................. $89,160
Flathead Land Trust ................................................... $67,196
Flathead Rapids Youth Soccer ...................... $34,466
Flathead Valley Community College Fdn ........ $86,357
Flathead Warming Center ..................................... $63,807
Flathead Youth Home ............................................... $64,187
Foy’s to Backtail Trails ................................................. $34,827
Friends of the Flathead Avalanche Center ........ $35,990
Gateway to Glacier Trail ........................................... $35,218
Glacier National Park Conservancy .......... $109,344
Glacier Nordic Club .................................................... $54,830
Glacier Skate Academy ............................................ $26,582
Glacier Symphony & Chorale ............................. $63,585
Hockaday Museum of Art ........................................ $34,505
Humane Society of Northwest Montana .......... $102,421
ImaginIf Library Foundation .................................... $41,150
Intermountain Children’s Services ................. $47,316

Through changing lives together

Great Fish Community Challenge

2021 Challenge Over 2020

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GREAT FISH Award

$7,500


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Russ and Mary Jane Street were on the original Board of Directors of Big Mountain Resort and were part of the dirty dozen who founded Whitefish Winter Carnival. In 2002, Mary Jane Street set up a charitable remainder trust and selected Whitefish Community Foundation as the beneficiary. The Russ and Mary Jane Street Community Service Award is given annually to an organization honoring the Streets’ service to our community. In 2021, DREAM Adaptive Recreation received the Russ and Mary Jane Street Community Service Award for their work to break barriers and ensure individuals with disabilities have the opportunity to enjoy outdoor recreation in the Flathead Valley.

DORIS SCHUMM COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD $2,500

NORTH VALLEY FOOD BANK
In November 2009, Whitefish lost a beloved community member and friend, Doris (Dorie) Schumm. In 2010, Whitefish Community Foundation received a bequest from Dorie, who had the foresight to set up a charitable remainder trust in 1999 before the Foundation even existed. In 2021, North Valley Food Bank received the Doris Schumm Community Spirit Award for their work to alleviate hunger and address food insecurity in Whitefish and nearby communities. As a dedicated volunteer at North Valley Food Bank for many years, Dorie would have been thrilled that she continues to have an impact on an organization that mattered so much to her.

CONNIE HECKATHORN CHEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS AWARD $2,500

BACKPACK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, IN MEMORY OF TRACI STOLTE
Connie Heckathorn passed away in 2020, leaving a rich legacy of community projects and volunteer service. In honor of Connie’s commitment to volunteerism, Whitefish Community Foundation recognizes another outstanding volunteer, Traci Stolte, whom we lost in October 2020. Traci worked tirelessly to elevate the Backpack Assistance Program. Under her stewardship, food became healthier and the program grew to serve over 175 kids each week in the Whitefish School District and at Olney-Bissell School.

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP AWARD
WHITEFISH LAKE RESTAURANT TO CHARITY OF ITS CHOICE $2,500

NATE CHUTE FOUNDATION
The Corporate Citizenship Award is given each year to a local business that goes above and beyond to support the Great Fish Community Challenge and participating nonprofits. Doug Reed and his team at Whitefish Lake Restaurant have been looking out for our local nonprofit community for decades. The restaurant has hosted hundreds of nonprofit events, provided catering for auctions and fundraisers, often dedicating their own staff to assist. Every nonprofit participating in the Great Fish Community Challenge has benefited from Doug’s support of the Circle of Giving and the countless ways Whitefish Lake Restaurant helps run successful events throughout the year.

Russ and Mary Jane Street

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD $2,500

RUSS AND MARY JANE STREET

FLATHEAD WARMING CENTER
Jean Howard was a wonderful friend of Whitefish and the Community Foundation. To honor Jean’s memory and her philanthropic heart, Jean’s family established the Jean Howard Memorial Award in 2016. In 2021, the Howard family selected the Flathead Warming Center to receive the Jean Howard Memorial Award. The Warming Center is open every night from late fall until April, offering low-barrier shelter to those in need during the coldest nights. Through the 2020/21 season, the center served 207 unique individuals for a total of 3,120 shelter stays. The center completed renovations in their new, permanent home in late 2021, doubling their capacity and opening shower and laundry services for anyone in need.

