

# Billings Community Foundation



## Looking Back .....

A Message from Jack Nickels,  
2011 President

In thinking about how best to describe my year as President of the Billings Community Foundation (BCF) I had to go back to my roots in ranching to find the best analogy to use. That analogy would have to be that of a driver for a fine team of horses working hard to pull a heavily loaded wagon across new frontiers. It has been my true honor to take the reins of such a talented, hard



working team (the board of trustees) and work with them to pull BCF along the path we set out before us. To my fellow board members, each and every one, I say Thank You for giving of your time, talents, and resources to make this journey a smoother one. For it is a skilled driver who allows a team to take its head and pull together along the trail; I hope I was such a driver.

2011 was one remarkable year. We received many donations to our existing endowment funds and are pleased to have established several new endowments due to the generosity of community donors. 2011 saw

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**Doug Osborne -  
President**

BCF continue to impact our 5 county region with grants to 11 of our communities non-profit organizations. To me those organizations are also very much a part of that hard working team and partnership that helps build a community.


It was with great joy and thanks to the wise planning and commitment to our community of the Wilkins family that BCF gave the largest grant in its history to help build a true private/public partnership in the new Billings Parmly Library. The Wilkins were lifelong residents in Billings and when doing their estate planning wanted to give something back to the community they enjoyed living in. So in 2011 BCF awarded the Library Foundation \$10,000.00 towards a new library. This is truly a gift from the Wilkins family that will continue to give back to the community for many years to come. BCF knows Thomas and Amoretta Wilkins would be pleased.

There are many to thank; my fellow trustees, past and present, for friendship and counsel and to the people of Billings and south central Montana who have put their trust in BCF to help build endowments and funds that will benefit all. Thank you for your trust in BCF. I hope to meet you along the trail in the near future.

It is my privilege and honor to introduce our new officers for 2012.

## **The Billings Community Foundation elects new officers for 2012**

At the Annual Meeting of the Billings Community Foundation held in January new officers were elected. We would like to introduce our new President, Doug Osborne. Doug has been on the board of trustees for 6 years, serving as Treasurer and Vice President. Also elected were Ralph Spence, Vice President, Colleen Weast, Treasurer, Katie Bell, Secretary, Jack Nickels, Immediate Past President, Obert Udem, Vice President of Planned Giving and Teresa Darnielle, Assistant Vice President of Planned Giving. Congratulations to all! Please visit our web site at [www.billingscommunityfoundation.org](http://www.billingscommunityfoundation.org) to meet the

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entire board of trustees.

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### 2012 Billings Community Foundation grant cycle now open!

The Billings Community Foundation is proud to announce our 2012 grant cycle is now open. We will be accepting grants from January 15, 2012 thru March 31, 2012.

BCF makes grants for a wide variety of charitable purposes in the following areas:

Education \* Basic Human Needs

Arts & Culture \* Natural resources and conservation

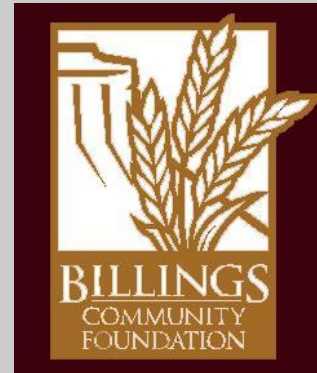
Economic Development \* Endowment Building

Animal Welfare

(Please note: half of our 2012 grant awards will go toward brick & mortar projects.)

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[www.billingscommunityfoundation.org](http://www.billingscommunityfoundation.org) for guidelines, criteria and forms.



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begin with us*