



FLATHEAD  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

## Generous Legacy - December 2016 Newsletter

*It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself... Serve and thou shall be served.*

*~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Warmest Greetings in this Season of Giving!

The Flathead Community Foundation is our public trust, built by people like you who care about this special place that we call home. When you support the Flathead Community Foundation, you help your community where it matters most today and you invest in its best future.

In 2016 the Flathead Community Foundation celebrated your local philanthropy every day! You made the difference. We made it happen.

- Managed charitable assets of \$1 million and 35 funds
- Made donor directed grants totaling \$150,000 to support Flathead nonprofits.
- Rallied local philanthropists community-wide to raise almost \$90,000 for 60 nonprofit organizations during Give Local Flathead! A proud partnership with NW Montana United Way.
- Provided fiscal sponsorship, administrative services, and some matching donations for our Giving Circle, Women Who Wine of the Flathead (WWWF). This year, WWWF awarded \$52,000 in grants to 20 nonprofits!
- Sponsored the Flathead Nonprofit Development Partnership (NpDP), a leading local resource that provides invaluable education, information, and networking opportunities for Flathead area nonprofits.

Together, we gave back more than \$295,000 to the community we love.

Through the nonprofit services that our charitable gifts supported, we saved lives; assisted Veterans; safeguarded natural resources; provided food, shelter, clothing and comfort to families and children; preserved pristine environment; honored local history and encouraged the arts. We helped neighbors in immediate need, and contributed to a better day tomorrow for our children and grandchildren.

We thank you sincerely for every one of your charitable gifts and we ask for your continued generosity. Simply click the Donate button below or mail your gift to PO Box 1422, Kalispell 59903.

Together, we will ensure the good of the Flathead forever.

Yours truly,

***Flathead Community Foundation***

Mike Smith  
President, Board of Directors

Lucy Smith  
Executive Director

**Your donation to the Flathead Community Foundation supports our mission to ensure the good of the Flathead forever, by strengthening local nonprofits and connecting generous donors with the causes they care about most. Make a difference.**



## FCF Staff & Board

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### Agency Funds at FCF:

- Abbie Shelter Endowment
- CASA for Kids Endowment
- Care Farm Challenge
- Center for Restorative Youth Justice Endowment
- Child Bridge Endowment
- Crown of the Continent Choir
- Flathead Community Foundation Endowment
- Flathead Food Bank Endowment
- Friends of Flathead Law Enforcement
- Foy-Herron Park Endowment
- Glacier Symphony & Chorale Endowment
- Hockaday Museum of Art Endowment
- Humane Society of NW MT Endowment
- Kalispell Boulder Project
- Kalispell Golf Association
- Lighthouse Christian Home
- NpDP Endowment
- NW MT Forest Fire Lookout Endowment
- Paws to Play Dog Park Project
- Ravenwood Outdoor Learning Center
- Sunburst Community Foundation Endowment

## Nonprofit Development Partnership

*The Flathead Nonprofit Development Partnership (NpDP) - a service of the Flathead Community Foundation - provides educational programs, information resources, and networking opportunities that support and strengthen nonprofit organizations in northwest Montana.*



### [NpDP EVENTS](#)

### [NpDP JOB BOARD](#)

[Please check out the opportunity for nonprofits from Park Side Credit Union by clicking this link.](#)

Flathead Community Foundation and Santa were delighted to award 10 instant mini-grants to nonprofits in a special drawing at the NpDP Party!

And the winners are...

- Samaritan House
- Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation
- Abbie Shelter
- Conrad Mansion Museum
- Museum at Central School
- Flathead Lakers
- Tamarack Grief Resource Center
- ACES After School Program - Bigfork
- Glacier Symphony & Chorale
- The Nurturing Center

## ***Giving Circle***

### **Women Who Wine of the Flathead**

WWWF, a Giving Circle and charitable fund of the Flathead Community Foundation is committed to engaging all women in the power of collective philanthropy. Members regularly contribute their time, talents, and financial resources to serve their community - and through monthly gatherings educate themselves and others about local needs and services. New members are always welcome! Monthly meetings are held in Kalispell on the



Women Who Wine of the Flathead  
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first Tuesday of the month. Bigfork meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month (not every month).

To learn more about WWWF or sign up for monthly announcements, [please visit our Women Who Wine Flathead web page.](#)

## Upcoming Meetings

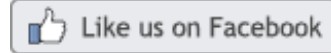
KALISPELL

Jan 3 Food Bank, hosted by Pam Carbonari & Allison Metzler

BIGFORK

Jan 17 Bigfork Senior Center, hosted by Karin Henion

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