FLATHEAD WARMING CENTER

$5,000

JEAN HOWARD MEMORIAL AWARD

$5,000

As the most prestigious award presented by Whitefish Community Foundation every year, the Great Fish Award recognizes a nonprofit that has made a significant contribution to the betterment of the Flathead Valley while also proving to be an enthusiastic Great Fish Community Challenge participant. In 2021, Abbie Shelter received the Great Fish Award in recognition of the critical services they provide to local victims of domestic and sexual violence. Over the past six years, they have leveraged the Challenge to expand grassroots support, growing from 50 donors and $46,000 raised in 2015 to 361 donors and $144,470 raised in 2021.

ABBIE SHELTER

$7,500

RUSSEL AND MARY JANE STREET

DREAM ADAPTIVE RECREATION

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EXCELLENCE
Whitefish Community Foundation’s Kids Fund was established in 2019 as an initiative to help address child homelessness in the Flathead Valley. The goal of the Kids Fund is to support small and large-scale programs in the areas of health, safety, and education that mitigate challenges and prevent local youth from becoming homeless. To date, Whitefish Community Foundation has awarded $180,000 in Kids Fund grants to local nonprofit organizations, including these five grants awarded in 2021:

**$50,000 AWARDED TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GLACIER COUNTRY**
To provide after-school programing to more than 75 K-8 students from Helena Flats School, East Evergreen Elementary, Evergreen Junior High, and the Flathead Crossroads Program. Trained Boys & Girls Club staff members lead students through various educational projects designed to instill healthy habits, build life skills, and cultivate leadership traits.

**$50,000 AWARDED TO CASA FOR KIDS**
To support a youth case manager who provides both targeted case management and peer-to-peer support activities to foster youth and alumni age 14-23.

**KIDS FUND FAST TRACK GRANTS**

**$10,000 AWARDED TO CHILD BRIDGE**
To support the creation of an in-house studio to produce videos, podcasts, and educational materials to recruit and equip foster families in the Flathead Valley.

**$10,000 AWARDED TO FARM HANDS-NOURISH THE FLATHEAD**
To support the “Hands in the Dirt” summer camp and Farm to School programming at Wildcat School Garden in Columbia Falls, providing local children with education, life skills, and access to fresh and healthy food.

**$10,000 AWARDED TO FLATHEAD YOUTH HOME**
For the purchase of a safe, reliable vehicle to transport youth to school, appointments, family visits, and community activities.

The **COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM** helps nonprofits of all sizes with projects and programs benefiting the Flathead Valley and Eureka. The Community Grant program often provides a gateway for small nonprofits to become involved with Whitefish Community Foundation. Through 2021, nonprofits could apply for up to $4,000 annually.

**COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS**
- Big Mountain Commercial Association - Mountain Climber bus service | $3,000
- CF-WF High School Swim Teams - Youth swimming | $4,000
- Children’s House Montessori School - Need-based scholarships | $3,000
- City of Whitefish - Fireproof gear for volunteer firefighters | $4,000
- City of Whitefish - Summer day camp scholarships | $4,000
- Climate Smart Glacier Country - Zero-waste education and projects | $3,000
- Code Girls United - Online coding program | $4,000
- Columbia Falls School District - Columbia Falls Bookmobile | $4,000
- Creative Arts Council - Art program scholarships | $2,500
- Flathead Community Health Center - Patient assistance fund | $3,000
- Flathead Rivers Alliance - Ambassador program | $3,000
- Funding Families with Type 1 Diabetes - Youth summer camp | $4,000
- Girls on the Run Flathead Valley - Running and life skills program | $4,000
- Glacier Hockey Association - Youth hockey | $4,000
- Glacier Institute - Youth outdoor education | $4,000
- Glacier Queer Alliance - Community workshops | $4,000
- Good Grief Group - Youth grief camp | $4,000
- Immanuel Foundation - Hospice room | $2,000
- Kalispell Contemporary Art Center - Ceramics education | $1,470
- Montana Wild Wings Recovery Center - Raptor rehabilitation | $3,000
- Northwest Montana Community Land Trust - Columbia Falls affordable housing | $4,000
- Northwest Montana Back Country Horsemen - Youth stock-packing program | $2,000
- Rails to Trails of Northwest Montana - Street art murals | $4,000
- Riding on Insulin - Skiing and snowboarding camp for youth with Type 1 diabetes | $2,000
- The Patrol Fund - Avalanche equipment training | $4,000
- The Vital Ground Foundation - Protection of land near Glacier | $2,500
- Whitefish Community School - Curriculum for preschool students | $2,410
- Whitefish Freestyle - Youth skiing and snowboarding scholarships | $3,000
- Whitefish Safe Grad Night - Inclusive celebration for graduating seniors | $3,000
- Whitefish Shines - Snowflake lighting and storage | $3,294

