



FLATHEAD
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FOUNDATION

Generous Legacy - September 2017 Newsletter

You make the difference. We make it happen.

From Judy's Desk

As the summer comes to an end, we hope you'll join us on the lake at our Raise the Paddle Fundraiser. The event is hosted by the Flathead Community Foundation along with the Flathead Basin Commission, and will not only be an educational evening, but fun as well!

Chas Cartwright, former Superintendent of Glacier National Park and Flathead Basin Commission Chair, and Caryn Miske, Flathead Basin Executive Director, will speak about efforts to mitigate aquatic invasive mussels and plant species (AIS) and their threat to our waterways.

You'll enjoy music by the Fetveit Brothers and a light meal and refreshments.



Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017
Time: 6-8 p.m. (Boarding begins at 5:30 p.m.)
Where: Far West Boat Tours
7135 US 93 South in Lakeside
Cost: \$25 per person

[Seating is limited to 150 so please get your tickets early by clicking this link.](#)

Please give us a call at 756-9047 if you have any questions.



Meet Board Member Crystal Wendt



Crystal & her son Gabe

"I grew up in the Flathead Valley and have lived here almost my entire life," says Crystal Wendt. Through those years, she has seen her hometown of Kalispell, and the surrounding region, grow and change. That change has brought both positives and challenges for people of our communities, but, Crystal says, "Flathead Community Foundation will be there to support the agencies working hard to help the underserved."

"The Foundation is all about giving back," Crystal explains. "Everyone has a gift, and discovering what resources you have to offer your community is important. Some people may be intimidated when thinking about where to invest their funds or time back into the community. Flathead Community Foundation is here to help you make the biggest impact with your investment."

"Currently," explains Crystal, "what I have to give is time and effort. I want to make this community strong, and I can do that by volunteering my time." The Flathead Community Foundation is grateful for Crystal's contribution as she serves on its Board of Directors.

"I am really looking forward to

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

Our popular Brown Bag Lunch Series at the Museum at Central School returns this month.

September 14: "Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for Nonprofits," with Hilary Shaw, Abbie Shelter

October 12: "Financial Statement Fundamentals for Nonprofit Directors," with Jeremy Presta & Josh Kroll, Park Side Credit Union

November 9: "Rebuilding Trust," with Diana Damron, Author

For details visit:

www.flatheadcommunityfoundation.org/npdp-events.html

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, empowers women to engage in collective philanthropy. Members give 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 take place 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 to sign up for monthly announcements,

[please visit our Women Who Wine Flathead web page.](#)

seeing the growth of the new organizations forming under Flathead Community Foundation. There are exciting things brewing!"

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Agency Funds at FCF

Abbie Shelter Endowment
The Brews Brothers
CASA for Kids Endowment
Care Farm Challenge
Center for Restorative Youth Justice Endowment
Child Bridge Endowment
Crown of the Continent Choir
Flathead Basin Commission

Upcoming Meetings

KALISPELL

September 5

Location - Spring Hill Suites, Kalispell

Hosted by Debbie Young benefiting Farm Hands - Nourish the Flathead

BIGFORK

September 19

Location - BrookSide Yard, Bigfork

Hosted by Cathy Hay benefiting Scott Vallely Memorial Fund

ANNUAL GIVING BANQUET

October 24

Location - Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell

[Please visit this link for information on becoming a sponsor or purchasing tickets for this wonderful event!](#)

The Brews Brothers

Coming soon ~ the official launch of The Brews Brothers, a new fund of the Flathead Community Foundation. Inspired by WWWF, The Brews Brothers is a gathering of gentlemen concerned with furthering efforts to raise money and awareness about our local nonprofit community. Look for its launch in November 2017!



To learn more about The Brews Brothers or sign up for monthly announcements, **[please visit our FCF Website Page.](#)**

Fund of the Month Lighthouse Christian Home

I felt arms enfold me from behind. I turned to see who could be giving me such a warm and familiar hug in a room full of strangers. Jamey nestled her head on my shoulder, smiling. I didn't know her yet, but returning her hug felt natural. We stood in that comfortable embrace while



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
Montana Alpine Race School
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

Donate to FCF

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.

[Donate](#)



Leanne finished explaining how small bellows make the "cuckoo" sound of a cuckoo clock. If you had asked me ten minutes prior who these women were, I could not have told you because I had never met them-and yet, there I stood feeling like family.

These lovely women live at Lighthouse Christian Home, along with 13 other men and women with developmental disabilities. With their herd of miniature Hereford cows, pigs, chickens, and a garden, the Lighthouse residents take part in every aspect of running this true working farm between Somers and Kalispell. Residents also work and volunteer in the community, and invite their fellow community members to come experience and enjoy their unique farm home.

Though visitors and volunteers are always welcome, Lighthouse is hosting their annual Harvest Festival on September 16. It's a wonderful opportunity to experience their farm home.

You are invited to visit the farm, enjoy snacks, crafts and games, and get to know the amazing people who put the "home" in Lighthouse Christian Home.

Date: September 16, 2017

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: 384 N. Somers Rd., Kalispell

[Click here to download event flyer.](#)

If you're unable to attend the Harvest Festival, but still want to visit or learn about Lighthouse Christian Home, visit www.LighthouseChristianHome.org or call 406-857-3276. I guarantee, hugs and warmth are awaiting you!



