

Billings Community Foundation 2014 Spring Newsletter



Message from Our President



Greetings,

I am looking forward to BCF's upcoming Grant Awards Dinner on June 4th. It is always a pleasure to honor the good work of nonprofits in the area. We are especially proud to honor Obert Udem this year. Obert is a treasured board member and we salute his many years of community service.

Awards Dinner: June 4th

Billings Community Foundation's Awards Dinner is just around the corner. Join us Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at Prescott Hall on the campus of Rocky Mountain College to recognize this year's grant recipients. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person.

This year's grant recipients are:

- Beartooth Humane Alliance
- Better Billings Foundation
- Big Horn County Library
- Big Sky Senior Services
- Billings Family YMCA

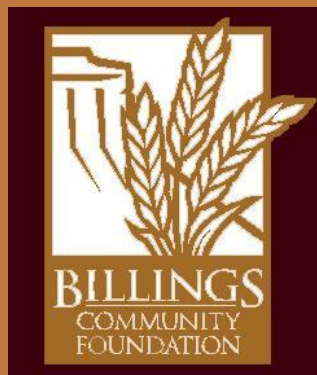
At this year's dinner, we will also recognize our lifetime list of donors who have contributed to BCF's Endowment Fund. Income from this endowment will allow BCF to increase our grants and services in the future. If you are interested in supporting BCF in this way, I encourage you to consider making a gift before our June event so we can properly recognize your support that evening.

It is exciting to be part of BCF's continuing service programs that help nonprofit organizations make a positive difference. Through our granting program, our fiscal sponsor program, our endowment services, donor advised funds, and special funds, we are proudly carrying out our mission of "enhancing the capacity of donors and charitable organizations to meet the needs of the greater Billings community."

Please consider attending our June 4th workshop, "Principles of Good Governance and Ethical Practice," presented by Dan Miller, CPA at Anderson ZurMuehlen. We hope this workshop will provide organizations with helpful information that further enables them to successfully meet their goals and carry out their missions.

A big thanks to all our supporters! Sincerely,

Colleen Weast



Let your good work begin with us

- Broadview Community Center
- Community Hope, Inc.
- Friends of Pompeys Pillar
- Help for Homeless Pets
- Helping Hands in Hardin Food Bank
- The Family Tree Center
- Tumbleweed Program
- Yellowstone CASA, Inc.
- ZooMontana

This year, we will also pay tribute to Obert Udem, our special guest and colleague.

Preceding the dinner from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., BCF will host a free seminar presented by Dan Miller, CPA with Anderson ZurMuehlen. Dan's topic will be "Principles of Good Governance and Ethical Practices." Held at the Morledge-Kimball building on the RMC campus, the seminar is near Prescott Hall. Reservations are required.

Join us for this wonderful event, honoring both grant recipients and our own Obert Udem. For more information on the dinner and sponsorships, or to make reservations for the dinner and/or seminar, please call 839-3334 or [email](#) Suzanne McKiernan.

Thank you to our sponsors for making this celebration possible!

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BCF Granting Programs: **A Proud History of Giving**

The 2014 granting cycle is indeed a landmark year. This year, Billings Community Foundation passes the \$100,000 mark for giving! Since 2007, BCF has awarded 111 grants to 59 area nonprofits. The total amount gifted? (drum roll please....) \$117,546! WOW! That is impressive!

However, what is even more impressive is how those granting dollars have positively impacted the lives of many. Think of the number of folks whose lives have been touched by one of the 59 nonprofits who have received financial support from BCF: children, families, women, senior citizens, the arts and yes, even our four-legged friends! Now, that is something to be proud of!

Future Gifts: Leaving a Legacy

What do you love about your community? What would you like to preserve for future generations?

Philanthropy offers valuable estate planning advantages and allows you to create a lasting legacy for the public good. Whatever your philanthropic dreams, Billings Community Foundation offers an array of tax-wise options to help you make a difference for years to come.

With a planned gift through BCF, you can be sure your goals will be realized. You may want to consider a charitable trust or bequest to fulfill your wishes for the future. Other types of planned gifts will allow you to receive income during your lifetime and benefit your favorite causes after you have passed on. BCF can help you prioritize your goals for social impact while achieving the most favorable income tax benefits available.

Your planned gift may be unrestricted, leaving it to the Foundation to direct funds toward the most

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**Cocktail Reception provided by
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Honoring Obert Udem

The Billings Community Foundation Board of Directors is proud to announce the



establishment of
the Obert
Udem
Community
Vitality
Endowment.

This endowment
honors the
tireless
commitment

Obert has made

to philanthropy, and his excellent leadership in community organizations and education. In the past 40 years, Obert has volunteered his time as a founding member of the Arkansas Community Foundation, served on the board of the Montana Community Foundation, and is a founder and current board member of the Billings Community Foundation. His professional work at Rocky Mountain College as the Director of Planned Giving has provided generous gifts to the college and its students.

This endowment will continue to enhance Obert's outstanding vision by establishing a matching grant program to benefit organizations which have an established permanent endowment, or wish to set one up with the Billings Community Foundation. It is an exciting opportunity for recipients in the region to offer vital services, with the support of the endowment.

critical community needs, or you may create or add to any of our existing funds.

We encourage you to work with your estate planning professional or tax advisor to determine the type of gift that is right for you and your family. To learn more or to have a confidential conversation about planned giving, contact BCF at 839-3334.

Seeking Sponsors

Let us help you promote your business while benefiting the Billings region.

BCF is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, innovative community organization governed by local citizens to promote philanthropy and charitable giving in the follow counties: Yellowstone, Carbon, Stillwater, Big Horn, Treasure and Musselshell.

BCF is seeking community-minded individuals and organizations to support our efforts and to help provide grants to nonprofits in our service area. We are specifically seeking support at the \$1,000 level through advertising funds, an outright gift, or donation of in-kind services.

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

Please consider a Community Sponsorship for your business or organization. All funds received through our sponsorship programs go toward funding community grants. What a wonderful way to have your business publicized, while supporting Billings Community Foundation!

Please consider a gift to the Obert Udem Community Vitality Endowment. Your gift will be a much appreciated part of a special endowment honoring a great man. If you would like more information about this endowment, please call the office at 839-3334 or [email](#) Suzanne McKiernan.

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About BCF

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