



Carol Atkinson with husband Richard.

Meet the Board President

Carol Atkinson

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The Whitefish Community Foundation is very pleased to announce Carol Atkinson as the new Board President, a term that will last three years. Paul Johannsen, the outgoing Board President did a tremendous job during his term, with many great accomplishments that brought the Foundation to a new level. Johannsen now joins the Past President's Circle that includes Mayor Mike Jenson and Dave Stewart. During Johannsen's term, he embraced several new Foundation events, hired the first Executive Director, and helped to bring the Endowment Fund over \$1 Million in assets. At the end of his term, the Foundation set new record highs with total grants for the year at \$631,070 and total assets over \$3.8 Million. The Foundation also welcomes several new "Giving Funds" this year.

Atkinson no doubt has some big shoes to fill but she looks forward to the challenge. With over twenty years of fundraising and philanthropic endeavors in this community, she is uniquely qualified for the position as President of a 19 member Board and 11 member Advisory Council. She has served as the Chair of the Whitefish Community Foundation's Community Grants Committee for 5 years. Her fundraising efforts have included the Whitefish Middle School Auditorium Project, the WAVE and Stumptown Ice Den. Previous Board appointments have been to the Flathead Festival, Glacier Symphony and Chorale, Glacier National Park Fund and Flathead Beacon Advisory Board. Atkinson also volunteers at the Whitefish Theatre Company. She and her husband Richard were given the Great Whitefish Award in 2006 and served as Grand Marshall of the Winter Carnival Parade that year.

Atkinson was born and raised in eastern Pennsylvania. She graduated from Penn State University with a BA in Liberal Arts and from the University of Maryland with a Masters in Educational Technology. She spent close to twenty years at the National Security Agency as an Education and Training Officer and Cryptanalyst. Her second career took her all over the world as a writer and copy editor for Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report. She and her husband moved to Whitefish in 1986.