

Generous Legacy - January 2017 Newsletter

Flathead Community Foundation Welcomes New Executive Director

The Flathead Community Foundation (FCF) Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that Judy Sommers will join FCF as full time Executive Director on March 1, following comprehensive orientation to the duties of the position.

Judy comes to FCF with more than 35 years' experience in finance and insurance, paired with equal years of nonprofit volunteer service, fundraising, and personal philanthropy. She was among the first women to join FCF's highly successful Giving Circle, Women Who Wine of the Flathead, and currently serves on its Advisory Committee.

The FCF Executive Search Committee selected Sommers based upon her understanding and enthusiasm for the work of community foundations, her demonstrated commitment to local philanthropy, her long held community connections, and her strong work ethic.

Said Judy, "I feel the position of ED is an opportunity for me to channel my passion for philanthropic endeavors to help the community I am deeply committed to, and have been fully participating in for more than 40 years. I am excited to share my ideas, my community connections, and my vision for taking the Flathead Community Foundation to the next level."

Outgoing Director, Lucy Smith and Administrator, Becky Groose will work closely with Judy to ensure a successful transition. Smith will continue to serve the Foundation in specific areas, saying "There is more than enough good work here for all of us!"

The Flathead Community Foundation will hold a reception in March, to welcome Judy and give the community an opportunity to meet her. An invitation and details will appear in next month's newsletter.

FCF Staff & Board

Staff

Lucy Smith
Judy Sommers
Becky Groose

Board of Directors

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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.



What a great Annual Holiday Party! Thank you!

Jeffrey Lewis
Heidi Escalante
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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
- Women Who Wine of the Flathead

[Check out the great video by clicking this link.](#)

NpDP EVENTS

February 9 from 11:30am-1:00pm

NpDP's Annual Town Hall Meeting with Liz Moore, Executive Director for the Montana Nonprofit Association.

"After 20 years in various roles in the nonprofit sector I became the executive director for the Montana Nonprofit Association in 2011. Today I continue to be challenged by the complexities of Montana's nonprofit industry and energized by our work with nonprofits. Every day we engage with organizations that are making Montana the best place on the planet to live and play." - Liz Moore

Remember that the coffee (and tea) pots will be on, to go with your brown bag lunch!

[RSVP here!](#)

NpDP JOB BOARD

Send us your job postings to info@flatheadcommunityfoundation.org.

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



Women Who Wine of the Flathead
A Charitable Fund of the Flathead Community Foundation

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

Upcoming Meetings

BIGFORK

Jan 17 Bigfork Senior Center, hosted by Karin Henion

KALISPELL

Feb 7 Information coming soon!



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.

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