



Give Local

Supporting the Okanogan Valley Fund



The Okanogan Valley Fund supports local nonprofits

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

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



How you can support the Okanogan Valley Fund

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

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

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



**Karen Nichols &
Alan Watson**
Founders Circle

LEAVING IT BETTER

Karen is no stranger to Community Foundations. Before retiring, she managed a business in Port Townsend where she was part of a group that established the Jefferson County Community Foundation.

In 2011, Karen and Alan moved to Okanogan County to retire in a place of natural beauty with recreation opportunities and found themselves among wonderful people. Karen reached out to the Community Foundation of NCW to see how she could get involved, and began serving as a board member. Soon she and Alan became one of the fund founders of the Okanogan Valley Fund. “We have been fortunate financially, and we want to share some of that good fortune with our community. The Okanogan Valley Fund is an excellent way to do that”.

Both Karen and Alan continue to serve on local nonprofit boards. “We both believe that being involved in the community, and trying to leave it a better place for our having lived here, is a big part of what makes life worth living. We are so lucky!”



**Tambra Zimmerman
& Petter Mullen**
Founders Circle

FOR GENERATIONS

Tambra comes from strong Okanogan roots. Her mother was born in 1939 in Okanogan County, the only daughter alongside three spirited brothers. Her father was a local Sheriff during prohibition and has stories made for movies and campfires.

Tambra's love for the area extends back to her grandfather and the Border Lord mine in the Pasayten wilderness. Its history captured her, especially the 25-mile race through snow her father ran in snowshoes, vying for rights of the mine. Later, she would follow her mother, a wilderness ranger, to the mine through the Pasayten. Later again, Tambra would chaperone her son's high adventure 50-mile scout trip that he embraced.

When the time came for Tambra and her husband Peter to retire, they revisited the valley. While some things changed, its beauty and strong community didn't.

"We have been impressed by the generational families of Okanogan County. Peter and I are dedicated to continuing that support and honoring all those that built today's foundation."



**John E Andrist
& Mary Koch**
Founders Circle

A LEGACY GIFT

Raised in Cashmere and a graduate of Eastern Washington University, John E Andrist was the owner and publisher of the Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle from 1970-1996. He was a respected leader in the community and among his newspaper peers. In 1979, he married Mary Koch, a former Associated Press editor, who joined him in life in Okanogan County and in their mutual love of community journalism. John passed in 2007.

Mary had always dreamed of helping to establish a fund where people could donate to directly benefit the charitable causes across the Okanogan Valley. Through her will, she has directed the remaining funds to support the Okanogan Valley Fund upon her passing - leaving a legacy from both her and John to the community they cherished.

“These funds can empower organizations, largely run by volunteers, and support their efforts with concrete funding they wouldn’t have otherwise.”



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