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News from your Whatcom Community Foundation

Welcome to the first issue of *Foundation Focus*, the new bi-monthly electronic newsletter of the Whatcom Community Foundation. *Foundation Focus* will keep you informed about what's happening in our community in the field of giving as well as Foundation news.

In our inaugural issue we're pleased to announce our newly redesigned website. Please take a moment to visit www.whatcomcf.org. You'll find useful information about giving, profiles of our donors and more. If you have suggestions about ways we can further improve our new site, we would appreciate hearing from you.

2008 Competitive Grant Round

The Foundation received more than 80 letters of interest totaling more than \$420,000 in grant requests as part of our competitive grant round. Full applications were invited from 34 organizations. The Foundation's Grants & Program Committee is in the midst of reviewing proposals. Interviews and site visits will be conducted over the next few weeks with grants awarded in May. This year the Foundation will grant close to \$65,000 to charitable organizations working in Whatcom County through our competitive grant round, leaving many excellent projects unfunded.

We will be in touch with our donor advisors following the Foundation Board's funding decisions to share information about proposals we were unable to fund or able to only partially fund. Many donor advisors find this information useful in making grant recommendations to the Foundation.

[First and foremost: We have a new web site! Check it out!](#)

Highlights

March/April 2008

South Fork Community Fund Grant Round Announced

This year the Foundation is conducting a supplemental grant round for the South Fork Community Fund. The fund was established in 2000 to benefit the residents of the South Fork community.

More than \$3,000 is available to be granted to one or more non-profit organizations working in the South Fork area.

Applications are due Monday, April 14, 2008. For more information or to download an application and grant guidelines, please visit the Foundation [website](#).

Whatcom County Nominations Sought for 2008 National Philanthropy Day Awards

Last year the David & Joyce Morse family of Whatcom County was honored as Philanthropic Family of the Year at the **National Philanthropy Day Awards** in Seattle. The Hagen family was also recognized for their charitable giving in years past. This year we would like to nominate Whatcom County philanthropists in each of the following categories:

- Individual

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A DONOR?



If you or someone you know is considering donating through the Foundation, we have several brief articles that you might find of interest.

These helpful articles were written by a Foundation donor, someone who went through the very process of thoughtfully considering the important questions related to making a charitable gift that you may be in the midst of now.

All five articles in the series are available on our website for your convenience.

[Visit the How Can We Help You? section of our website to find out more](#)

Building Whatcom County



Active community leaders from across Whatcom County are raising funds for a variety of capital projects large and small.

The Foundation is accepting gifts for:

- The Porch at Boulevard Park (also known as Witter Pavillion)
- The [Campaign for the Arts](#) (CFA, raising funds for downtown Bellingham's Arts District)
- The Holden & Phoebe Judson Memorial in Lynden

We will have another exciting capital project to announce in the coming months, so stay tuned.

[Visit the Arts District website to find out more about the CFA](#)

Family

- Small Business
- Large Business
- Organization
- Youth
- Foundation

To e-mail your suggestions, please [Click here](#)

Board Business

Glenn Butler is the new chair of the Foundation Board of Directors. Glenn took over the position when Mauri Ingram resigned from the Board to assume the role of president and CEO.

Glenn has been on the Board since 2005 and previously served as Vice Chair. A retired executive from BP, Glenn brings extensive experience in nonprofit board service as well as valuable business expertise. Board member **Bob Morse of Morse Steel Services** succeeds Glenn as Vice Chair.

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