

COMMUNITY ROUND-UP

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WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS

In its first 18 months, Yellowstone Club Community Foundation has evolved from a new, grant-making nonprofit to a critical nexus in the Big Sky/Bozeman area, connecting local groups to funding, as well as finding new opportunities to serve people in the community.

Thanks to the generosity of Club Members, YCCF has been working in close cooperation with groups and schools that are addressing priorities consistent with our mission: community service, education, and conservation.

This has meant providing \$400,000 in grants to eligible organizations in 2011. It has also meant working with community leaders to assess and then address the most serious needs, such as hunger, education and at-risk youth.

GOLDMAN SACHS GIVES

A gift from *Goldman Sachs Gives* recommended by six Goldman executives, who are also Yellowstone Club Members, will make it possible for YCCF to help ensure school children in our community will have enough to eat every day.

There is no more critical need than to prevent children from going hungry. As hard as it is to think about, hunger is very real for some families who are our neighbors.

The Goldman Sachs Gives donation, combined with YCCF funding, supports "Healthy KidsPack," a program that makes sure youngsters have enough to eat every day in a way that deals with the sensitivities of families struggling with poverty.

Our partners in this effort, Human Resource Development Council and the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, provide kids who may not otherwise have a balanced meal on the weekends a backpack of food to take home on Friday afternoons. The YCCF donation was enough to double the number of kids served, from 400 to 800.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AT YC

Big Sky Youth Empowerment (BYEP) director, Pete MacFadyen, works with local at-risk teenagers from Big Sky, Belgrade, and Bozeman, providing an exceptional opportunity for positive change. This year-long intervention utilizes outdoor adventures (skiing, snowboarding, white-water rafting, and rock climbing) and character education to decrease problem behavior, develop character, and catalyze potential. According to the 2011 outcome-driven parent evaluations, 100% of these youth experienced increased self-esteem and a 74% reduction in illegal behavior.

YCCF grants have enabled BYEP to expand its services to a greater number of deserving youth. In addition to being a crucial funding source, we also provide our adventure course to be utilized as the culminating event for the program. Now an integral piece of their curriculum, the course provides a powerful metaphor for transcending challenges in life and gaining perspective.

With continued support from YCCF, BYEP will implement a critical extension program. The CRUX will guide juniors and seniors completing high school, enrolling in post-secondary education, and obtaining gainful employment. As BYEP completes its tenth year of empowering local at-risk youth, the YCCF is confident that we are changing lives and creating a better community.

CONSERVATION

We are working with two locally based conservation groups - Blue Water Task Force and Jack Creek Preserve - to support the education of local school children and the public about the importance of our watershed. Grants to these two conservation groups will support water quality assessment and education as well as the development of new hiking trails linking conservation land to the Club and providing new opportunities for exploration for Members and our Outdoor Pursuits program.



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THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

YCCF continues to expand its successful partnership with the Ophir School District with a sustained commitment to keeping the rural school up to date with the technology that is essential in 21st century education. As a result, the district made the decision to create a new position for a technology instructor, who will now have the equipment to teach the upper-level computer courses imperative for high school graduates. Students are also using laptops and classroom technology to access resources and classes continents away, giving the students at this school a truly global view.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION IN 2011

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Bozeman, Montana 59718

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SPOTLIGHT ON LEADERSHIP

Without its strong leadership, YCCF would not have been able to reach significant milestones during its first 18 months. Our board sets policies, oversees financial management, and reviews and approves grant applications.

Board members represent a diversity of expertise, but all share a common commitment to making a difference in our Greater Big Sky community. Each issue of *Community Round-Up* will profile a board member and his or her role with YCCF.

BOUGH FAMILY A MAINSTAY OF BIG SKY



Courtesy of Keen Sperry Photo

As cliché as it may sound, the Bough family is a pillar of Big Sky. Jill and Loren and their three children are deeply involved in school and community activities, from basketball games to science programs.

Loren is one of the first YCCF board members and founder of Big Sky LIFT. As chairman of the Ophir School District Board of Trustees, Loren is leading the new school district through a challenging transition. He also serves on the Resort Tax Board, an important function in the allocation of funds collected through Big Sky's three percent resort tax. Big Sky would not be what it is without him.

