

# Billings Community Foundation

A special thanks to the following organizations that help us do what we do all year!

- RBC Wealth Management
- PPL Montana
- Rocky Mountain College/Prescott Hall

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## Yellowstone River Parks Association & Audubon Conservation Education Center benefactors of donation

Ron and Jean Smith have been volunteers for Yellowstone River Parks Association and the Audubon Conservation Education Center for a number of years. They wanted to give a gift that would last for years to come. In December, 2009 Ron contacted the Billings Community Foundation to see how they could leave a legacy to these two organizations. The Billings Community Foundation was able to assist them in selling stock to set up endowments for these two organizations and also give a gift now.

They gifted to YRPA for the purchase of the Commemo-



rative Norm Schoenthal Medallion for the fireplace and additional funds to be used for "finishing touches" to the building. To the ACEC they gave a gift to purchase equipment for the

new Norm Schoenthal Web Lab. Ron and Jean were thrilled to hear they were also eligible for the 40% Montana Tax Credit on the endowments

Montana is one of the few states in the country to offer a 40% Tax Credit when giving to a charity. Contact the Billings Community Foundation and we will help you leave your lasting gift. Just like Ron and Jean Smith, you too can make a difference to the organization you are passionate about!

## Joliet Community Center recipient of endowment

Neil and Rosemary Isto were long time supporters of the Joliet Community Center. Rosemary passed away a couple of years ago after a lengthy illness and Neil set up an endowment at the Billings Community

Foundation for the Center in Rosemary's memory. Last year before Neil passed away he made a significant gift to the Joliet Community Center Endowment fund he had previously established with the Billings Commu-

nity Foundation. The Center now has a handsome endowment set up under Neil J. and Rosemary Isto Family fund. Neil was a long time friend and board member of the Billings Community Foundation.

## Katie Bell & Melanie Schwarz

### Join the Billings Community Foundation Board



Katie Bell

Katie Bell, an attorney for Moulton Bellingham, joined the board of directors of the Billings Community Foundation in January.

Katie graduated from the University of Montana School of Law. She also obtained an LL.M. degree in Taxation at New York University School of Law.



Melanie Schwarz

Melanie Schwarz joined the Billings Community Foundation Board in March. She is the current/principal of saltStudio Billings, a division of a saltStudio, a full service marketing and design firm based in Missoula, and owner of Corridor Consulting Inc. Melanie is a graduate of Montana State University Bozeman with a double major in Marketing and Management.

The Billings Community Foundation can help you take advantage of the 40% Montana Tax Credit!

## A Time To Give

Any one can be a philanthropist! You don't have to be a Bill Gates or Warren Buffett to make a difference in the community you work, play and raise your family in. The Billings Community Foundation would be glad to visit with you on setting up a

planned gift to an organization you are passionate enough about to see funded for perpetuity. We can help you take advantage of the 40% Montana Tax Credit. The Billings Community Foundation makes it easy for you and your family to do

good things better. Whether you want to give something back to the schools, churches, and charities that have enriched your life or enhance the good life we share in the community, BCF can help!

## Billings Community Foundation

### Joins the Billings Chamber of Commerce

A slogan of the Billings Chamber of Commerce is "Taking Care Of What We Cherish: A Year Of Gratitude" The Billings Community Foun-

ation could not agree more! We do want to see the area grow and prosper and at the same time maintain the quality of life we all cherish. Because of that the Billings Community Foundation

has joined the Billings Chamber of Commerce to join in their efforts. We are excited to be part of the business community and look forward to a year of servicing Billings and the surrounding area.



GO GREEN! Send us your e-mail address to help us decrease the number of printed newsletters.

## The Billings Community Foundation establishes a new Arts & Culture Fund



An anonymous board member of the Billings Community Foundation established a "field of interest" fund for Arts & Culture. It is an area they have had a strong con-

nection to for many years. This field of interest fund will eventually be used for theater, music, arts, dance, cultural development, historic preservation, library programs and museums.

This fund is available to anyone who would like to donate to the Arts & Culture programs in our communities.

The Billings Community Foundation has many "fields of interest" funds that you can give to. Take your pick! Fund your passion in Education, Health, Arts & Culture, Environment and Parks, Community Affairs and Development or support for a capital campaign for the building of infrastructure used for public purposes.

**Seminar qualifies for one CPE & CLE hour. Space is limited – RSVP TODAY by calling (406) 248-1114**

## Charitable Legacy Planning A Continuing Education Seminar

The Local Community Foundation of the Billings' region cordially invite you to attend this free seminar.

Presenting will be Alvin McGill, TIME Financial, Seattle, WA. During this CPE & CLE seminar, Alvin explores various charitable giving

strategies and their tax ramifications, including life insurance gifts, charitable trusts, annuities and other planned gifts. Also presenting will be Obert Undem, Director of Planned Giving, Rocky Mountain College. Obert is also a Trustee for the Billings

Community Foundation.

**Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

Broadway III, Seminar Room – MSU-Billings - Downtown

2804 3 Ave. N. – 11:30 – 1:30  
lunch included

## Examples of how you can make a difference

Gifts BCF has assisted with:

- One client made two separate donations of land valued at \$325,000.00 to eventually help complete a public part project in the Billings Area.

- A gift annuity given to create an endowment for the Joliet Community Center.
- A trust account to be used as scholarships for Harlowton High School student.

- Endowments set up for YRPA and ACEC.
- Endowment set up for Arts and Culture programs.
- Currently working with a client to help fund a small school.





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## Our Mission

To enhance the capacity of donors and charitable organizations to meet the needs of the greater Billings community and surrounding area.

Field of Interest Funds were created by donors who want to support a general area of philanthropic work. Whether your interest lies in youth enrichment, the arts, or outdoor recreation, BCF will work with you to design a grant selection process that achieves your vision.

Arts and Culture: Theater, music, arts, dance, cultural development, historic preservation,

library programs, museums.

Environment and Parks: Protection of natural areas, conservation of energy, prevention and control of pollution, wild-



life protection, animal welfare, water quality, development and

care of area parks.

Health: Assistance to families, youth, the elderly, disabled, special groups, social service, and those who stand in need.

Education: Lifelong learning activities in formal education settings, support of educational facilities and systems.

Community Affairs and Development: Citizen participation, administration of justice, economic development, employment, training.

Capital Funding: Support for capital campaigns for the building of infrastructure used for public purposes.