

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE WHATCOM COUNTY BETTER? WE DO TOO.

That's why we fund the work that matters—work that makes living here better.

We were founded with one simple aspiration: **to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of all of our neighbors through thoughtful, effective philanthropy.** Here's how we turn your inspiration into action:

We finance work helping to meet local community needs and opportunities.

We partner with individuals, families, and businesses to fulfill their charitable goals.

We gather and share information about pivotal opportunities and the organizations addressing them.

We bring people together to take on community challenges.

We cultivate curiosity in every venture.



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Community Foundation

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Whatcom
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2013
COMMUNITY REPORT
2014

MAKING
WHATCOM
COUNTY
BETTER,
TOGETHER.





BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GENEROSITY

With the help of our generous and thoughtful donors, the Community Foundation invested more than \$7.5 million into our community over the past two years.

Recognized nationally as one of the top 25 most active grantmakers among community foundations, we invest in a breadth of issues including arts and culture, health, education, environmental sustainability and much more. We believe giving here matters. As you explore projects highlighted in the following pages, please remember that your gifts are what make it all possible.

Peter Theisen, President, United Way of Whatcom County; Mauri Ingram, President and CEO, Whatcom Community Foundation; and Sue Sharpe, Executive Director, Chuckanut Health Foundation celebrate the Whatcom Center for Philanthropy. Each organization has its own office space and shares meeting rooms and other common areas, collectively saving the organizations more than \$60,000 in annual operating costs. The Center for Philanthropy Conference Room is also available to non-profit partners.

WHATCOM CENTER
for PHILANTHROPY

BUILDING COMMUNITY. TOGETHER.





Benjamin Benschneider

WHEN PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY HAVE A DREAM, THEY OFTEN COME TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO HELP MAKE THAT DREAM A REALITY.

We provide the services and support necessary to bring projects to life and help to navigate the challenges that arise. Together we build a stronger and more resilient community through genuine partnerships that connect people, ideas, resources, and opportunities for greater impact.

**GENEROSITY,
COLLABORATION
AND CREATIVITY
BUILD A NEW
LIBRARY FOR
FERNDALE**

“It was a privilege working with the Community Foundation on the Ferndale Library project. Not only did they bring financial resources and philanthropic expertise to the table—they also came with the creativity and collaborative spirit that are essential to the success of complex community projects like our library.”

—NORINE AMEND

Chair, Friends of the Ferndale Library



CONNECTING KIDS WITH NATURE, THE ARTS, & HIGHER EDUCATION

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NORTH CASCADES INSTITUTE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL GRANT

This partnership between Bellingham Public Schools, North Cascades Institute, and Bellingham Parks and Recreation provides hands-on stewardship opportunities for 800 Whatcom County students following their Mountain School adventure.

"In Bellingham Public Schools (BPS), we believe that together we can achieve so much more than alone. The Whatcom Community Foundation exemplifies the community partnerships we depend on as part of our collective commitment. We are grateful for the Community Foundation's support and collaboration in many projects, including our work on the Community Health Improvement Plan, the development of a BPS wellness coordinator and visioning of our new central kitchen. Their partnership is essential in helping us deliver upon our promise to our students, families and community."

—DR. GREG BAKER

Superintendent, Bellingham Public Schools

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYHOUSE GRANT

This grant made it possible for a local elementary school class to experience the Neighborhood Playhouse production of "Charlotte's Web".

Thank you note from an Alderwood Elementary 3rd Grader:

"Thank you for an amazing experience! It was so much fun! I will remember this forever. My favorite part was when Wilbur was moved to the Zuckerman farm and met Charlotte. Thank you Whatcom Community Foundation!"

—THIRD GRADER FROM ALDERWOOD ELEMENTARY

WHATCOM DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Over the past two years our donors have given the gift of opportunity to more than 200 local students by investing in their futures.

"Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity. I will be the first person in my family to go to college, and your support means more than words can say. Without members of the community like you, students like me would not dare to dream."