**NUMBER OF NONPROFITS RECEIVING A COMMUNITY GRANT IN 2021**
30

**COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED IN 2021**
$98,174

**COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED SINCE INCEPTION IN 2000**
$2.24 M

**KIDS FUND GRANTS AWARDED IN 2021**
$130,000

**KIDS FUND GRANTS AWARDED SINCE INCEPTION IN 2019**
$180,000

(Photos): Flathead Youth Home

(Photos): Rails to Trails of Northwest Montana tunnel murals
MAJOR COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS

$669,000
AWARDED SINCE PROGRAM INCEPTION IN 2010

24 Major Community Project Grants of $10,000 or more have been awarded since 2010 to help local nonprofit organizations complete capital projects that will have a significant and positive effect on communities in the Flathead Valley.

$25,000
GRANT

To NORTH VALLEY FOOD BANK to support the organization's facility expansion project. North Valley Food Bank has experienced a 300 percent increase in demand for their services since 2019. To address the growing problem of food insecurity in the Flathead Valley, the organization launched a capital project to expand warehouse space and create an onsite commercial kitchen. The expanded facility includes larger walk-in refrigeration and freezer units that staff and volunteers can access with an automated handcart or fork lift. The project also included adding a commercial kitchen to the facility so staff and volunteers can process, preserve, and store nutritional foods throughout the year.

"The support from Whitefish Community Foundation for our remodel will make a big difference in our community," said Sophie Albert, North Valley Food Bank Executive Director. "The remodel was necessary to address the significant increase in the need for food assistance in the Whitefish area."

$15,000
GRANT

To FLATHEAD LAND TRUST to help complete the Bad Rock Canyon Conservation Project in Columbia Falls. The project will permanently protect 772 acres of critical habitat along the Flathead River that is utilized by 43 species that have been identified by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks as species of greatest conservation need. The project will also offer an opportunity to expand the Gateway to Glacier Trail system for use by hikers and bicyclists.

“We are so excited and grateful to the Whitefish Community Foundation for this grant,” Flathead Land Trust Executive Director Paul Travis said. “The new Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area will protect a critical piece of wildlife habitat along the Flathead River and secure public access to a wild place right on the doorstep of Columbia Falls. Thank you to Whitefish Community Foundation for this generous show of support to protect a special place in the Flathead.”
As part of our work to strengthen nonprofits to excel in governance, Whitefish Community Foundation offers free professional development and networking opportunities for nonprofit staff and board members through the Flathead Nonprofit Development Partnership (nPDp). In 2021, we offered monthly workshops focused on key areas of nonprofit management to improve oversight, transparency, accounting, governance, and more. We also hosted a quarterly gathering of nonprofit executive directors to foster peer-to-peer connectivity, support, and learning. nPDp programs are funded with support from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the Tamarack Foundation, and the nPDp Permanent Endowment Fund.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**MAKING FUTURES BRIGHTER TOGETHER**

Whitefish Community Foundation is pleased to work with businesses and individuals to establish scholarship programs that give back to our community and help young adults reach their educational goals.

Whitefish Community Foundation streamlines the entire process by helping individuals and businesses develop selection criteria, guiding candidates through the application process, and investing the scholarship fund with the objective of preserving value and fostering growth. We administer the program from start to finish, communicating with the schools and students. Our program is professionally managed and easily accessible to students through our online application.

**ACTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:**

- Glacier Restaurant Group-R.I.S.E Scholarship
- Jean Atkinson Driggers Scholarship
- Montana Coffee Traders Scholarship

Whitefish Community Foundation established Day of Giving & Unity in 2020 as a fundraising platform to help local nonprofits survive the economic turmoil created by COVID-19. As the pandemic continued to wreak havoc in 2021 and many nonprofits were forced to cancel their annual fundraising events for a second year in a row, Whitefish Community Foundation responded by organizing and hosting the 2021 Day of Giving & Unity in May. Once again, our community rallied together to support nonprofits as they continued to provide programs and services during a very challenging time. Over a 28-hour period, 1,100 donors participated in the campaign and helped raise $476,655 for 92 nonprofits serving the Flathead Valley and Eureka. This amount included a $1,000 matching grant from Whitefish Community Foundation to each participating organization that raised $2,000 or more. We are grateful to our Circle of Giving members and the other donors who not only made the match possible, but stepped forward once again to extend a helping hand to community members in crisis.

