



Every Great Library Starts with a Foundation

Over the years the Greater Polson Community Foundation has supported the library through Impact Grants for purchases like our Book Nooks that are placed in businesses around town, our LEGO table, digitization of the Lake County Leader, device charging stations, book binding repair machine, multi-function copier, our self-checkout machine, a Nintendo Switch gaming system for our new Young Adults area, and a new large-screen SMART TV and speaker system for our renovated meeting room. These Impact Grants have made it possible for the library to offer fun and useful equipment and services for our community.

For the past three years, we have also received GPCF's Trust Grants, which we are using to help fund our Wi-Fi hotspot program. Internet access is so important for education, work, and entertainment, and we are thankful that we are able to make this popular service available utilizing these grants.

As the completion of our library renovation nears the end, we want to say how grateful we are that GPCF has supported us with a \$100,000 grant toward construction. This much-needed renovation couldn't be a reality without the support of wonderful organizations like GPCF. Thank you for all you do for our library and our community!

-Abbey Dooley, Director, North. Lake County Library



Left to right: Ryan Gage - NLCLD Foundation, Marc Vergeront GPCF Grant Committee, Abbi Dooley - NLCLD Director, Connie Brownell - NLCLD Foundation, David Lewing - GPCF Board Member, Angela Claver - NLCLD staff, Mallory Witham NLCLD staff, Kathy Kuberka GPCF Board member, Becky Peltz - NLCLD Foundation, Jeanette Phillips - GPCF Grants Chairman.

Construction Trades Class Continues

The Construction Trades class was added to the Polson High School (PHS) curriculum in 2022 with the help of a \$25,000 Greater Polson Community Foundation Impact Grant. The class was a "hands on," learn-by-doing class where the students successfully built storage sheds, learned roofing skills by repairing the roof of a storage shed at the Middle School, and built two study cubicles in the PHS main office. They also built a bunkhouse where they learned framing, electrical wiring, siding, and some finish carpentry.

This year the class, which meets every day for a two hour time slot, is being taught by Drew Dumont. PHS principal, Andy Fors, says he knows the kids enjoy the class and believes it is the bright spot in their day. Jay Sampson, PHS assistant principal who taught the class last year added, "The class gives kids the confidence they need to apply for construction jobs in summer or after school hours. I know several of my students have done so."

-Photo by Jay Sampson



Leaving Your Mark- Join the Anchor Society



An anchor holds something secure and provides stability. This defines the purpose of Greater Polson Community Foundation's newly created **Anchor Society**, described in the enclosed brochure.

When donors include GPCF in their estate plans, it ensures funds will be available for our community's future needs. Your legacy giving becomes the anchor of the GPCF.

Membership in the Anchor Society recognizes and honors the generosity of the donor and becomes an inspiration for others. Legacy gifts can be made in a variety of ways and in any amounts. More information is available in the brochure.

Our hope is you will consider how our community has blessed and enriched your life, and that including GPCF in your estate plan will be your legacy.



Geared Up with Gratitude

Safety is Polson Boxing Club's top priority, so they used a GPCF Impact Grant to purchase Sting headgear for the competition team and a Fierce reflex cobra bag to train.

Coaches and their trainees are all grateful for quality equipment that makes their sport safer.

The Club started in 2015 to empower individuals through personal growth and physical fitness. Season 9 kicked off November 1 for the adult class (high school on up). Youth class (ages 10 to high school) will begin January 2, 2024. Practices are four days a week with as many as 23 participants in a single class. Practices are held upstairs in the VFW Building, 423 Main, Polson.

GPCF Commits Funds for Educator Grants for Next Three Years

Greater Polson Community Foundation and Polson School Education Foundation (PSEF) joined efforts this year to fund Educator Grants for teachers in School District 23 for qualifying special projects and equipment that enhance learning.

Linderman teachers Deanna McElwee and Miranda Devereaux each received \$1,000 Educator Grants.

