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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2013

COMMUNITY REPORT

2014

MAKING WHATCOM COUNTY BETTER, TOGETHER.

Special thanks to our underwriter:

Larson Gross
CPAs & Consultants
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.
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
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

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

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NORTH CASCADES INSTITUTE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL GRANT
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CONNECTING KIDS WITH NATURE, THE ARTS, & HIGHER EDUCATION

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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
ARC of Whatcom County
Beach School Foundation dba LIFE
Bellingham Farmers Market Association
Bellingham Railway Museum
Bellingham School District 501
Blaine Elementary School Boosters
Boys and Girls Clubs of Whatcom County
Brigid Collins Family Support Center
Center for Salish Community Strategies
Christian Hope Association
Chuckanut Health Foundation
City of Bellingham
Common Threads Farm
Community to Community Development
FACES Northwest
Futures Northwest
Futurewise
Futurewise Whatcom
Hope Heart Institute
Kuntz and Company
LAW Advocates
Lummi Youth Academy
Lynden Community Senior Center
Mercy Housing Northwest
Native American Land Conservancy
Nookack Salmon Enhancement Association
North Cascades Institute
Northwest Indian College
Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Foundation
Northwest Youth Services
Pacific Arts Association
Puget Sound Restoration Fund
ReUse Works
The Salvation Army
Grow Food dba Viva Farms
Western’s Center for Service-Learning
Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement
Whatcom Center for Early Learning
Whatcom County Council On Aging Inc
Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center
Whatcom Family & Community Network
Williams College
WSU College of Pharmacy
WSU Whatcom Extension
York Community Farm

“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

YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
WE CAN HELP.

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

Bellingham High School Chapter
German American Partnership Program in Memory of Asher A. Kinney
Peter & Deborah Granger
in Memory of Bernice Prichett, Bob Miller, Jack Carver, Joyce Hiller, Etta Kirk, Virginia Hutchins & Bernie Pritchett, Roy Ericsson
Jeff & Kathy Dorr
in Memory of Bob & Echo Dorr
Barbara A. Engels
in Memory of Brad & Ruth Bannor, & Ted Engels
D.C. Morse & Jan Marchbanks
in Memory of Daniel Cheney
Loch & Susan Trimmingham
in Memory of Daniel Cheney
Ken & Vicky Marshall
in Memory of Daniel Keith Cheney & Roy Ericsson
Steven & Margie Kimberley
in Memory of Daniel Keith Cheney
Dennis & Jeannette Dashiel
in Memory of Hannah Dashiel
Sarah Rothenbuhler
in Memory of Hannah Dashiel
Naomi Wilkins
in Memory of Jim Wilkins
David Beardsley
in Memory of Marion Caldwell
Bill & Jan Polinkus
in Memory of Michael Kloc & Vonda Lynne Polinkus
Murphy Evans,
in Memory of Murphy Evans Sr.
John & Janet Linnehan
in Memory of Nicholas Mothart
Steven L. Clarke
in Memory of Paul Clarke
Bill & Jan Polinkus in honor of birth of great granddaughter Gracie Van Diest
David C. Morse III & Heather Morse in honor of Joyce Morse, D.C. Morse Jr. & Jan Marchbanks

MADRONA SOCIETY

The Madrona Society is a group of donors who have named the Foundation in their wills with a bequest.

Larry Berghoff
Gary & Ann Blanken
Norah Brusven*
Tim & Connie Buckley
Glenn & Janice Butler
Art & Marti Caputi
Randle Carr
Frank & Adrienne Champagne
Mike Cohen & Pamela Jons
Joe & Judy Coons
Carrie Coppinger Carter
Thomas W. Crowell*
Margaret & Marc Curtis
George & Mary Ann Drake
Michael Durbin*
Lee Eberhardt & Mauri Ingram
Katti & David Esp
Marian Exall
Tim & Leslie Farris
Roy Georgett*
Jean Gorton
Brian & Marya Griffin

Nadeen G. Clarke
in Memory of Paul Clarke
Carol Ericsson
in Memory of Ramon Marcus Garcia
Jennifer Hine
in Memory of Ramón Marcus Garcia
Robert I. & Jeanette Morse
in Memory of Roy Ericsson
Joyce Morse*
in Memory of Roy Ericsson
Mardi Leland
in memory of Ann Hanson
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in memory of Betty Jo Allsop
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in Memory of Terry Ebright
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Phyllis & Charlie Self
Genevieve E. Sharp*
John D. Stephens
Christine Thompson
John Watts & Joan Casey
Gail Weiss & Dennis Smith
Naomi Wilkins
Eugene H. & Angely L. Williams*
Robert Witherspoon*
12 Anonymous

*deceased
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 students deserving local STUDENTS.

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 students deserving local STUDENTS.
## WHATCOM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
#### JUNE 30, 2014

### ASSETS

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### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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**Total liabilities and net assets**

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