

GORGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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MISSION & VISION

To enhance the quality of life in the Columbia River Gorge by building permanent charitable endowments to help fund the long-term needs and opportunities in our communities.

We believe that giving begins at home. And for us, "home" is the awe-inspiring Columbia River Gorge—an incredibly special place renowned for its natural beauty, diverse heritage, and, of course, the wonderful people who live and work here. With deep roots in our community, we can help you find organizations addressing the causes you care about. The Gorge Community Foundation provides donors with simple, flexible and effective ways of making a difference in our home communities throughout the Columbia River Gorge.

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- PROGRAM OVERVIEW -

The Gorge Community Foundation is one of over 1,000 community foundations across the country dedicated to improving the quality of life in a particular region. The Gorge Community Foundation was established in 2000 by local residents active in working with Gorge nonprofit organizations. Our assets, which total over \$6.1 million, represent over eighty funds established by local families, individuals and organizations.

We offer different kinds of funds, structured to make it easy to give back to the community. Our goal is to make your charitable giving as simple, flexible and effective as possible. From our funds, the Foundation has made grants to nonprofit groups totaling nearly \$2 million in grants since 2003.

OUR CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

- » Gil Sharp/Board President

- » Chris Moore
- » Lisa Neuberger
- » Nate Reagan
- » Tom Schaefer
- » Brad Schrick

- » Branden Buel
- » Lynn Everroad

- » Janet Nunamaker
- » Bradley Timmons

- GIVING OPPORTUNITIES -

Starting your own fund at the Gorge Community Foundation

At the Gorge Community Foundation, we connect people who want to make a difference with local organizations and nonprofits creating lasting change. By establishing a fund with the Gorge Community Foundation, you can establish your own legacy during your lifetime. You can give now and see the ways your contribution is making our communities better and stronger—now and for years to come. Whether you're interested in the environment, education, the arts, or helping those who lack basic needs, the Gorge Community Foundation can connect you to organizations addressing the causes you

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to respond to the needs of their local communities—and receive a tax advantage for doing so.

Community foundations are not just for wealthy families and individuals. There is no minimum amount to start a new fund; the only rule is that the fund must reach \$10,000 before grants can be made. Donors can also give gifts of stock or include the foundation in their estate planning. We multiply the impact of your investment by combining your contribution with those of other Gorge community members so the value of everyone's fund increases.

The most exciting way of giving through the Community Foundation is to start your own fund. A family fund is like having your own foundation, only with none of the work and all of the joy of making grants to worthwhile organizations. Please call or email us for more information.

