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Generous Legacy - August 2017 Newsletter

You make the difference. We make it happen.

From Judy's Desk

In the nonprofit community, "Pay it forward," and "Be the change you want to see in the world," aren't just sayings—they are our hearts' cry. My personal journey into the world of volunteerism and giving from my heart began 37 years ago, when my brother, Steve Fauerso, suffered a serious car accident. At this most difficult and uncertain time, our entire family experienced goodness and generosity, not only from close friends, but from people we had never met before as well. I realized then that I wanted to be the hand of help and the voice of encouragement to people in need.

Now this journey has brought me to an amazing juncture: the Flathead Community Foundation. Here, I feel privileged to witness and work with an array of nonprofits that encircle our Valley with care, compassion and vision. Their areas of service can be as different as night and day—from feeding the hungry to bringing music to our Valley. The Flathead Community Foundation creates a "joining of hands" by these many organizations—helping bridge any gaps in their circle of giving and service. I feel privileged to join hands with the many amazing people who make up the Flathead Valley's nonprofit community.

Meet Board Member Katy Croft



One of Flathead Community Foundation's 14 Board of Directors, Katy Croft explains that FCF serves as an advocate and resource for smaller nonprofits in our Valley. "Unless you are involved in various

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 will return after a summer hiatus.

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

October 12: "Financial Statement Fundamentals for Nonprofit Executive Directors" with Jeremy Presta & Josh

aspects of a nonprofit, it's possible to never know the efforts local nonprofits make on behalf of our local residents." She goes on to explain that Flathead Community Foundation serves as "a promoter and cheerleader" for many of these organizations in the Valley.

Born and raised in Kalispell, Katy is happy she can bring up her children just miles from the ranch where she spent her youth. "My kids are second-generation Fair-Mont-Egan students," says the proud mom, who is also co-founder of Women Who Wine of the Flathead-one of the non-profit organizations Flathead Community Foundation assists.

"I am extremely proud of what Women Who Wine of the Flathead has accomplished. We would not have experienced the tremendous success we have without the commitment and assistance of Flathead Community Foundation." Experiencing these benefits first-hand motivated Katy to join the foundation's board of directors.

"It is incredibly rewarding to be involved at both levels-receiving help from FCF to maximize the effectiveness of Women Who Wine, and serving on the FCF board-to see the impact both organizations make," she explains. "We are always looking for opportunities to cast our net a little wider, to make our impact as meaningful as possible."

FCF Staff & Board

Staff

[Judy Sommers](#), Executive Director

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Board of Directors

Mike Smith, President
Katy Croft, Vice President
Clint Ekern, Treasurer
Jim Rafferty, Secretary

Margit Baake
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Brett Damaskos

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, 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 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 sign up for monthly announcements, [please visit our Women Who Wine Flathead web page.](#)

Upcoming Meetings

KALISPELL

August 1

Hosted by Beth Kornick benefiting Make a Wish Montana

September 5

Hosted by Debbie Young benefiting Farm Hands - Nourish the Flathead

BIGFORK

September 19

Hosted by Cathy Hay benefiting Scott Vallely Memorial Fund

ANNUAL BANQUET

October 24 - Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell

Heidi Escalante
Krista Lammers
Jeffrey Lewis
Ed Myers
Marcia Spano
Ty Weber
Crystal Wendt

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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 Community Foundation
Endowment
Flathead Food Bank Endowment
Friends of Flathead Law Enforcement
Foys-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

Coming Soon-The Brews Brothers!

Fund of the Month

Friends of Flathead Law Enforcement

With dedication and commitment to safeguard our community, officers of Flathead County

Sheriff's Department and Kalispell Police Department approach each workday with a spirit of self-sacrifice.



Friends of Flathead Law Enforcement (FFLE) wants to make sure our law enforcement officers receive the thanks they deserve, and experience the gratitude and support of the communities they serve.

FFLE volunteers and donors are committed to giving back to members of our valley's law enforcement in relevant and memorable ways. Every year, each officer and his or her family receives a holiday card that includes a personal note of thanks and encouragement. This simple act goes far in reminding our community heroes that their daily sacrifices do not go unnoticed.

Friends of Flathead Law Enforcement also helps with practical needs.

Each newly hired officer must purchase "personal duty equipment," which includes items such as his or her pistol, handcuffs and uniforms. Costing between \$2,000 and \$3,000, this equipment is required prior to their first day on duty-thus, before their first paycheck comes in! In January, FFLE helped a newly hired Kalispell Police officer purchase this vital equipment. Now they plan to do the same for a member of the Flathead County Sheriff's Office.

Living in Montana, each of us knows the importance of good gloves to keep our hands warm during the winter months. Did you realize that, for their personal safety, police officers require a different type of glove year-round? Needle-stick resistant gloves allow officers to conduct searches and pat downs without risking infection by diseased needles. Thanks to an anonymous donation, FFLE presented each Kalispell Police Department officer a new, high-quality pair of these specialized gloves. Fundraising efforts continue, so each Sheriff's deputy can receive a pair of protective gloves as well. FFLE invites grateful valley residents to fund one glove for \$40 or a pair of gloves for \$80.

If you are interested in donating funds for gloves, personal duty equipment, or other needs, visit www.ffle-mt.org and click the Donate Now button at the bottom of the page. Alternatively, you can send your donation to

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.



Friends of Flathead Law Enforcement, c/o FCF, PO Box 1422, Kalispell MT 59903.

Discover ways you can volunteer by emailing FriendsofFlatheadLE.mt@gmail.com, and help officers know how much you appreciate them.



Officers being presented with the needle stick resistant gloves. They were very grateful to the Friends of Flathead Law Enforcement.

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