**TOTAL AMOUNT FOR EACH NONPROFIT INCLUDING MATCH:**

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Anonymous (5)
Carol and Richard Atkinson
Mary Van Buskirk and Roger Barber
Dorothy and Luther Campbell
Jane Kollmeyer and Terry Chute
Anne and John Collins
Tanya and Judah Gersh
Cynthia Granmo
Connie and Jake Heckathorn*
Joaquenia and Klaus Heinrich
Thomas A. Hughes, III
Barbara and Mike Jenson
Herbert Kameon Trust*
John Kramer Jr.
Janice and Paul McCann
Rhona and Jerry Meslik
Blake Reese Memorial Legacy Endowment
Susan and Henry Rickles
Dean A. Robbins (Wiley Homestead)
SBB Fund
M & S Schmidt Fund
Doris Schumm*
Janna and Janie Shennan
Dave Stewart
Mary Jane and Russ Street*
Jordan and Travis Taylor
Virginia Weldon
Susan and John Witt

*Deceased

If you have planned a gift in your will, trust, or other deferred gift mechanism with Whitefish Community Foundation as the beneficiary, please let us know. You can make a bequest in your will and connect it to a Legacy Fund at WCF. The Community Foundation will set up a permanent fund designated to your favorite charities and distributed according to your wishes.

Call us to learn more or to set up your Legacy Fund: 406-863-1781

“I moved to Whitefish in 1965 to be a ski instructor and fell in love with the entire Flathead Valley. For several years, I enjoyed teaching people to ski, and in the summer, I worked for the Forest Service, packing supplies into the Bob Marshall Wilderness by mule trains. Eventually I decided I needed a full-time career, so I started a business building specialty homes. Soon after, I met the love of my life, Shirley, and we married in 1981.

Shirley and I purchased land and developed a mobile home court south of Whitefish, which we managed for many years. We also purchased land on the Whitefish River and built our home there. We enjoyed many hobbies together, including gardening, traveling, and showing mules in driving contests around the country. As our business grew, we found great joy in giving back to the community that had received us so warmly.

Cancer took Shirley’s life in 2019. After her passing, I decided to establish a Legacy Fund with Whitefish Community Foundation to ensure a perpetual source of funding for the charities that were near and dear to our hearts. It is comforting to know that our gift will continue to have a positive impact on children’s lives long after we both are gone.”
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

WHAT IS A DONOR ADVISED FUND?
A Donor Advised Fund offers individuals and families the ease and flexibility of giving, similar to a private foundation but without all the expense and administration. When you open a Donor Advised Fund with Whitefish Community Foundation, 100 percent of your gifts go to charitable causes, even the administrative fees support the work of the Community Foundation. We provide donors with insight into community needs and make giving easy, effective, and enjoyable. Donations made to Whitefish Community Foundation qualify for the maximum available charitable deduction in the year the gift is made. Establish a Donor Advised Fund and distribute the gift over time to the charitable organizations you value.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
BY THE NUMBERS:

$29M
AWARDED THROUGH DONOR ADVISED FUND PROGRAM SINCE 2000

$3M
AWARDED IN 2021, A 33% INCREASE OVER 2020

58
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS IN 2021

ENGAGE YOUR FAMILY
GIVE WITH FLEXIBILITY

GIVE WITH CONFIDENCE
GIVE WITH ANONYMITY

ESTABLISH A LEGACY

ENDOWED VS. NON-ENDOWED FUNDS

THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ENDOWED AND NON-ENDOWED FUNDS IS THE PERMANENCY.

ENDOWED FUNDS live on in perpetuity and ensure a legacy of giving. They are invested in a long-term growth strategy and follow the current WCF spending policy.

NON-ENDOWED FUNDS are not subject to a spending policy. Donors can grant as much of the fund as they wish during the year. Non-endowed funds can be invested to increase a donor’s giving potential over a period of time.

TYPES OF FUNDS AT WHITEFISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The types of funds we offer at the Whitefish Community Foundation reflect the varied interests of our fund holders and donors. Whether they are advised, designated or unrestricted, new or longstanding, endowed or non-endowed, they are evidence of the spirit of generosity of individuals, families, corporations, and organizations seeking to make a positive impact in our communities today, tomorrow, and forever.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS
Provide support in perpetuity to a charity or project through an annual distribution of revenue based on 5% of the average balance over 20 rolling quarters.

DESIGNATED FUNDS
Are established by a charity or a donor to benefit one or more specific charities, special community projects, or programs.

DONOR & CORPORATE ADVISED FUNDS
Allow an individual, family, or company to establish a charitable fund, then recommend grants while WCF staff administers the grants.

