



Give Local

Supporting the Upper Valley Fund



The Upper Valley Fund supports local nonprofits

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

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



How you can support the Upper Valley Fund

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

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

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



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MAKING ROOTS

When Lauren and Ross bought a cabin in Plain in 2015, they quickly began spending most of their free time there. After about a year and a half, they moved in full time. Since then, they have had two children, planted a cider apple orchard, and built a new house. Now, they feel deeply rooted in the Upper Valley.

Lauren has been involved in volunteering for local nonprofits since their move. After joining the Upper Valley Fund's Local Advisory Board and learning more about the impact of the nonprofit community, she and Ross were inspired to make a meaningful investment to the fund's endowment and spendable, giving a significant jump-start to their granting capacity.

Their hope is that the fund will grow and allow local nonprofits to be creative and visionary. They feel good about the grants being unrestricted and trusting the organizations to put it to its best use.

"You'd be surprised how many organizations we have that are doing great work! It's always great to donate to the groups that you are connected to, but if you are inspired to invest beyond just those groups, this is a great place to do so."

LAUREN & ROSS
PETERSON
Founders Circle



PAM & OLIVER
BRULOTTE
Founders Circle

GIVING BACK

In 2001, Pam and Oliver moved their family to Leavenworth for its beautiful surroundings and small community. They opened Munchen Haus, the original bratwurst restaurant in downtown Leavenworth — a tourist staple and local favorite. In 2011, through Oliver's family roots in hop farming and his passion to craft amazing beer, they started Icicle Brewing Company, now an award-winning brewery known worldwide for its delicious craft beer.

As their businesses grew, they felt it was important to give back to the community financially and through volunteering. Pam has first-hand experience of seeing the impact of grantmaking as a Community Foundation Board Trustee. She has been part of the vision of establishing the community-specific funds and believes in the model of Local Advisory Boards having oversight in how the funds are distributed within their own community.

"We wholeheartedly recommend supporting our local non-profits through a donation of your time or financially if you are able because they serve so many needs in our community. The Upper Valley Fund is a great way to directly fund local non-profits financially in a broad way."



GRO BUER & BRUCE WILLIAMS

Founders Circle

A GIFT IN HONOR

Gro and Bruce have lived in Leavenworth since 2011, a place that gives them close access to hiking, skiing, and the outdoor recreation that they love. They both have been dedicated volunteers for environmental and conservation efforts, advocating for the protection of wild land and natural resources.

When they first bought their house, Dick and Tina Rieman had their horses in their pasture, which delighted them. Dick, who was passionate about the Icicle and Wenatchee Rivers, drove them around and acquainted them with the biology, hydrology, and water use issues facing the watershed in the Upper Valley. Over their 20 year friendship, they found him to be a determined, ethical man who had an infectious laugh and stellar smile. To honor his contributions to the Upper Valley, they gave a gift in his honor to Upper Valley Fund to continue his legacy. This gift provided immediate funding for the first grant cycle, along with an additional gift to the endowment to help the annual funding grow.

“We hope that others will contribute to this fund, either the long-term endowment or immediate use.”



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