

# Billings Community Foundation 2012 Summer Newsletter



## President's Report

The Billings Community Foundation has reached early adolescence. We are in our sixth year of operation. We just held our "coming of age" party this June with our first annual awards dinner.

Grants, now in excess of \$100,000, have been awarded in the previous five years but this was the first time we all sat down for an elegant dinner. It was a splendid time for sponsors, grant recipients, donors and board members.

Our goals for the remainder of the year include finding a new development associate and two more board members. We are delighted to have added Eli Johnson to our board.

Our long term goal is to grow philanthropy in Billings and surrounding area with endowed gifts. We believe that with enough capital we can materially affect the well being of the people in our area - in perpetuity.

## Billings Community Foundation

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Donors are the key to our success. They come from all walks of life but at their core they are generous thoughtful caring individuals and organizations. We exist to help them achieve a sense of lasting and permanent fulfillment. We help them feel good about themselves forever.  
Douglas M Osborne  
President  
Billings Community Foundation



#### **BCF Annual Awards Dinner**

On June 6, 2012, the Billings Community Foundation held its annual Awards Dinner to distribute grants in recognition of the great works of selected Billings non-profits. The event was held in the beautiful Prescott Hall at Rocky Mountain College with a delicious dinner prepared by Sodexo Food Service.

This year the recipients were; Beartooth Christian Ranch, Beartooth Humane Alliance, Big Horn County Library, Living Water, Billings Public Schools Backpack Program, Billings Symphony, Yellowstone CASA, Inc., Eagle Mount, Family Services, Help for Homeless Pets, Little League Baseball, Tumbleweed Runaway Program and the YWCA Billings.

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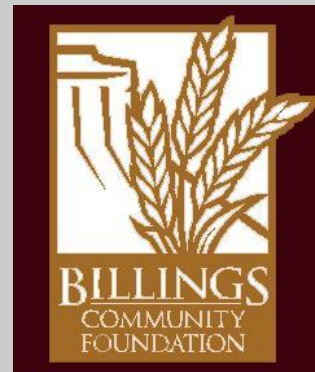
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*Let your good work  
begin with us*

#### **New BCF E-Mail Address and Web Page Updates**

BCF has recently established a new e-mail address. Please use the following for all your

When receiving their BCF Grants, each Recipient was invited to share the story of their important work. In addition, during the "Social Hour" before the dinner, space was set aside



for each Recipient to share pictures, publications and answer questions. Guests were encouraged to visit the Recipient displays while enjoying

**Sponsors for the Dinner included;**  
**Gold Sponsors - Northwestern Energy, St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation, Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation (Modern Machinery & Montana Rail Link)**  
**Silver Sponsors - Anderson Zurmuehlen & Co., P.C., Avitus Group, Best Western Clocktower Inn, Crowley Fleck PLLP, Mass Mutual Financial Group, Moulton Bellingham PC, PPL Montana LLC, RBC Wealth Management/Darnielle Murphy Team, Stockman Bank, Tancy & Ralph Spence, Virginia & Obert Udem**

Prior to the dinner, Dan Miller of Anderson Zurmuehlen & Co., P.C., presented a workshop on the topic, "Transparency, Governance & Accountability - New Public Expectations". The Workshop was held in a classroom next door to Prescott Hall and was both informative and well attended.

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Also, please check out the new look of our Web Site and the new page describing "BCF Services". This page gives a comprehensive overview of all the services that BCF offers to individuals and other non-profits in the Billings area. It also includes a list of groups we are presently working with along with links to their web pages.

#### **New BCF Board Members**

We are pleased to announce that Eli D. Johnson will be joining as a new member of the Billings Community Foundation Board. Eli is a Senior Executive Marketing Specialist for the Avitus Group here in Billings and is also the owner of Blue Moose Landscapes. He is highly motivated and brings a variety of skills to the BCF Board. We are glad to welcome him to the team and look forward to working with him.

#### **Help Wanted - Part-time Foundation Development Associate**

BCF is beginning a search for a part-time Foundation Development Associate. We are looking for someone to employ for approximately 15 hour per week. Please contact the BCF by phone at (406)839-3334 or e-mail with any questions that you may have at

[billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com)



Many thanks go to all who helped with the event, with special thanks to Rocky Mountain College, Vicki Davison, Dale Elmore and Dan Miller. Thanks also to the Award Recipients for the great work they do in our community and to our Dinner Sponsors for helping to make this a very special evening! Net income from this event has been designated by the BCF Board toward funding Grants in 2013.

### **BCF Animal Fund**

Molly and Bell are the four-legged management team that resides at the Best Western ClockTower Inn. They welcome all four-legged guests along with their two-legged handlers to



their pet friendly hotel. They do ask for a \$20 pet fee per night, of which \$5 is donated to the Billings Community Foundation. The Billings Community Foundation then grants those monies to animal welfare organizations. The hope is that homeless pets can

find wonderful two-legged friends that will give them the opportunity for a home and maybe some travel to the ClockTower Inn. Anyone is welcome to donate to the BCF and designate their contribution to the Animal Fund.

### New BCF Endowment Fund

The Billings Community Foundation has established a new Endowment Fund to receive donations in support of the BCF Awards Program and BCF operations. The purpose of the Billings Community Foundation is to benefit individuals and other Billings area non-profit organizations through grants and services while avoiding competing for donations within the community. The goal is to support grants and operations through endowment income and fees for services. With that in mind, income from the new BCF Endowment Fund will be designated first toward fully funding grants awarded in the BCF Grants Program. Any remaining funds will be distributed as needed by members of the BCF Board.

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### The Lutheran Center Endowment Fund

The Lutheran Center is a 501(c)(3) organization that supports a hospitality house providing low-cost housing to guests that have friends/family seeking healthcare at Billing's medical facilities and also family/friends visiting nursing home patients. This is a home-like setting that offers physical and emotional respite during stressful times at affordable rates. The Lutheran Center benefits guests from across Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming and welcomes persons of all faiths, housing approximately 360 guests during a year. The Billings Community Foundation is pleased that it holds an endowment fund for the Lutheran Center. To contribute to this fund and help The Lutheran Center carry on its mission, please contact us or Jona Moss the house manager at (406) 256-5756.

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