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Welcome!

In this special edition of Foundation *focus,* we would like to update you on some important Foundation news and events.
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Grant Round Update & Matching Opportunity Deadline April 18th

Thanks to community donations and grants from from a number of the Foundation's Donor Advised funds, we are only a few thousand dollars away from reaching our $10,000 match opportunity to this year's competitive unrestricted grants fund. One of our donors has offered to match the first $10,000 in unrestricted gifts. As with all Foundation work, great things happen with your help. Please help us leverage this generous gift by making a contribution to support this year's competitive grantmaking. The final deadline to meet this match is Monday, April 18th by noon.

Make a Donation

Join Us on an Inspiring & Unlikely Soldier's Philanthropic Journey

Free Non-Ticketed Event April 16th - Rye Barcott, It Happened on the Way to War

Start: 04/16/2011 7:00 pm
Location: First Congregational Church
2401 Cornwall Street

As an undergrad researching his senior thesis, Rye Barcott spent the summer of 2000 in the slums of Nairobi. He learned Swahili, asked questions, and listened to young people talk about how they survived in poverty he had never imagined. Anxious to help but unsure what to do, he stumbled into friendship with a widowed nurse, and a hardscrabble community organizer. Together, the trio built Carolina for Kibera (CFK), an organization that would develop a new generation of leaders from within Africa's largest slum. As CFK was taking shape, Barcott was also beginning his service in the Marines. Struggling with the stress of leading Marines in dangerous places, he took the tools he learned building a community in one of the most fractured parts of Kenya and became a more effective counterinsurgent and peacekeeper.

Rye Barcott cofounded Carolina for Kibera while he was an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After graduation, he served for five years in the Marines. Barcott earned master's degrees in business and public administration from Harvard University, where he was a Reynolds Social Entrepreneurship Fellow. He is a

Highlights

Community Foundation Receives Grant from Philanthropy Northwest

Philanthropy Northwest, a regional association of grantmakers, announced grants to nine community foundations in Washington, including the Whatcom Community Foundation! We are pleased to announce that the Foundation will receive a $20,000 Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant from Philanthropy Northwest's Community Foundation Initiatives, thanks to funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Foundation, in collaboration with our partners in the Whatcom Funders Alliance (a group of local public, corporate, private and government funders, including St. Luke's Foundation, United Way of Whatcom County, ConocoPhillips, BP, Intalco, PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center, the Medina Foundation, the City of Bellingham, Whatcom County and all four local institutions of higher education) has a creative strategy to better support the local nonprofit community in the business aspects of their work: fundraising, finance, marketing, governance and more.

The Foundation surveyed the nonprofit community on behalf of the Alliance last year to assess its needs as well as the impact of the economic downturn. With input from the Alliance, we used that information to develop a unique long term strategy to provide ongoing support. "Capacity building is funder jargon for increasing an organization's ability to be more effective and efficient in their work. Our intent is to give organizations - staff and volunteer leaders - the tools to focus on their mission and achieve their goals for the improving our community, whether that means eliminating child abuse, improving financial literacy, preserving a healthy environment or celebrating our community through the arts," noted Mauri Ingram, Foundation President and CEO.

"We are excited to put this award to work supporting Whatcom County nonprofits," said Pamela Jons, the Foundation's Director of Advancement & Programs. "It's another arrow in the quiver of the nonprofits which are already accomplishing great things in our community."

Stay tuned for more information about this exciting initiative.

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TED Fellow and works in the sustainability office at Duke Energy. In 2006, ABC World News named then captain Barcott a Person of the Year for his dual service to Kibera and the Marine Corps.

This event is co-sponsored by Village Books,
First Congregational Church of Bellingham's Board of Mission & Justice, and
Whatcom Community Foundation.

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CONNECTS people who care with causes that matter

SERVES as a leader, catalyst and resource for philanthropy

PLAYS a key role in identifying and solving community challenges

CONDUCTS strategic grant making that benefits all of our community in fields such as social services, education, health, the environment and the arts

PROVIDES flexible and cost-effective ways for generous individuals, families, and companies to contribute to their community now and for all time

SUPPORTS capital projects benefiting Whatcom County

MANAGES charitable funds on behalf of individuals, families and businesses

WORKS with individuals, families and companies to leave a legacy of giving

BUILDS and holds a permanent and growing endowment for the communities changing needs and opportunities.

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