AGENCY FUNDS
Are established by a charity to provide income streams to support programs and operations.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
Are established by a company or individual to invest in the next generation with post-secondary education assistance and build a foundation for a brighter tomorrow.

*minimum to open

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Endowments offer nonprofits an annual distribution to support critical operations and programs. As an endowment grows over time, the annual distribution also grows. Holding an endowment allows a nonprofit to have a diversified revenue source and builds long-term sustainability.

**8 YEAR GROWTH OF SUPPORT TO NONPROFITS**

The **MONTANA QUALIFIED ENDOWMENT CREDIT** helps build charitable endowments while offering donors a federal income tax deduction and a state tax credit. The tax credit, renewed by the Montana State Legislature through 2025, allows donors to earn up to $10,000 in a state income tax credit ($20,000 if filing jointly). Donors can benefit an existing nonprofit endowment fund or start a new endowment for a nonprofit. Donors can also start a named endowment fund that can be built up and passed down to family for generational giving. If you would like to learn how the Montana Qualified Endowment Credit could work for you, call us at 406-863-1781.

**NONPROFIT ENDOWMENTS HELD BY WCF**

- Abbie Shelter Endowment Fund
- Alpine Theatre Project Endowment Fund
- Back Country Horsemanship Endowment Fund
- Bob Marshall Wilderness Fed Endowment Fund
- CASA for Kids Endowment Fund
- Center for Restorative Youth Justice Endowment Fund
- Child Bridge Endowment Fund
- First Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund
- Flathead Audubon Society Endowment Fund
- Flathead Food bank Endowment Fund
- Flathead Sheltie Friends Endowment Fund
- Foy’s To Blacktail Trail Maintenance Endowment Fund
- Glacier National Park Conservancy Endowment Fund
- Glacier Nordic Club Endowment Fund
- Glacier Symphony and Chorale Endowment Fund
- Habitat for Humanity Endowment Fund
- Hockaday Museum of Art Endowment Fund
- Human Therapy on Horseback Endowment Fund
- Humane Society of NW MT Endowment Fund
- Logan Health-Whitefish Endowment Fund
- Montana State Parks Foundation Endowment Fund
- Nate Chute Foundation Endowment Fund
- Nonprofit Development Partnership Endowment Fund
- North Valley Food Bank Endowment Fund
- North Valley Music School Endowment Fund
- North Valley Music School Youth Scholarships Endowment Fund
- Patrol Fund
- Shepherd’s Hand Endowment Fund
- Smith Fields Endowment Fund
- Stumptown Art Studio Endowment Fund
- Stumptown Historical Society Endowment Fund
- WAG Endowment Fund
- WAVC Endowment Fund
- Whitefish Community Foundation Endowment Fund
- Whitefish Community Library Endowment Fund
- Whitefish Education Foundation Endowment Fund
- Whitefish Library Association Endowment Fund
- Whitefish Theatre Company Endowment Fund
- Whitefish Trail Endowment

**BUILDING ENDOWMENTS FOR NONPROFIT SUSTAINABILITY**

**MONTANA QUALIFIED ENDOWMENT CREDIT**

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- Glacier Nordic Club Endowment Fund
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**North Valley Music School**

"Music has the power to change lives and our community. The partnership between North Valley Music School and Whitefish Community Foundation makes this possible. North Valley Music School has two endowment funds managed by the Foundation. One fund provides financial security for general operating costs, and a second fund is restricted to youth scholarships, ensuring that music education programs will be available and accessible to all ages for years to come. The result of a healthy and growing endowment is the long-term sustainability of our nonprofit music school, a win for the entire community!

North Valley Music School is grateful to Whitefish Community Foundation for its expert fiscal management and for ensuring steady growth of the principal and a reliable annual disbursement. From all the students, faculty, staff, and leadership at North Valley Music School, thank you for helping our organization grow and thrive."

- Deidre Corson, Executive Director, North Valley Music School
CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY
GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT

$1.3M
AWARDED TO BENEFIT LOCAL NONPROFITS SINCE INCEPTION IN 2002

$91,000
SUPPORTED LOCAL NONPROFITS IN 2021

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Thank you Patron Ski Pass holders and Whitefish Mountain Resort for your continued support for local communities!

