



Give Local

Supporting the Chelan Valley Fund



The Chelan Valley Fund supports local nonprofits

The Chelan Valley Fund is a philanthropic fund managed by the Community Foundation of NCW, established by people who care about the Chelan Valley and its future. The Chelan Valley Fund provides valuable, unrestricted grant funding to several local nonprofits each year.

The Chelan Valley Fund Local Advisory Board, comprised of Chelan Valley residents, volunteer their time to review and recommend grant awards to ensure they support urgent and impactful causes throughout the valley.

As gifts are added to the fund, the annual amount available to disburse in grants grows and helps provide continual and permanent financial resources that exclusively benefit the Chelan Valley.



Applying for Grants from the Chelan Valley Fund

The Chelan Valley Fund provides unrestricted funding to 501(c)3 public charities in Chelan, Chelan Falls, Entiat, or Manson. Government agencies and public schools are not eligible. Faith-based organizations are eligible only for project-specific funding that serves the community. The minimum award is \$2,000. Organizations can apply each year. The application opens July 1st with an August 15 deadline.

Local Advisory Board members determine award eligibility. They review each application and conduct a site visit with each applicant to learn more about their mission and impact along with a Community Foundation Board Trustee liaison and staff.



Photo by Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce

How you can support the Chelan Valley Fund

You can help grow the Chelan Valley Fund in a few ways:

Boost Annual Grantmaking: A gift to the Chelan Valley Fund “spendable” will provide additional grant funding for that year’s grant cycle.

Build the Endowment: A gift to the Chelan Valley Fund Endowment will build the principal, supporting the fund long-term to ensure resources are available in perpetuity.

Leave a Legacy: Naming the Community Foundation of NCW’s Chelan Valley Fund in your will or estate plan will provide significant financial resources for the Chelan Valley beyond your lifetime.

Donors considering a gift of \$5,000 or more can join the Founders Circle, endowing those dollars for a lasting impact on the place they love.



HAL & FLORENCE FIELD

Founders Circle

A LOCAL LEGACY

Hal and Florence Field had strong roots in the Chelan Valley. In 1892, Merritt “M.E.” Field, Hal’s father, arrived in Stehekin and took over management of the Argonaut Hotel, which he transformed into a destination resort, attracting tourists to the area and creating a vibrant community. Later the family resettled in both Deer Point and Manson, where Hal would meet his wife, Florence. Florence was a lifelong teacher, beginning in Goldendale, then Holden Village, then Manson. Hal worked at the mine in Holden Village. They were both active in the Chelan community.

Hal passed away in 1973. In 1998, Florence opened a Donor Advised Fund at the Community Foundation to support local charities they cared about. Florence passed away in 2010 at the incredible age of 105. Through a succession plan, their grandchildren decided to move the funds to the Chelan Valley Legacy Fund to continue supporting local charities in perpetuity. Their lifelong legacy will live on through this gift that will significantly impact the quality of life in the Chelan Valley for generations to come.



Ray and Anne O'Neal, Grandparents



*Frank and Elizabeth Lucas,
Great-Grandparents*

**LINDA EVANS
PARLETTE**
Founders Circle

HONORING FAMILY

In 1899, Ray O'Neal arrived to Chelan by train from Pittsburgh to Wenatchee, steamboat to Chelan Falls, and a hike up the Chelan Gorge. His first job was loading wood in the boiler of one of the original "Lady of the Lake". At 31 he married Anne Lucas, the oldest daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Lucas, homesteaders on the back side of Chelan Butte.

Linda, Ray and Anne's granddaughter, graduated from Chelan High School as valedictorian in 1963 and went on to Washington State University to pursue pharmacy. While working and raising her children in Chelan, she served on the school board. Later, she would have a 20-year career as a Washington State Legislator and made history as the first, and only, woman to hold the 12th District Senator seat.

Linda's connection to Chelan is strong, and her family's history is still visible in many parts of the community. She is proud to support the Chelan Valley Fund to ensure the preservation and protection of its history and the care for the future its land and people.



Ways to give to the Chelan Valley Fund

The Community Foundation of NCW makes giving easy. We can accept gifts in many forms: cash, check, stock, and other vehicles such as IRAs (Required Minimum Distribution, Qualified Charitable Deduction), life insurance, real estate, and other complex assets.

Our partnerships with Professional Advisors throughout the region are well-established. We can work with you and your Attorney, CPA, and/or Financial Advisor to determine your charitable giving options and make the process of giving easy for you. As a trusted charitable foundation for giving, we want you to enjoy the rewards of supporting your community and the causes you care about as we take care of the rest!



The Chelan Valley Fund supports charitable causes throughout the Chelan Valley through an annual grant program that funds nonprofits addressing community needs.

The Community Foundation of NCW is a tax-exempt philanthropic organization that helps individuals, families, businesses, and agencies support charitable causes that benefit Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties.

Your investment not only supports the causes you care about, it also helps to build a permanent endowment for our region to enhance quality of life for all, forever.

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