

2010 A New Record in Giving

The Whitefish Community Foundation celebrated its ten year anniversary by setting a new record high in giving to local nonprofits. More than 250 people watched as over \$240,000 was awarded at the annual Community Grants Presentation Event held November 4 at the O'Shaughnessy Center. 44 different nonprofits were awarded grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 from the Foundation's Community Grants Fund, a competitive grant program. This year, the total distributed from the Fund was \$100,000, up from \$75,000 in 2009. Funding for the Community Grants Fund comes from private donations, the annual Whitefish Duck Derby that raised \$35,000 for grants this year, the Summer Art Social, and interest from the Foundation's Endowment Fund.

Some organizations were awarded several grants including the North Valley Food Bank receiving over \$20,000 and Whitefish Schools which received over \$25,000 to help fund projects in music, science, wellness programs, mental health counseling and more. Additional grants came from donor-advised giving funds held at the Foundation by individuals and businesses. The Foundation holds 14 donor-advised Funds and seven agency endowment funds. Board President Paul Johannsen stated, "Between the Foundation's grant program and another \$140,000 from our Donor-Advised Funds, over \$240,000 was distributed tonight, an increase of over 15% from last year and a reflection of the great community in which we live." In all over 116 grants were awarded to 73 different organizations.

Paul Johannsen was recognized at the event for his three years as Board President of the Foundation. During his term, Johannsen brought the Foundation to a new level of giving by embracing major changes and new fundraisers. This last year, Johannsen has focused on building the Foundation's Permanent Endowment Fund which reached a record level of \$1Million under his leadership.

Johannsen presented the Great Fish Award to Shepherd's Hand Free Clinic and director Meg Erickson. The Great Fish Award recognizes the value and service a local nonprofit and its director and staff provide to the community. Previous recipients were DREAM Adaptive, Bruce Gibson; North Valley Food Bank, June Munski Feenan; and Whitefish Theatre Company, Carolyn Pitman.

A new annual award created from the bequest to the Foundation by Doris Schumm was also awarded at the event. The Doris Schumm Community Spirit Award which comes with a \$1,000 grant was awarded to the Whitefish Lake Institute. Surrey Schumm presented the award to the Institute, an organization that works for a cause that was greatly valued by Doris Schumm. The 2010 event was also dedicated to the Memory of Schumm who served on the Foundation's Board of Directors and Grants Committee for over eight years.

For more information about the Whitefish Community Foundation, visit the website at www.whitefishcommunityfoudation.org or call Linda at 406-863-1781.

Following list is Grants from the Community Grants Fund of the Whitefish Community Foundation.

Alpine Theatre Project: Operations

Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation: Operations and Noxious Weed Program
Children's House Montessori School: Scholarship Program
City of Whitefish Parks and Recreation Department: Summer Camp Scholarships
DREAM Adaptive Recreation: Handcycle
Family Forestry Expo: Workbooks
Flathead Audubon Society: Whitefish Conservation Education Program
Flathead Shelter Friends: Outdoor Kennel and Sun Block Cover
Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force: Operations and Gas Scavenger Unit
Glacier Babe Ruth: Operations
Glacier Institute: Passenger Van
Glacier Nordic Club: New grooming Ginzu and ski trail lights
Glacier Symphony and Chorale: Festival Amadeus visiting Artists
Glacier Twins American Legion Baseball: Operations
Habitat for Humanity of the Flathead Valley: Whitefish Housing Project
Hockaday Museum of Art: Outreach Program in Whitefish Schools
Human Therapy on Horseback: Scholarship Program
Literacy Volunteers of Flathead County: Whitefish Reading Program
North Valley Food Bank: Holiday Food Programs
North Valley Hospital Foundation: Trauma Stretcher
North Valley Music School: Key Board and Community Concert support
Nurturing Center: Parent Education Programs in Whitefish
Olney-Bissell School District #58: New Network Server
Stumptown Art Studio: Operations and Outreach Program
Tamarack Grief: Grief Support and Education in Whitefish Schools
The Salvation Army: Operations
WAG-Whitefish Animal Group: Benches at Dog Park
WAVE-Whitefish Aquatic and Health Center: Scholarship Program
Whitefish Area Land Trust: Whitefish low income housing project
Whitefish CARE: Operations and mentoring program
Whitefish Figure Skating Club: Skating program
Whitefish High School Science Department: Two Gel Boxes
Whitefish Legacy Partners: Trail Signs at Whitefish Trails
Whitefish Library Association: Two new computers
Whitefish Middle School Music Department: In School visiting Specialist Program
Whitefish Review: Whitefish Literary Event
Whitefish Rotary Charitable Fund: Christmas Help Program
Whitefish School District – Learning Garden: Hoop House
Whitefish School District – Band Program: Timpani
Whitefish Softball Association: Operations
Whitefish Theatre Company: Speaker PA and washer/dryer
Whitefish Youth Soccer Association: Fencing around soccer fields

Whitefish Community Foundation Advisory Council Fund:

NC Foundation: Mental Health Counseling in Whitefish Schools
North Valley Music School: Operations
Whitefish Middle School Performing Arts Center: Auditorium Project
Whitefish 7th and 8th Grade Football: New Helmets
Whitefish Area Fire Safety Council: Fire Safety Education in Whitefish