WHITEFISH LAKE GOLF CLUB

$24,700
SUPPORT FLATHEAD VALLEY 5TH GRADE SKI PASS PROGRAM AND DREAM ADAPTIVE RECREATION’S ADAPTIVE WINTER PROGRAMS

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IN MEMORIAM

CONNIE HECKATHORN (1928–2021)

The Flathead Valley continues to benefit from the generosity of Connie Heckathorn, a longtime Whitefish resident who committed her life to helping others through volunteer and public service. Connie passed away on March 19, 2021, nearly 70 years after moving to Whitefish with her husband Jake. Her lifetime achievements are numerous and include being one of the first women to graduate from the University of Montana’s School of Law, serving as the first Assistant Attorney General of the State of Montana, and co-founding Whitefish Community Foundation. She served three terms on the Whitefish School board and 10 years on the Whitefish Library board. She was also instrumental in the creation of the O’Shaughnessy Center and a new library in the late 1990s.

In a 1987 interview with the Whitefish Pilot, Connie said, “I like the challenge and solving problems, but most of all I really enjoy working with people and being involved.”

Connie co-founded Whitefish Community Foundation in 2000 with Mike Jenson, John Kramer, Roxanne Rogers, and Dave Stewart. She rolled up her sleeves alongside the other founders and did whatever was necessary to ensure the success of the fledgling foundation, including funding some of the first grants out of her own pocket. She remained active with Whitefish Community Foundation for many years after she stepped off the board.

“In a 1987 interview with the Whitefish Pilot, Connie said, “I like the challenge and solving problems, but most of all I really enjoy working with people and being involved.”

One year after her passing, Connie is still making a difference in the community she loved. Whitefish Community Foundation recently received a gift of $300,000 for our Permanent Endowment Fund from the estate of Jake and Connie Heckathorn.

Connie’s generous bequest to the Community Foundation is a gift to the place she cared about so deeply. Her gift will perpetuate our work to support and strengthen local nonprofits into the future.

WILLIAM J. “BILL” HOWARD (1930–2022)

William J. “Bill” Howard was a very dear friend of the Whitefish Community Foundation. Bill passed away from cancer on January 10, 2022 at the age of 82. Bill was bigger than life and very passionate about helping those less fortunate. He did not fear hard work. He married the love of his life, Jean, and had three wonderful children, Brad, Leslie, and Steve. With a young family at home, Bill attended night school while holding down a day job as a delivery driver. He went on to receive his law degree from Western State University (WSU) College of Law. His legal career eventually led to opening his own firm and then later partnering with his son Brad to form Howard and Howard. He served as President of the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association and taught classes at WSU.

After retiring from a long, successful career as a trial lawyer, Bill bought a summer home in Whitefish and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends hiking in Glacier, boating on Whitefish Lake, rafting and fishing the Flathead River, and golfing at Whitefish Lake Golf Club.

Bill became very active with Whitefish Community Foundation around 2006, supporting the Foundation’s operations and as an early member of the Patron Ski Pass Program. He became a tremendous force behind the success of the annual Duck Derby, a fundraiser for the Community Grants Program from 2009 to 2014. Bill could often be seen wearing a Duck Derby t-shirt and toting derby tickets for sale. On three occasions, he earned the Golden Duck Award for selling the most “Big” ducks—he averaged over 100 ducks a year. Bill would not take no for an answer!

In 2015, the Community Foundation sent the ducks down the river for good and moved on to organize the Great Fish Community Challenge. Bill was right there to support the new program wearing Great Fish t-shirts. Bill would not take no for an answer!

In 2016, Bill lost his beloved wife of 56 years to cancer. This led him to establish the Jean Howard Memorial Award, a special award accompanied by a $5,000 grant, presented annually to a Flathead Valley nonprofit. Going forward, this special award will be called the Jean and Bill Howard Memorial Award, and the recipient will be selected by the Howard family.

Bill’s tremendous energy, enthusiasm, and can-do attitude will be dearly missed, but most especially his smile.

IN MEMORY OF:

Michael Bennett
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2021

BY THE NUMBERS

COMPOSITION OF ASSETS
2021 YEAR END

As of December 31

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HIGHLIGHTS

1,855
NUMBER OF
GRANTS AWARDED

$5,088
AVERAGE GRANT AMOUNT

286
NUMBER OF NONPROFIT RECIPIENTS

$33,003
AVERAGE PER NONPROFIT

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(ANNUALIZED)

BALANCED POOL ALLOCATION

Annuity Pool Allocation
Long-Term Growth Allocation

SAFETY
Income
Growth
AGGRESSIVE

3% 16% 41% 51%
3% 17% 30% 51%
2% 17% 29% 52%

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CHANGING LIVES

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