Your gifts make our community stronger.

Anyone who has ever chopped, stacked or carried wood knows the experience if not the saying, “Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice.” (Or more, depending on how many times you move the woodpile!) It’s the same when you give locally, warming yourself many times over as your gift sparks opportunities that fuel community strength and spirit.

That’s what the Whatcom Community Foundation is all about — investing in efforts that help everyone here thrive. In 2017 and 2018, we put $8.7 million to work in Whatcom County. We saw the inspiring results from Project Neighborly, and, in addition to growing our philanthropic assets to more than $40 million, gratefully noted a 15 percent increase in people naming the Foundation in their wills. We made our largest single investment yet — $1 million — in the Bellingham School District’s new central kitchen, supporting an effort to bring more healthy, local food to more than 6,000 local students, and we welcomed two new board members to the team.

Be proud. Because we live in a place where more and more people like you understand the power of local giving, your community foundation is, as several of our champions put it, punching above its weight.

Thanks for bringing it home!
People can imagine and bring remarkable things to life if you invite them to be creative. Project Neighborly grants add a little fuel to those great ideas.

You know that old-fashioned notion of greeting a new neighbor with a freshly baked pie? It’s the very essence of neighborly behavior: show up, offer a warm welcome, start a conversation. Good neighbors — being one, having lots — are the bedrock of thriving communities. And they don’t have to be next-door, although it’s a great place to start (and pie is never wrong).

That’s the point of Project Neighborly — supporting creative ways to bring people together across Whatcom County, whether it’s through pen pals and tea on Lummi Island, family language exchanges in the Birchwood neighborhood, speaker forums and skill sharing in the South Fork Valley, or the dozens of other ideas that invited people into conversations in which they might not otherwise feel comfortable.

“We’re preparing our students to be productive world citizens. Being good neighbors in the world means beginning this process close to home.”
—Kathy Thurber, Beach School Manager
A LITTLE HELP GOES A LONG WAY

With 50 projects funded over 2017 and 2018, Project Neighborly grants totaled $200,000. Amounts ranged from $362 to $5,000 with projects touching virtually every community in Whatcom County.

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Don’t see yours? Time to get creative and apply for next year! Get inspired! See the full list of Project Neighborly projects: www.whatcomcf.org/community-impact

TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED 2017/18: $8,710,088
Naming the Community Foundation in your will is a visionary act of generosity that brings countless benefits to generations of neighbors.

George Muldrow and Bob Bragg met in college in the 50’s and spent the next 63 years teaching, creating art and building their lives together until they passed away within three months of each other in 2017. Throughout their lives they gave major gifts, including many scholarship funds, in honor of various family members. And they also wanted to leave something for their community. They loved the Bellingham Library: its books, services and programs. They loved that libraries provided refuge and resources to people of all walks of life. They knew the library needed to be part of our community fabric forever.

GEORGE & BOB

Their Passion for Libraries Lives On

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THEIR GIFT:
$3 million to establish the Robert Bragg & George Muldrow Endowment for the Bellingham Public Library.

THEIR LEGACY:
This powerful endowment will make big goals and ideas possible, improving the experience of the Library for kids and adults, for generations to come.
Unrestricted Love
Virgie Hayden had a lively spirit of adventure that some might say she came by naturally as the great-granddaughter of Buffalo Bill Cody. Like him, her occupations were many and varied — teacher, pilot, entrepreneur, fisherwoman, athlete, world traveler, generous hostess and fabulous cook. A lifelong Bellingham resident who spent 42 years in the grocery business with her husband Bob, Virgie’s love of family, friends and her community was evident throughout her 98 years — and beyond. She is still making wonderful things happen.

VIRGIE’S GIFT:
$600,000 to support the Community Foundation’s endowment.

HER LEGACY:
This incredible gift will be put to work connecting people, ideas and resources to create more opportunities for our local communities to flourish.

PLAN TO GIVE
In 2017 and 2018, we received $3.8 million dollars in gifts through bequests from six different estates.

Fourteen of our neighbors chose the Community Foundation (and those are just the ones we know about) as the best way to make a lasting difference, bringing our Madrona Society to nearly 100 people.

“Giving a gift — large or small — is one of the best feelings in the world. So is living in a strong, healthy, connected community like ours. My delight in giving from my estate, lets me imagine today all the good Whatcom Community Foundation will do with my gift long after I’m gone. Thank you!”
— Jill Clark
# MADRONA SOCIETY

*Donors who have named the Foundation in their wills with a bequest.*

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OUR PHILOSOPHY:
Keep the community at the center, plan for what’s possible, and value experience as much as expertise.
Whatcom Community Foundation

Beautiful things happen when grassroots efforts to improve life in Whatcom County meet the Community Foundation.

In April 2018 community members gathered to dedicate the Arch of Healing and Reconciliation, which recognizes our county’s long and conflicted history with immigration. The symbolic portal honors Whatcom County’s immigrants and memorializes past expulsions of immigrant Sikhs, Japanese and Chinese. The 12-foot high pointed arch is made from solid red granite imported from India and inscribed with the word “Welcome” in many languages, starting with Lummi and Nooksack.

This community collaboration began as the vision of a committee of Sikh residents, led by Satpal Sidhu. With united approval from Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham, the committee approached the Community Foundation for help. Our board embraced the idea, we made a grant in show of support and gladly became the fiscal sponsor.

The Arch is the first step in the group’s plans to make a lasting impact on our community. Want to know more? Visit www.whatcomcf.org/community-partnerships or archofhealing.org.