—HANNAH TRUONG

2013 Bellingham Scholarship Recipient & National Volunteer Student of the Year



Washington state First Lady Trudi Inslee visits Cloud Mountain Farm Center as a part of her look at the local food system.



Sampling at Dorothy Place Gardens



Fresh finger salads straight from Common Threads Farm's school gardens at Alderwood Elementary School.

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE MORE HEALTHY, LOCAL FOOD FOR EVERYONE

HEALTHY EATING HABITS

Some challenges, like improving health care, seem daunting. Community Foundation investments in making more fresh, healthy, locally produced food available is a meaningful upstream strategy to improving health. Kids who grow and help to prepare fresh food are taking an important step in developing lifelong healthy eating habits.



With Community Foundation support, the Bellingham Food Bank's 'Food Bank Fresh' program grew and delivered

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND

servings of locally grown produce. That's

50,000

pounds of fresh, healthy food for those in need!





INVESTING IN A HEALTHY AND EFFECTIVE NONPROFIT SECTOR

Beyond grant-making, we support local organizations with professional development, networking opportunities, and specialized endowment fund management.

GRANTS \$5,000 AND OVER

4th Corner Fly Fishers
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Beach School Foundation dba LIFE
Bellingham Farmers Market Association
Bellingham Railway Museum
Bellingham School District 501
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“The Whatcom Community Foundation was an easy choice to manage the Pioneer Meadows Montessori School Endowment Fund. We did extensive research and everything we learned about their work was extraordinarily positive. We were very impressed with the professionalism and expertise of the board and administrative staff. Ultimately we felt they offered a clear advantage for managing the Pioneer Meadows endowment fund, and we are so glad to partner with them to grow our endowment.”

—GEORGE MILLS, Pioneer Meadows
Montessori School Board Member

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

"I have a strong belief in the important role that community foundations have in enhancing the quality of life in communities across the country. After having a first-hand opportunity to see the impact of the Whatcom Community Foundation in our county, I knew this was an organization that I want to support with my time and resources. The Community Foundation is a special organization and I feel blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of it."

—STEVE SWAN,

Vice President for University Relations at WWU

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None of our work would be possible without people like you, who see a need and turn it into an opportunity.

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*“My giving is
 more focused,
 satisfying, and
 fun because I
 work with the
 Community
 Foundation.
 I always look
 forward to my*

*conversations with the staff. I learn
 about exciting work the Community
 Foundation is doing, and feel great
 about supporting it.”*

*—Sybil Sanford,
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In fiscal year **2013**

Whatcom Community Foundation

INVESTED

\$3,565,959

into the community through grants.

\$95,125 in scholarships

were awarded to more than

ONE HUNDRED

deserving local **STUDENTS**

2013

2014

In fiscal year **2014**

Whatcom Community Foundation

INVESTED

\$4,105,490

into the community through grants.

\$122,679 in scholarships

were awarded to more than

ONE HUNDRED & THIRTY

deserving local **STUDENTS**

WHATCOM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2014

ASSETS	2014	2013
Cash	\$ 5,653,006	\$ 7,119,699
Investments	13,984,595	11,460,838
Pledges receivable	31,300	140,389
Grants receivable	240,987	201,000
Notes receivable	447,856	414,959
Prepaid expenses	1,040	1,040
Property and equipment - net	19,176	20,962
Total assets	\$ 20,377,960	\$ 19,358,887
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 28,426	\$ 60,031
Grant awards payable	1,791,824	2,132,789
Funds held for others	2,791,024	1,840,318
Total liabilities	4,611,274	4,033,138
Net assets		
Unrestricted		
Operating	1,723,775	1,189,407
Board-designated	1,519,437	1,780,386
Total unrestricted	3,243,212	2,969,793
Temporarily restricted	5,511,108	5,749,603
Permanently restricted	7,012,366	6,606,353
Total net assets	15,766,686	15,325,749
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 20,377,960	\$ 19,358,887