



Greater Polson  
Community  
Foundation

# Legacy



## What's New at Greater Polson Community Foundation

### GPCF Helps Put Construction Trades Tools in PHS Students' Hands

Polson High School has added a new and timely course to its curriculum this year, the Construction Trades program. The class, taught by Jay Sampson, has a total of 11 students, four seniors and seven juniors. The class is double-blocked which means it is two periods out of a seven period-day, allowing for 100 minutes of work/class time

A grant from the GPCF paid for twelve sets of carpentry tools and tool belts as well as a 16-foot mobile tool trailer for tool storage.

Beginning projects for the students will be the



construction of two storage sheds. A future goal is to build a house, the sale of which will help fund the program. Other more immediate projects discussed are a timing shed for the PHS track events, a meat

drying rack for the PHS Indigenous Immersion Program, an improved PHS entrance sign, and other storage sheds for the Polson School District purposes. In addition to these hands-on building projects, class time will include inviting local professional tradesmen as guest speakers, field trips to visit job sites, and developing other skills such as learning to back up a trailer and learning to operate a skid steer among other construction equipment.

### Safety, Security, and Crisis Preparedness Starts with GPCF Grant

*-Mike Cutler, Polson School District Superintendent*

Keeping kids safe at Polson Schools while safeguarding their individual rights is complex. The Greater Polson Community Foundation (GPCF) recognizes this and has generously donated \$25,000 allowing us to take the first necessary steps to improve safety, security, and crisis preparedness.

With this donation Polson Schools have hired "Critical Response Group, Inc." who can set up real-time mapping of our schools for first responders in the

event of an emergency. They will know exactly where to go.

Our goal is to provide the safest and most secure environment for our children so that they can thrive academically and socially. Polson Schools have many safety and security deficiencies that have been identified recently by outside organizations, and this is a critical first step. Our school is committed to enhancing students' safety, and thankfully, the GPCF has given us a start to that complex process.



Superintendent Cutler at the District office, Polson.. Kristi Niemeyer photo, courtesy of the Lake County Leader.

## ***GPCF Loves “Hot Dogs” – Grant Provides Funds for Protection from the Weather***

The Mission Valley Animal Shelter (MVAS) is thankful for being a 2022 GPCF grant recipient and for giving voices to those who cannot speak.

Raeva Corkill, MVAS manager reports, “Because of the generosity of your grants we were able to complete our shelter renovation projects before winter. We have replaced the broken privacy panels between our outside kennels as well as a few indoor panels. We installed the roof system and enclosed three sides on the outdoor kennels to help protect the dogs from the

harsh winds and snow that our winter months bring. We were able to purchase a few more dog igloos so every dog has a shelter in their outside kennels for more protection from the weather.” She added, “If anyone is interested in donating, the shelter is always in need of more dog beds and de-icer for all the outside areas and all donations of dry/wet pet food are welcome as the demand for cat and dog food always increases as the temperatures drop.” For more information call 406-883-5312.



## ***Share Our Story – A Request from Marsha and Bob Vick***

When it comes to natural beauty, we Polsonites have hit the jackpot. With the rugged Mission Mountains on the east, the vista of the largest, cleanest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi and its islands to the north, the rolling hills to the west, and the blue “Big Sky” above, ours is one of the most beautiful spots on planet Earth.



*Photo by Jennifer Rolfsness*

It is up to us lucky residents to support a community worthy of this glorious setting. Here are two suggestions:

- 1) be a model of responsible citizenship for our children, and
- 2) support and encourage the community volunteers and non-profit organizations who work hard to make Polson the best it can be.

Because faithful donors to GPCF have been doing this very thing since first grants were awarded in 2009 and have been doing so ever since, we became supporters and legacy donors.

Polson community continues to grow. We have many newcomers to our community. You can help make them aware of GPCF’s success story. Share this newsletter with a new friend or neighbor. Extra copies are available at the GPCF office. Better yet, provide GPCF with names and addresses, and a personal copy will be sent to them. Call 406-883-4723 or email [gpcf4723@gmail.com](mailto:gpcf4723@gmail.com).

Thank you for sharing the GPCF story

*Marsha & Bob Vick*

## **GPCF Vision Statement**

We facilitate and invest in the development of a robust and welcoming community where all have the opportunity to be healthy, educated, creative, productive, and prosperous..

## Partnering with W4W for Better Community Health

This past August, Women4Wellness offered Lake County communities the opportunity to participate in six outdoor health series: outdoor zumba, a guided hike in the Mission Mountains, water aerobics, yoga on the water, a 5K walk/run, and a wellness social gathering.

“These events would not be possible without the help and support of the GPCF Trust Based Grant,” Eleanor Vizcarra, coordinator of the Women4Wellness Health Series, said. “Our aim and work at Women4Wellness is to help the many people in Lake County thrive through well-being in physical and mental health and we appreciate partnering with organizations who care about their communities,” she



added. Women4Wellness announced that the Health Fair will be held Thursday, May 18, 2023, at the Joe McDonald Event Center in Pablo.

