



Whatcom Community Foundation

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE
WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

“Caring for ‘Others’”...

Any donor knows the problem: You’re happily been supporting your favorite causes, and a while later you learn about some really meaningful activity that’s struggling, and you want to provide for them, too, but your money’s all gone for the year! If only you knew about that struggling “other” non-profit in time...

That’s just one of the problems that *undesignated gifts* to the Whatcom Community Foundation can solve. You see, the board of the WCF is *tuned in* to our local charities far more than the typical individual donor, and because of its position as a major wide-ranging philanthropy in these parts, its board learns about needs that are serious long before the average individual benefactor gets the news of the urgent request.

Undesignated gifts serve yet another purpose: They make your gifts more effective than they might otherwise be, as the Foundation board “vets” the fund requests *and the organizations that make them* to be sure that the money is being used efficiently with accountability, assuring you that your hard-earned charity dollars are going to folks who will turn them into effective investments in our community’s services and institutions. Also, of course, the WCF follows through *after the gift commitment* to handle the details such as tax paperwork and properly-timed payments. The benefit to you? No contributions that “didn’t work out”!

When you have the Whatcom Community Foundation administrate your charitable giving, and donate some or all of it to the Foundation’s *Unrestricted Funds*, you’re assuring that no matter how people, their organizations, and the community’s needs change, your money will go only to worthy causes. Forever!

It’s especially easy to “give back” to the community through the WCF, whether while you’re still alive or part of your estate. Frankly, you owe it to yourself and your family to investigate the variety of ways the Whatcom Community Foundation can perpetuate your goals efficiently and easily for you. Call us to arrange an appointment to chat about our services, or to request more information. Of course, there is no obligation and our conversations will be completely confidential.

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