Loren's business investments take him all over the world, but he always looks forward to returning to Montana, his home state. Perhaps it was his upbringing in a small town outside of Great Falls that instilled him with strong community values. "All small communities across Montana have a tradition of neighbors helping neighbors," he said. "Jill and I feel it is important for our family to be part of this community we live in, and that means finding ways to help it grow, and to be a place that many families will want to call home."

NOTE FROM YCCF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CASEY SCHWARTZ

Yellowstone Club Members have always appreciated and shared in the community spirit found locally in and around the town of Big Sky. I have been a Big Sky resident for 10 years, an active part of the Yellowstone Club for over five years and never has there been this much connectivity between Yellowstone Club and the greater Big Sky community. Thanks to your financial donations and personal involvement, YCCF has been successful in linking Club members with Big Sky organizations, and the difference is palpable.

On May 30, 2011, we awarded our second round of grants totalling \$210,000 in funding. In 2011, YCCF distributed a total of \$400,000 in grants. Thank you to Club Members for helping our new foundation grow and begin to make a discernable difference in Big Sky. The next deadline for grant applications will be December 2011. Those grants will be awarded in early 2012.

I am grateful for your support and urge you to continue to give to our foundation by participating in the second annual Tom Weiskopf Golf Tournament and by making a donation. I would love to talk with you about the myriad ways to get involved in this incredible community. Trust me; all philanthropic endeavors through the Yellowstone Club are noted and appreciated by our neighbors and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you this summer. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or questions regarding fundraising ideas and community involvement.

Casey Schwartz, Executive Director: casey.schwartz@yellowstoneclub.com

NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF COMMITTED PEOPLE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.

Margaret Mead



Big Sky Ski Education Foundation



Big Sky Youth Empowerment



Jack Creek Preserve Foundation

MAY 2011 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Belgrade Community Library
Belgrade Intermediate School, Parents and Teachers for Kids
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County
Big Sky Community Corporation
Big Sky Skating and Hockey Association, Inc.
Big Sky Ski Education Foundation
Big Sky Youth Empowerment
Blue Water Task Force
Bozeman Public Library Foundation
Bozeman Schools Foundation
Bozeman Symphony
Eagle Mount Bozeman
Eagle Mount Bozeman - Wounded Warriors

- Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture
Friends of Big Sky Education
Friends of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center
Gallatin Valley Food Bank
Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter
Intermountain Opera, Bozeman
Jack Creek Preserve Foundation
Montana Meth Project
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks
Ophir School District #72
PSIA-NRM
Rotary District 5390 Foundation
United Way
Women in Action
Yellowstone Country Guardians
Yellowstone Park Foundation



Big Sky Skating and Hockey Association



Eagle Mount

“SAY IT ISN'T SO”

BUT IT IS!



The Wine and Song event this past March was such a hit, we will be doing it again next year! Save the date – March 17, 2012. John Oates has graciously offered to return for the second annual event, and will be joined by another surprise entertainer for an exciting night featuring music and the stories behind the music.

Thanks to all of you that opened your wine cellars and donated such a wide array of unique wines to the Wine and Song Auction. A big thanks goes out everyone who bid on all the wonderful silent and live auction lots. We are proud to announce that we raised over \$100,000 during this awesome event. A special thank you goes out to the folks from Gibson Guitar Corp. in Bozeman for creating custom-designed acoustic guitars that were the highlight of the live auction.

GEARING UP: DONATIONS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

The YCCF donation box was chock-full of skis, clothing and warm layers, thanks to the generosity of Club Members. Forty pairs of skis, five snowboards, at least a dozen helmets were distributed to Ophir School, the Boys and Girls Club, and Big Sky Ski Education Foundation this past season. The donations of warm clothing was also appreciated by many of our seasonal golf grounds crew that started working on our golf course in April, long before the snow melted.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Second Annual
TOM WEISKOPF CUP
GOLF TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 19TH & 20TH

The weekend kicks off with a full day of golf, followed by a New England Lobster Bake and Auction!

The Live Auction will feature exciting items including:

- 4 VIP Tickets to the 2012 Ryder Cup
 - Exclusive Fishing Adventures
 - Exotic Golf Packages
- and much more

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