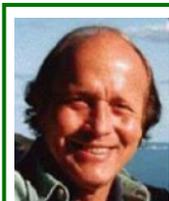
## Grant to CASA of Lake and Sanders Counties – Completes Youth Space Project

The Greater Polson Community Foundation is very happy to award a Project Grant to Court Appointed



Special Advocates (CASA) this year for their Youth Connection project. The grant provides a room next to the CASA office designed for the comfort of youth and their parents with areas for sitting, eating, reading and play. It has a separate observation area to provide a family with a level of independence during a supervised visit while still in the presence of a visitation monitor.

CASA provides supervised family visits and parenting classes for families who are or may be at risk of experiencing abuse and neglect. These youth continue to love their parents and need to maintain contact with them. CASA supports the youth's family connection and eases the pain of separation and its traumatic effects.



**“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.”**

**– H. Jackson Brown Jr., author**

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### Please Consider This

*Naming the Greater Polson Community Foundation (GPCF) in your will establishes your permanent legacy. Every gift to the GPCF permanent endowment fund benefits the community you love forever.*

## North Lake County Library Nears Renovation Goal

The Next Chapter Campaign, led by the North Lake County Library Foundation, is close to its goal of raising \$2 million for the planned remodel of Polson's North Lake County Library.

It has posted a Request for Qualifications for General Contractor/Construction Manager Services (GC/CM), a major step to allow construction to start early in 2023. Several major Montana construction companies have indicated that they will be applying for this GC/GM contract. Deadline for submittals is November 17.

Connie Brownell, chairman of the Next Chapter campaign stated, "We are so grateful for the many generous gifts for this renovation received from community businesses, civic groups, individual, and foundations such as the Greater Polson Community Foundation. \$1.6 million has been donated so far. Now we need that final 'boost' that will get us across the finish line so construction can begin in early 2023." Visit their website for ways to direct your gift to this worthy project: [www.polsonlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.polsonlibraryfoundation.org)

## Because We All Love the Lake – GPCF Helps Flathead Lake Biological Station Engage Youth

Flathead Lake Biological Station's Flathead Lake Aquatic Research and Education program (FLARE)



Teachers attend a workshop at Flathead Lake Biological Station in preparation for engaging more students in discovering the Flathead Lake ecosystem

engages K-12 students and teachers with aquatic educational resources to expand their knowledge about lakes and rivers.

Through field trips to the station, local students are immersed in hands-on activities focused on the cutting-edge science taking place at the Bio Station.

With support from the Greater Polson Community Foundation, the Bio Station purchased more supplies and printed additional activity booklets to engage more learners in discovering the Flathead Lake ecosystem.

In September, 2022 they shared this activity with teachers taking part in a teacher workshop on site. We are looking forward to engaging more students and teachers with this hands-on activity in the future.



### Thank you, Donors

As our national celebration of Thanksgiving Day nears, your GPCF team counts the generosity and loyalty of our donors as a special blessing.

We are thankful that our current donor retention rate stands at 56 % which is 24.6% higher than the national average.

*Together, we are making a difference!*

### Your Legacy

*Please remember the Greater Polson Community Foundation in your will or estate plan to continue your legacy of supporting our community.*

## You Make the Difference. We Make It Easy

**“Someone is sitting in the shade today  
because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”  
– Warren Buffett, investor and philanthropist**

This quote by Warren Buffett expresses the motivation of the founders who established the Greater Polson Community Foundation 14 years ago. They envisioned a permanent endowment that would benefit our community for generations to come. It is their legacy. We hope you will make it your legacy too.

In addition to gifts of cash, GPCF is able to accept gifts of securities (stocks, mutual funds, etc.), real estate, and other tangible personal property. Certain gifts can provide lifetime income back to the donor, including Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts. These gifts can also provide a 40% state income tax savings, up to \$10,000 per individual, through the Montana Endowment Tax Credit.

If you're over 70 and have an IRA, consider making GPCF the beneficiary of your required minimum distribution (RMD).

Gifts can also be made from a donor's estate, upon their passing. The easiest way to make such an impactful contribution is to name GPCF the beneficiary of your IRA, CD, Insurance, Annuity, Savings, or Checking account. A donor can also direct in their will or trust that a specific dollar amount, specific asset, or percentage of their estate be left to benefit GPCF.

Or you may choose to establish a Donor Advised Fund at GPCF with a single gift that allows you to give to the causes you care about most. You will have the opportunity to name your fund and endow your fund to ensure it will honor your legacy.

We will permanently honor you or your family when you include GPCF in your estate plan. Your name will always appear as a contributor to GPCF. (If you wish to remain anonymous, we will honor your request.)

Everyone has different tax situations and philanthropic goals. When considering these giving options it is important to consult with your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor. Questions about complex gifts can also be directed to the GPCF Investment Committee at 406-883-4723.

### DID YOU KNOW

*Certain gifts can provide the donor lifetime income, including Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts. These gifts can also provide a 40% state income tax savings, up to \$10,000 per individual, through the Montana Endowment Tax Credit.*

**“The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone,  
but the things you do for others remain as your legacy.”  
– Kalu Ndukwe Kalu,  
Nigerian born American political scientist**

***GPCF would love to have you consider us for your charitable donations.  
Please check with your tax advisor and your financial advisor  
to maximize your tax benefits and charitable giving impact.***

# Here are the people who help us realize our vision:

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*Memorial gifts honor those who loved our community, and are invested in the GPCF permanent endowment fund.*

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