



Give Local

Supporting the Methow Valley



The Methow Valley Fund supports local nonprofits

The Methow Valley Fund is a philanthropic fund managed by the Community Foundation of NCW, established by people who care about the Methow Valley and its future. The Methow Valley Fund provides grant funding to local nonprofits, awarding roughly \$225,000 each year.

The Methow Valley Fund Local Advisory Board, comprised of Methow 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 Methow Valley.



How you can support the Methow Valley Fund

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

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

Build the Endowment: A gift to the Methow 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 Methow Valley Fund in your will or estate plan will provide significant financial resources for the Methow 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.



KAY ARNEIL

Founders Circle

THE FIRST GIFT

Kay Arneil had an adventurous life, living and traveling throughout the world. She always loved and returned to her home in Wenatchee, where she and her husband Jim became generous contributors to many community causes throughout the North Central Washington region. When visiting with Kay, she would often recount one of her fondest memories: the summer before returning to college when she lived and worked in Twisp at the Wagner Mill. It was no surprise that **Kay made the first endowment gift in 2011 to establish the Methow Valley Endowment Fund**, ensuring that the place that holds such special memories for her will forever have resources to benefit the people, preserve the places, and support a bright, sustainable future for the Methow Valley.



MIKE REAL
Founders Circle

A FLEXIBLE GIFT

Mike Real, a beloved Methow Valley Resident who volunteered for the Music Festival, Methow Trails, Methow Recycles and Twisp Airport included the Methow Valley Fund in his estate plan.

Jane Gilbertsen, Mike's spouse, explains his decision: "Mike supported the nonprofits of the Methow with his labor and his dollars. When his cancer advanced, he updated his estate plan to continue that support. He was uniquely familiar with the work of the Community Foundation and specifically the Methow Valley Fund. He knew firsthand where the dollars went. **It was important to him to ensure the Methow Valley Fund would use his dollars into the future for the community he considered his home and his family.**"



KEN WESTMAN

Founders Circle

A LASTING GIFT

In 2020, the Methow Valley Fund received a bequest from Ken Westman, a long-time Methow Valley resident who cared deeply about providing charitable resources to benefit the valley and its citizens. Throughout his lifetime, Ken was an active participant with many local organizations that served to enhance the quality of life in the Methow Valley. In addition to financial support, Ken devoted much of his time to serving on committees, volunteering on boards, and serving in leadership positions. His lifetime of service and legacy in the community is legendary.

Ken's \$1.7M bequest doubled the grant making capability of the Methow Valley Fund and will ensure that this fund plays a significant role in protecting and enhancing the valley for generations to come.



Ways to give to the Methow 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 Methow Valley Fund supports charitable causes throughout the Methow 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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