A generation ago, a group of people—neighbors who cared about this place and everyone in it—founded the Whatcom Community Foundation. They didn’t talk about ‘risk capital’ or ‘social return on investment’. They just rolled up their sleeves and got straight to the business of asking (and doing something about) the question that we are still asking today:

“What can the Whatcom Community Foundation do to make life better for everyone here?”

Our founders asked that question knowing full well that the Community Foundation can’t do anything meaningful alone. It takes bringing the pieces of the puzzle together: people—donors, volunteers and professionals—with different experiences and perspectives, ideas, tools and, of course, money. Each piece contributes to the promise within the organization. And, to the promise that resides throughout this space.

Our purpose is in our middle name: community. That can teach us something if we let it. Being a true community is more about questions than answers, more about curiosity than certainty. It is about compassion and ingenuity. Pushing ourselves and our institutions beyond the limits of our experience. We’re still learning. Here’s to shaping our next generation together. Happy 20th!
What a difference 20 years makes

1996
BELLINGHAM SKATE PARK receives first WCF grant

1997
BELLINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY opened the first endowed agency fund

1999
FAIRHAVEN VILLAGE GREEN PROJECT COMPLETE — Joined with community leaders to raise funds for this lively community gathering space

2002
BELLINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY received National Philanthropy Day Award for Outstanding Nonprofit Organization

2003
CAMPAIGN FOR THE ARTS — WCF served as the hub to raise more than $4.6 million for the Bellingham Arts District improvements including the Whatcom Museum’s Lightcatcher building and Mount Baker Theatre enhancements

2007
DEPOT MARKET SQUARE COMPLETE — WCF coordinated efforts and collected 1,537 gifts totaling $291,757 to build the beautiful new home for the Bellingham Farmers Market and more

2009
WCF granted more than $1,000,000 to community organizations for the first time

2010
WHATCOM FARM TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE CREATED and funded by the Sustainable Whatcom Fund

2012
PROSPERITY INITIATIVE LAUNCHES — this partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is focused on reducing intergenerational poverty

2013
WHATCOM CENTER FOR PHILANTHROPY OPENS — A collaboration with Chuckanut Health Foundation and United Way of Whatcom County to share resources and ‘Build Community. Together.’

2014
NEW FERNDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENS

2016
WCF TURNS 20! With thousands of neighbors and community partners, we celebrate 20 years of making Whatcom County a better place for everyone

SUSTAINABLE WHATCOM FUND ESTABLISHED — this fund has invested significantly in dozens of projects to strengthen a healthy and sustainable local food system

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ASSETS REACHED $10,000,000

Whatcom Center for Philanthropy
Bellingham Public Library
Depot Market Square
Fairhaven Village Green
Prospereity Initiative
Whatcom Farm to School Initiative
WCF Community Report
20 Years of Generosity

5,506 generous donors
HAVE GIVEN 8,955 GIFTS TOTALING 47 MILLION, eighty thousand, two hundred forty-two dollars.

$28,829,972 in grants awarded to 582 programs & projects

$1,000,000 in scholarships awarded to 782 local students
$18 MILLION: largest gift received
smallest grant: $250
largest grant: $1,000,000

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Going forward

Every organization needs to periodically step back to reflect and plan for the future. We just completed this process, and we are excited to share our new strategic framework with you! Our board of directors worked hard developing and fine-tuning all of the essential elements, including our mission and vision. We clarified our values and honed the strategies we use to help make Whatcom County a place where everyone who lives here thrives.

Our mission has evolved. Whatcom County’s communities are changing and so is your Community Foundation. We know that “the how” of our work matters as much as “the what.” The board of directors refreshed all of the important building blocks. We’re on fire about our new framework and hope that it further ignites your passion and creativity as well.

You’re invited! We hope you will join us in this work. It requires a multitude of people, ideas and resources. Working together is the “secret sauce” of building community. Please contact us if you have questions, or if you would like to share your ideas on how to help Whatcom County communities flourish.

COMMUNITY VISION:
Everyone who lives here thrives.

MISSION
Amplify the force of philanthropy—by connecting people, ideas and resources—so that communities flourish.

The late Tom Hunter was a founding member of the Whatcom Community Foundation and a master of bringing people together and inspiring us all to make things better. He was truly a community builder both here in Whatcom County and across the nation. We are grateful to be a part of Tom’s lasting legacy. He would be proud to see how far the Community Foundation has come thanks to his efforts, and yours, combined with the passion, generosity and wisdom of literally thousands of our neighbors.
To reach our vision, we:

**Build & Strengthen Community Partnerships**

Listening to the needs of different communities—we join with local leaders to help **build** libraries, **create** community gathering spaces, bring more fresh, healthy, locally-grown food into our school cafeterias, **connect** young people with inspiring experiences that help shape the adults they will become, and so much more.

**Leverage Resources & Put Dollars to Work**

In 2016 we launched the Threshold Fund, our collaboration with Habitat for Humanity and Kulshan Community Land Trust. The Threshold Fund puts philanthropic and other dollars to work by guarantying construction loans for affordable housing projects. This will significantly reduce the cost of capital, which means more affordable homes built for less money, and more safe, stable homes for more of our neighbors.

**Strengthen Nonprofit Organizations**

Our investments in local nonprofits go beyond making grants to include initiatives aimed at ensuring long-term success. Our two new **Executive Director Roundtables** serve 20 nonprofit leaders who meet monthly with a professional coach to learn, share and enhance their leadership skills. The new **Board Match** program connects emerging community leaders with board service through a combination of training and a ‘meet and greet’ with nonprofit organizations who are looking for new board members.

**Help Donors Make a Difference**

Partnering with the Community Foundation is a powerful way to make your philanthropy reach as far as possible. Our knowledgeable, resourceful staff can help to make your giving easy and effective so you can make a meaningful difference in work that matters to you.

“The Community Foundation gives us a means to enrich our lives and the lives of others by helping build an equitable, livable community.”

—Chuck & Dee Robinson
You want to make a difference.
We can help.

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“The Community Foundation fosters connections between community members who would otherwise have never met, which makes us stronger.”
—Nikhil Harle, Youth Philanthropy Program Committee

Neighborliness in action.

You—donors and other partners—make this work possible.
You see an opportunity and help to make it a reality.
“Connecting with the Community Foundation really deepened our connection to Whatcom County. We discovered so much about the needs here, and now we are able to focus our giving.” —John and Joyce Pedlow

“I love the Community Foundation. It brings people together in a collaborative spirit to help the community.” —Sybil Sanford

“Pipeline to College is not just getting our students to college, it’s exposing them to big ideas. Building dreams is one of the biggest things we’ve gotten from the Community Foundation.” —Darrell Hillaire
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# Statement of Financial Position

**June 30, 2015 / June 30, 2016**

## ASSETS

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## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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