



Give Local

Supporting the Wenatchee Valley Fund



The Wenatchee Valley Fund supports local nonprofits

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

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



How you can support the Wenatchee Valley Fund

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

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

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



Applying for Grants from the Wenatchee Valley Fund

The Wenatchee Valley Fund provides unrestricted funding to 501(c)3 public charities in the Wenatchee Valley. 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 applicaiton 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.



Carol Wardell
Founders Circle

A LEGACY IN MEMORY

Those who knew Carol will tell you that her laugh was infectious, that she was smart, loyal, goal-oriented, decisive, an overachiever and natural leader. In 1981, after getting her degree in Criminal Justice at Central Washington University (where she also met her husband Kurt), Carol started her clerkship to the first woman appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court. In 1983 they moved to Wenatchee where Carol contributed widely to the community she loved. In 1991 she was appointed Chelan-Douglas County Superior Court Judge as the first woman to serve in that role. And while it pleased her to break that barrier, she was most proud of starting the local Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program that provided a voice for vulnerable children.

In 2024, Carol passed after tenaciously battling health conditions. Kurt, in her memory, felt a contribution to the Wenatchee Valley Fund would leave a meaningful legacy to the community she presided over, personally and professionally, with passion, love, and deep commitment.



Bob & Pat Ogburn
Founders Circle

A PERMANENT GIFT

Although Bob and Pat Ogburn were raised elsewhere, for more than 50 years they have called Wenatchee home. They feel a deep connection to its natural beauty and the healthy lifestyle it provides.

Bob and Pat have been involved with local nonprofits for decades, through volunteering and financial support. They felt that a gift to the Wenatchee Valley Fund would be most impactful, benefitting a wide range of local causes. They were the first donors to establish the fund, using a gift from their IRA's Required Minimum Distribution - a vehicle they use often to support local nonprofits. Their gift created a permanent endowment that will grow over time and provide the annual funding for local grantmaking.

Their hope is that the fund will promote inclusivity and help maintain and improve the quality of life they have enjoyed - today, and for years to come. "We encourage others to support this mission and protect this legacy."



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