



## BILLINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*"Serving the Greater Yellowstone Region of Montana"*

### Spring Newsletter 2017

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Dear Friends of BCF,

We have a great deal to share with you this month. We had an amazingly successful **Yellowstone Valley Gives** day on May 4th. In addition, we are happy to announce our **2017 Grant winners** as well as an endowment award to Yellowstone River Parks Association. None of this would be possible without our wonderful donors and supporters.

Along with our Grant awards dinner, we will be hosting a **workshop** that is perfect for all non-profit boards as they have a fiduciary responsibility for their organizations. You can sign up for the workshop below. Seats are limited.

Please take the time to get to know us, by clicking on our Board of Directors button below.

Sincerely,  
Billings Community Foundation

[Board of Directors](#)

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## Yellowstone Valley Gives - A Big Success for Our Community

We are happy to report that during the 24 hours of Yellowstone Valley Gives, our 85 nonprofits raised \$78,374 from our generous Donors and Sponsors! That surpassed our fundraising goal of \$75,000 and we congratulate all who took advantage of this great way to raise money while spreading the news about the great work of our regional nonprofits.

You can see the final results for each nonprofit by clicking on the "Leaderboard" at: [www.yellowstonegives.org](http://www.yellowstonegives.org) or by clicking on the link on the [BCF homepage](#). **ACE Scholarships** Montana raised the most on May 4th and **DEAP - Development Educational Assistance Program** had the most donors. Congratulations to these organizations and all the rest who were able to use this opportunity to raise additional funds. If you go to the Yellowstone Valley Gives website, you will find that the total raised now reads over \$84,000 because donors can still use this site to make donations to their favorite nonprofit at the through the end of May.

As most of you know, this is not a "fundraiser" for BCF and our main purpose in hosting "Yellowstone Valley Gives" is to assist nonprofits in our region in sharing the story about the great work that they do. All fees collected, and even proceeds from the sale of T-shirts go into the "Sharing Pool" for distribution. Last year around \$34,000 was raised, despite "glitches" in the system, and we are pleased that over \$75,000 was raised this year. A special thanks goes out to GiveGab for providing a great platform for the event and of course our wonderful Donors! Your generosity provides the support that makes so many things possible!

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## Thanks to Our Yellowstone Valley Gives Sponsors

We are thankful for our generous Sponsors whose contributions provided excitement and incentives for giving. You can click on the button below to see all the Sponsors at the bottom page and, by clicking on the "Prizes" link on the same page, you can see the Prize Sponsors and winners. BCF will distribute these prizes in the next couple of weeks. Once we have verified the receipt of all Sponsor funds and the payment of all expenses, the prizes will be awarded as indicated and remaining funds will be awarded through the "Sharing Pool". Those funds are distributed based on each organization's share of the total donations.

[Yellowstone Valley Gives](#)

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## Kudos to Our YVG Leaders!

Putting on a successful event takes a combined effort and we are grateful for the assistance offered by members of our 2017 Steering Committee:

Morgan Gastineau  
Teresa Darnielle-Morse  
Denise Smith  
Chris Anderson  
Kelsey Dwyer  
McCall Linke  
Felicia Burg

Jack Nickels  
Lisa Olmsted  
Stephanie Bond  
Sylvia Danforth  
Lisa Laliberte  
Ralph Spence.

Our thanks also go out to others who volunteered to help at the YVG Donor Headquarters and all those who helped with Donor Lounges.



#### Bulletin Board

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## Annual Award Dinner - June 7th

The Billings Community Foundation annual awards dinner is just around the corner. Please join us on Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> at Prescott Hall on the campus of Rocky Mountain College to recognize this year's grant recipients. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are \$30 per person. To reserve your dinner please email your name and contact information to: [billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com).