“...I have found solace in dirt. I think this is why working the land is so helpful in healing. I have been able to discuss things for the first time while crawling around pulling weeds. The feeling of kinship between soldiers just floats in the air, we need each other. I found a way to refocus on the joy of life and love - an antidote to the experiences of death and destruction.”

— Growing Veterans Peer Support Training Participant

Our Partners

Photo: Mauri Ingram
“We are not strangers. The strangeness is that we do not talk to each other, we do not know about each other. And we want to overcome that.”

— Satpal Sidhu
We’re delighted to introduce two new board members. Francisco Rios is an education professor at Western and received WWU’s Diversity Achievement Award in 2017. Flo Simon has been with the Bellingham Police Department since 1989 and is currently the Deputy Chief of Services.

WCF Board

Steve Swan | Chair
Sati Mookherjee, MD | Immediate Past Chair
Kira Bravo | Secretary-Treasurer & Vice Chair
Mike Bates
Aaron Brown
Carol Dellecker
Brenda-Lee Karasik, Ph.D.
Fred Miller
Chuck Robinson
Francisco Rios, Ph. D.
Flo Simon
2017/2018 Financials

WHATCOM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
June 30, 2018
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2017)

ASSETS

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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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| Net assets
| Unrestricted | $919,780 | $180,790 |
| Operating | 1,866,736 |
| Board-designated | 1,775,914 |
| Total unrestricted | $2,786,516 | $1,956,704 |
| Temporarily restricted | 19,836,614 | 21,666,395 |
| Permanently restricted | 12,250,945 | 8,896,134 |
| Total net assets | $34,874,075 | $32,519,233 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | $40,565,385 | $37,283,386 |

2017/2018 Donor Gifts

Andrea Alongi
Anvil Corporation
Harriet & Alfred Arkley
Jean Andresen
Supporters for the Arch of Healing & Reconciliation
Aaron & Sarah Brown
Bellewood Acres
Bellingham Anesthesia Association, P.S.
Bellingham Central Lion’s Club
Bellingham Festival of Music
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation
Bellingham School District Staff
Binyon Vision
Brigid Collins House
City of Bellingham
Claude & Annie Blackburn
Claude Blackburn & Family
Dave & Twyla Bader
David Beardsley & Laura Tomasetti
Dr. Robert & Dr. Sally Baird
Earl & Surang Benson
Gary & Jean Barnett
Gene Bell & Associates
Glenn & Janice Butler
Greg & Jeanette Baker
James F. Bolster
Jill Clark & Walter Burkett
Kira Bravo
Kirsten Barron
Linda Bergquist
Mark & Missy Belles
Michael & Chris Bouchard
Paul Blakely & Randy Dunlap
Robert Bragg & George Muldrow*
Rud Browne
Cedar Tree Montessori
Community Food Co-op & Organically Grown Distributors
Craig & Sue Cole
Custer Elementary PTO
Frank & Adrienne Champagne

James & Andrea Clay
Joan Casey*
Joe & Judy Coons
Mary Carlson
Robert B. Clark
Travis Hunter Cameron
Yvonne & Spencer Anthony-Cahill
Carol & Raymond Dellecker
Discover Laurel
George & Mary Ann Drake
Jeff, Kathy, Russ, Jeanne, & Fred Dorr
Kevin & Janelle DeYoung
Manjit Sighn Dhaliali & Jaseer Kaur Dhaliali
Mary Durbrow & Deb Dempsey
Tim & Joanne Douglas
Don & Ellen Easterbrook
Eagleridge P.T.O.
Lee Eberhardt & Mauri Ingram
Flo Francis
Kelly Knight Follis
Lisbeth & Alan Fitzberg
The Firs
Brian & Marya Griffin
Ginny & Don
Guru Nanak Gursikh Temple
Jean Gorton*
Marilyn Glenn
Robert & Sheila Goodwin
Sukhwant Singh Gill
Dimi Hartman
Elise Heinrick
Eric A. Hirst & Susan S. Hirst
Greg Holman & Linda Van Pelt
Habitat for Humanity
Haggen
Holly Hinman & Patrick Baker
Joseph G. Hansen
Marlin & Linda Hendricks
Mary Ann & Wayne Hanson
Mary Jane Hashisaki
Nancy Hammons
"...the inspiration provided by the Foundation and all our fellow Project Neighborly participants really lights the spark that keeps this aspect of our outreach glowing and growing."

— Matthew Thuney, South Fork Valley Community Association

Philip Humphries
Robert L. & Virginia B. Hayden*
Sherrie L. Hansen
Thomas & Martina Horn Foundation
Imco Construction
Mark & Debbie Inglis
Dr. Gulzar Johl
Gary & Carolyn Jonson
Heidi Jansen Doornenbal
Jim Joubert
Kulwant & Jaspal Johl
Pamela Jons & Mike Cohen
Rand & Dana Jack in honor of Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt
The Eleanor Foundation
— Matthew Thuney, South Fork Valley Community Association
GENEROUS MEMORIAL GIFTS WERE MADE IN HONOR OF:

Robert Bragg & George Muldrow
Eric Braun
Joan Beardsley
Joan Casey
Naida Deitsch
Stephen A. Dember
Mary Ann Drake
Robyn du Pre
Stephen A. Dember
Byron Elmendorf
Almar & Fernando
Keith Glenn, MD
Michael Hansen
Sue Jampsa
Clay Millage
John S. Moore
Vicky Marshall
T. J. Olney
Pete Oswald
Vonda Lynne Polinkus
Paul J. Reinders
Mary Seilo
Donald C. Van Pelt Sr.
Bring it home!
When you give here, everybody wins.