McElwee will purchase tennis gear for her "Elementary Tennis Equipment", and Devereaux will buy class sets of Mini Labster Miniscopes for her "Mini Scopes for On-the-Go Learning."

GPCF agreed to fund \$4,000 for each of the next three years to support future PSEF Educator Grants.

Cheryl Maldonado 1955 to 2023

We are mourning the untimely death of GPCF director and dear friend, Cheryl Maldonado, who passed October 16, 2023.



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GPCF Vision

To Promote Philanthropy in our Community.

We use this generosity to support the initiatives and partnerships that positively impact our community and inspire others to live generously.

Faces of Philanthropy

It all began in 2011 when Bob Zimorino, Missoula’s well-known chef, added one of his gourmet dinners for eight to the live auction items at the Greater Polson Community Foundation’s annual *Passion for Polson* fundraiser. That delicious meal prepared and served in a lakefront home was such a hit, Bob was inspired to offer one again for the next fundraiser, and the next, and the next!

Each year, bidding for the beautiful five-course meal Bob and his wife Amy prepare has become more and more competitive.

One year, the winning bid was \$2,500 and Bob said he would prepare two meals if the second-highest bidder agreed to that price. Ever since, that has become a tradition.

So far Bob and Amy's dinners have generated over \$45,000 for GPCF.

At this year’s *Passion for Polson* the top bid was \$5,000, and again, the second bidder agreed to that price, setting an all-time high of \$10,000 for this very special dinner party. So far Bob and



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Why do Bob and Amy spend time planning the extensive menu, shopping, preparing, and, packing it all up for the drive to Polson; then magically putting it all together in someone else’s kitchen? Because they believe in living generously. They have a special spot in their hearts for our community. They want to help us make it the best it can be. And for all of that we are very thankful.

GPCF Financials as of Sept. 30, 2023

Donor Advised Funds are monies entrusted to GPCF to disburse as directed by the donor for a specific purpose such as scholarships, youth programs or the food bank.

Cash and Investments Amount

Cash-Local Banks	171,711
CDS Local Banks	27,000
Charles Schwab	525,746
MT Community Foundation	1,030,561
Donor Advised Funds	<u>292,014</u>
Total	2,147,032

Directed gifts represent donor money that is directed to specific non-profit organization in the community.

Revenue

Donation	103,730
Passion For Polson Event	60,110
Montana Community Foundation	77,474
Directed Gifts	81,700
Investment Income	7,028
Other	<u>11,780</u>
Total	341,822

Directed Pass-through Grants are monies that flow through GPCF but are passed on to another non-profit organization in the community.

Expenses

Grant	59,705
Directed Pass Through Grants	94,850
Passion For Polson Event	5,704
Office Operations	5,908
Investment Management	<u>1,423</u>
Total	237,590

Polson and Ronan Code Girls Thank GPCF

- Melissa Dunning, Fund Development Director

Code Girls United is a statewide free after school program to teach girls computer science, coding and business skills while building self-confidence. The organization was thrilled to begin around the state in mid-September with over 300 girls!

Polson Code Girls has partnered with Polson Boys and Girls Club for the second year. Six girls in grades 4-6 are enrolled, with two in their second year. In Ronan, 13 students are enrolled in grades 4-8 assisted by Ronan High School student volunteer, Amy Snyder.

Our students have successfully created apps in just these few short weeks. Students will participate in our Northwest App Challenge in the Spring, by creating apps addressing community issues they care about. This challenge lends opportunity for students to work in teams to win scholarship prizes!

Students have created apps to help with issues such as food waste, mental health and animal welfare. We can't wait to see what the students will develop this year! Thank you to Greater Polson Community Foundation for supporting this work to empower young girls to "code their own futures!"

- Photo by Hilary Lozar, B&GC STEM Coordinator



GPCF Mission

The Greater Polson Community Foundation provides permanent leadership empowering donors to continuously build and strengthen our community.

Here are the people who help us realize our vision:

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