## Congratulations to Our 2017 Grant Recipients

### Education:

Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools  
Big Sky Senior Services  
Better Billings Foundation  
Montana Audubon  
Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation  
Big Horn County Library  
Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary  
Family Promise of Yellowstone County

### Human Welfare:

Helping Hands Food Bank  
Living Water Church  
Billings Public Library Foundation  
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Yellowstone  
Child Bridge

Chinook Horses

**Arts and Culture:**

Billings Symphony Orchestra and Chorale  
Western Heritage Center  
Billings Preservation Society -Moss Mansion  
Alberta Bair Theater  
Writers Voice-Billings Cultural Partners

**Natural Resources and Conservation:**

Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society  
NILE

**Economic Development:**

Harvest Church Car Care Ministry

**Endowment Marketing and Support:**

Billings TrailNet

**Animal Welfare:**

Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter

**Billings Bricks and Mortar:**

Dress for Success  
Billings Studio Theatre  
Head Start

**BCF Non Profit Endowment Award:**

Yellowstone River Parks Association

This year \$42,607 grant funding comes from the following nine funders:

- The Matthews-Dousman Memorial Endowment Fund in partnership with the Montana Community Foundation
  - The Rose Family Fund
  - Tom & Arno Wilkins Endowment for Billings Bricks and Mortar Projects
  - The Billings Community Foundation Endowment
  - The Joseph and Katherine Rude Family Fund
  - Steve Wahrlich's Clocktower Inn Fund for Animal Welfare
  - Tancy & Ralph Spence Fund
  - The Billings Community Foundation Arts & Culture Fund
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## Sponsor our Annual Awards Dinner

BCF considers it a privilege to be able to award grants to well-deserving nonprofits. The work being done by the dedicated staff and volunteers of these organizations is amazing. Our awards dinner is a remarkable opportunity to hear each grant recipient share their organization's story which promises to be truly inspiring!

BCF would like to extend the opportunity to you or your company to celebrate the terrific work of our grant recipients. By sponsoring this event you will be able to say thank you to all 28 non-profits receiving grants this year. Two sponsorship levels are available for your consideration:

- Gold - \$500 (includes 4 complimentary event tickets)
- Silver - \$250 (includes 2 complimentary event tickets)

Sponsors will be included in the event program and recognized from the podium. Please consider sponsoring this celebration. Through grants from the Billings Community Foundation, nonprofit organizations are making a difference in the lives of many in our communities. Please email your sponsor level, name and contact information to: [billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com)

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## BCF Welcomes our June 7th Workshop Presenter

You are invited to attend a 1-hour workshop prior to the Award Ceremony, presented by Jean A. Fidone-Schroer, Regional Vice President of Anchor Capital Advisors LLC. She will discuss fiduciary responsibilities for Non-Profit Staff, Boards & Advisors. This will be an excellent program for all local non-profit organizations and we hope you take advantage

of this opportunity.

The workshop will run from 4 PM to 5 PM. To register please email your name, organization and contact information to: [billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com) or download the form below. This seminar is presented free of charge by the Billings Community Foundation and

we are pleased to be able to offer this important workshop to all nonprofits throughout our region.

[Registration Form](#)

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## Help Us Grow Our Endowment

As we visit with prospective client partners at Billings Community Foundation, we often stress the importance of planning for the future. For an organization to thrive and grow, the notion of long-term financial security is critical.

And so it is with Billings Community Foundation. As we continue to serve our community's philanthropic needs, the **BCF Endowment** must continue to grow. We are very proud of the services we provide to client partners, the funds we grant to such worthy organizations, and the expertise and assistance we lend to a number of organizations throughout the Greater Yellowstone Valley. However, we want to do even more!

With your help, we can do more. A donation to the BCF Endowment makes our outreach and future growth possible. Please consider helping us grow our endowment so that we may continue to be a philanthropic center for our region. For more information about a gift to the BCF Endowment please contact us at [billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com) or call 406.830.3334

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## Become a Billings Community Foundation Sponsor

Billings Community Foundation is seeking community-minded individuals and organizations to support our efforts to provide grants to nonprofits in our region. We are specifically seeking support at the \$1,000 level through advertising funds, an outright gift, or donation of in-kind services of that value. Your sponsorship turns into additional granting dollars for BCF!

Community Sponsors receive:

Recognition as a Community Sponsor in all BCF Newsletters for one year  
Recognition as a Community Sponsor on the BCF website for one year  
Complimentary tickets to the BCF Annual Awards Dinner  
Recognition as a Community Sponsor at the BCF Annual Awards Dinner

This is a great opportunity for you or your business to be connected with BCF, a nonprofit, tax-exempt, innovative community fund. Your sponsorship would give BCF an increased ability to fund grants to more nonprofits, doing important work in our community.  
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## Thanks to our 2017 Sponsors



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