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Passion For Polson Marks Second Year

Sparkling lights, fresh white roses, white tablecloths, a "Polson Forever Diamond Fizz" signature cocktail, a swing band accompanied by smooth vocalists, friends mingling in elegant attire, all set on the lush lakeshore grounds of Bird Point made "Diamonds en l'Air" **the party** of Polson's summer.

Held on a balmy, cloudless evening, Saturday, August 21, the theme exemplified the mission of the Greater Polson Community Foundation (GPCF): *"Making Polson the Gem of Flathead Lake".*

This was the second annual "Passion for Polson Celebration" hosted by the GPCF and drew one hundred donors and supporters (some from as far away as southern California and Chicago). Pat DeVries, Polson's mayor and Cathy Cooney, program director for the Montana Community Foundation joined other community leaders in celebrating the GPCF and Polson.

Friends and donors of the Greater Polson Community Foundation enjoyed an evening of "Diamonds en l'Air" at beautiful Bird Point surrounded by sparkling water, music, conversation, and laughter.

GPCF President Penny Jarecki announced the recipients of the 2010 grants, and Cathy Cooney called GPCF *"outstanding among other local community foundations"* for leadership, increasing the size of its endowment in a down economy, and for the example it set with the series of three workshops on "Bequests and Planned Giving" it presented earlier in the spring/summer.

Jarecki challenged donors to add another $10,000 to the endowment that evening, a goal that was quickly met. The second goal of adding $12,500 was surpassed, and supportive donors wound up the evening by adding more than $13,000 to the GPCF endowment! This was truly a "sparkling" achievement for GPCF's first major fund-raising event.

Diane Grogan won a weekend getaway to Philipsburg's Gem Mountain through a raffle drawing.

The evening was made possible by the generosity of our Host Sponsors who support the Greater Polson Community Foundation: *Gold Sponsors* – Jens & Jackie Gran, Penny & Charles Jarecki, First Interstate Bank, Jules & Ann Clavadetscher, Lois & Arn Hart and John Cowan; *Silver Sponsors* – Lori & Ralph Lasche, Liz & Jon Marchi, Darlis & Daniel Smith and Bill & Peggy Olson.

The Greater Polson Community Foundation also wishes to acknowledge the following companies and individuals for their in-kind contributions to the event: Jackie & Jens Gran, Megan Gran, Daniel & Darlis Smith, Toni Young, Penny Jarecki, Total Screen Design – Mike Lozar, Polson Golf Course, Liz Marchi, St-Char-Ro Rentals, Dytano Digital Imaging – Tyson Dupuis, Delaney's Landscape Center – Twila Delaney, Bishop Signworks – Kara Bishop, Karla Gallatin, KC & the Valley Cats and Chris Ricciardi.

Penny Jarecki, President of GPCF, and Cathy Cooney, Program Director for the Montana Community Foundation, react to John Cowan's, GPCF Administrative Chair, report that donors have exceeded the goal for the event ($12,500) by giving $13,660!

GPCF Earns Incentive Grant

The Greater Polson Community Foundation (GPCF) has won "Best of Class" for the second year in a row for adding more to its endowment in 2010 than any other local community foundation in Montana less than five years old.

This $1,500.00 recognition from the Montana Community Foundation has been re-granted to worthy non-profits in the community.

Also because the GPCF was successful in adding more than $30,000 to its endowment before June 30 of this year, it received an additional $5,000.00 in incentive grants from the Montana Community Foundation which has already been re-granted to 2010 grant recipients.

Arlene Long and Chuck Jarecki volunteered their time and labor in the landscaping re-do at the John Dowdall Theater this spring. The old over-grown junipers were replaced with additional topsoil, a layer of weed barrier cloth, and new low-growing shrubbery, all topped off with gravel mulch. Their efforts gave a new look to the south side of the theater.

Treasurer's Corner

Exciting is an understatement for your Foundation's financial accomplishments thus far this year!

Financial Mileposts

- First gift of a life insurance policy
- First gift of securities
- First legacy gift by will
- First major fundraiser resulting in an endowment addition of $13,660.

Montana Community Foundation awarded GPCF $8,500 in matching, incentive and administrative grants this year.

Estate Planning Workshops were sponsored with a total attendance of 257 for the three sessions. A small surplus of $1,700 was added to the Endowment Fund. Many thanks to our co-hosts: Community Bank, Farm Bureau Financial Services, Grogan Funeral Home, St. Joseph Retirement Community. When Congress ever makes a decision on the estate tax law an updating workshop is being planned for 2011.

