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**The Board of Directors of
The Billings Community Foundation
do hereby establish**

**The Obert Udem
Community Vitality Endowment Fund**

In recognition of nearly 40 years of dedication and commitment to the development of community foundations in Obert’s home state of Montana and the state of Arkansas.



The Obert Udem Community Vitality Endowment Fund

In recognition of almost 40 years of advocacy on behalf of community foundation development, half of it in his home state of Montana, the Billings Community Foundation is establishing “The Obert Udem Community Vitality Endowment Fund.” This fund celebrates Obert’s vision and tireless work on behalf of the Billings Community Foundation, the Montana Community Foundation, and his role as founding trustee and past president of the Arkansas Community Foundation.

This endowment is structured to honor and enhance Obert’s fine work by establishing a matching grant program to benefit organizations which have an established permanent endowment, or wish to set one up, with the Billings Community Foundation. Each year during BCF’s annual granting cycle, organizations will be encouraged to apply for a matching grant. If they are chosen to be a recipient, they will have until the end of the year to raise matching funds to earn the grant on a 1:1 basis. The new funds and matching grant will be added to their existing endowment fund with BCF or used to open a new one.

True to Obert’s wishes, BCF hopes to stimulate vibrant nonprofits with increasing resources spurred through the growth and development of this endowment and its matching grants program. It gives our region another way in which to strengthen and assure the presence of a vital, active nonprofit constituency offering relevant, needed and changing services to the wider Billings area. The future is always bought at current cost and effort. Great happenings are only rarely accidental! Vision leads the way! We hope many will join in supporting this important effort.

About Obert Udem

Over the course of close to 40 years, Obert has worked as a volunteer to promote and encourage the use of Charitable Endowments in establishing personal planned giving/estate planning provisions to assure the permanence and accessibility of important nonprofit services so essential to the quality of life in local communities. Contributions by business entities permits “giving back” to the places in which their success was built and where their employees live, work and play.

In his professional life, Obert served as a trust officer, bank president and estate planning attorney in Minnesota and Arkansas. He then came to Billings in 1995 to serve as director of planned giving at Rocky Mountain College. He has served as a board member of many civic, cultural and commercial organizations and has been a board member of many businesses. Obert was named Outstanding Professional Fundraiser of 2008 by the Montana Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Also in 2010, Rocky Mountain College awarded Obert an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service.