Goals

One of the goals for 2010 is to increase the permanent endowment to $100,000. With a little push at year end this amount should be attained.

Odds and Ends

These are challenging times for all non-profit organizations. Thank you all for your support whether it has been monetary or in kind. Have a good and prosperous New Year.

Easy Access To Economic Indicators

Do you wonder about the current economic indicators for Montana? There is a website that covers education, health, wages, income, unemployment, population characteristics and more. Simply go to:
www.indicatornorthwest.org.

Why GPCF?

The roots of the Greater Polson Community Foundation began on this single belief: Montanans have a strong sense of place. At the same time, research shows that Montana has no history of keeping its resources at home. With funds kept in the community, the area can build wealth to address evolving needs.

GPCF is an independent public charity that stewards philanthropic resources from institutional and individual donors to community based organizations. GPCF is prepared to play a key role in identifying in solving community challenges. In order to keep a rural community vital, we must address its continual needs. We can no longer depend on the government and school system to define it. The foundations neutrality brings people together to talk about issues.

2010 Fiscal Year Grants Awarded

The following non-profit organizations received grants from the Greater Polson Community Foundation:

Family Matters/Coalition for Kids $1,000 — Scholarships for exercise and dance classes to enhance well-being and self confidence in children during an eight month period

Loaves and Fish Pantry $2,000 — Purchase equipment to teach clients food processing and better equip them to make basic nutritional meals

Mission Mountain Enterprises $1,500 — Ability to use video conferencing (tele-psychiatry program) to advance health and safety of local area developmentally challenged residents by providing access to a statewide community of mental health professionals

Big Arm Association $825 matching grant — Reproduce early 1900's photos of the Big Arm area, case them and display them in the restored school house

Recipients of 2010 grants from GPCF: (Back row, left to right) Theresa Taylor, Carl Ross Memorial Foundation; Diane Richard, CASA of Lake County; Marilyn Trosper, North Lake County Public Library; Cheryl Weatherell, Foster Grandparents Program; Julie Berry, Coalition for Kids. (Front row, left to right) Lee Engbretson, Big Arm Association; Chris Toppen, Mission Mountain Enterprises; Gil Mangels, Miracle of America Museum; Bryan River, Loaves and Fish.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) $1,100 — Recruit and train volunteers to represent the best interests of children in court

Foster Grandparent Program $1,000 — Computer and software to improve online reporting requirements

Polson City Library $800 — Replace interior doors that have become a safety issue

Carl A. Ross Memorial Foundation $2,000 — Provide children's swimming lessons under a Provider Agreement with the American Red Cross for July & August, 2011

Miracle of America Museum $1,000 — Lighting retro-fit to comply with Federal mandate

Because Of You: Final Grant Reports Show Appreciation

As the deadline approached for the second distribution of GPCF grants, all those who received grants from the previous year gave full accounting. A few notable recipients from 2009 grants follow:

Mission Valley Aquatics — The grant from GPCF paid for 60% of the printing cost of 350 Case for Support folders. Since the printing, MVA has collected @ $74,300 in donations and pledges.

North Lake County Public Library — The GPCF grant was put to effective use in the public education/awareness effort. Increased community awareness led to a mill levy successfully passing in a special election this summer. The levy will stabilize funding and take NLCPL securely into the future.

Sandpiper Gallery — Renovation of the adjoining room to the gallery is complete. This finished room has been used for watercolor as well as drawing groups. Artist's opening receptions allow more space for public. Outside groups have also used this space, such as a Norwegian language class.

Polson Flathead Historical Museum — As Polson celebrated its 100th anniversary this summer, our museum went all out with special exhibits and programs that brought to life to those earliest years when Indian tribes and white settlers began learning to live together. GPCF's grant enabled the museum to welcome visitors to enjoy all informative events free of charge.

John Dowdall Theater — Landscaping on the south side of the theater was renovated and replanted with shrubbery that sets off the unique architecture of the log building with GPCF grant monies.

St. Joseph Hospital — Cancer patients and their families enjoy a totally remodeled reception/gathering area at the Oncology Clinic; a GPCF grant helped cover the remodeling costs.

(L-R) Nate Doyle, Gerrie Boyle, Shirley Parker, and Bryan River, volunteers at the Loaves and Fish Pantry, work in the new kitchen area where clients will soon receive cooking lessons on how to prepare nutritional meals from the food items available at the Pantry. A grant from GPCF provided funding for the kitchen equipment.

Donations

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