



Grays Harbor Community Foundation

Annual Report 2015

Building Community Through Generosity

A Letter from our Executive Director

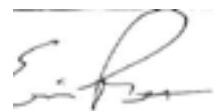
This year has brought a lot of change to the Grays Harbor Community Foundation, but with change also comes great opportunity. Going into our 22nd year in the community, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the wonderful support you have given us throughout the years and especially during this past year of transition.

In 2015, we welcomed new staff, developed a focus on an early learning initiative to bring opportunities to our future community leaders, are bringing capacity building grants to our local nonprofit agencies, partnered with local cancer care providers to better support patients battling cancer in our community, brought relief to victims of the January floods, partnered with The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to strengthen our community impact and are expanding our scholarship opportunities for students in Grays Harbor in 2016. All of these critical resources we brought to our community are the direct result of a caring and kind community of supporters who make our work possible.

When the Foundation began in 1994, the hope was to improve the quality of life in all communities throughout Grays Harbor County. In the past 22 years, we have grown to over \$50 million in assets and are able to reinvest funds back into our community each year. We are able to help make Grays Harbor a great place to raise our children and build a happy and successful life thanks to our donors and supporters as well as the great work being done by our local nonprofit agencies and partners.

On behalf of the staff and board of the Foundation, we look forward to making Grays Harbor stronger together in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Eric Potts

**“WHEN PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY HAVE A DREAM,
THEY OFTEN COME TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
TO HELP MAKE THAT DREAM A REALITY.”**

Quick Facts

In 2015 we had a big impact on our community. Here are some of the ways we made a difference:

*Awarded \$467,517 through our discretionary grants cycle

*Awarded over \$600,000 in scholarships to Grays Harbor students

*Distributed \$1,106,782 in donor advised/designated funds

The Grays Harbor Community Foundation is a 100% local institution. The volunteers who serve on our board of directors, having lived and worked in Grays Harbor County for decades, and know and care deeply about our local communities.

Our board is comprised of 20 local individuals. All directors serve entirely as volunteers. Four officers lead the board and serve two year terms as officers.

OFFICERS

Jon Parker, Chair, Attorney, Parker, Winkelman, Parker (Hoquiam)
Dr. Dave Westby, Vice-Chair, Veterinarian, Raintree Veterinary (Hoquiam)
Wes Peterson, Secretary, Retired Executive Director, Grays Harbor College Foundation (Aberdeen)
Bob Preble, Treasurer, CLU (Aberdeen)

ELECTED MEMBERS

Dr. Donald J. Arima, Dentist (McCleary)
Barbara Bennett-Parsons, Community Leader (Hoquiam)
David Burnett, CEO, Chehalis Tribal Enterprises (Oakville)
George Donovan, Real Estate Developer, Owner, Barrier West (Aberdeen)
Lynn Kessler, Retired Washington State Representative (Hoquiam)
Todd Lindley, Financial Planner, Lindley Financial Services (Montesano)
Michelle Morrison, Business Manager, Lake Quinault School (Lake Quinault)
Stan Pinnick, Superintendent, North Beach School District (North Beach)
Tom Quigg, Owner & Broker, Windermere Realty (Aberdeen)
Randy Rust, Retired Owner, Westport Shipyards (Westport/Grayland)
Kathryn Skolrood, Finance Director, City of Aberdeen (Hoquiam)
Bill Stewart, Attorney, Stewart & Stewart (Montesano)
Mike Stoney, Accountant, Easter & Stoney (Elma)
Rich Vroman, Attorney, Ingram, Zelasko, Goodwin (Aberdeen)
John Warring, Lab Technician, Grays Harbor Community Hospital (Cosmopolis)
Maryann Welch, Retired Director, Grays Harbor County Health (North River)

EMERITUS MEMBERS

Bob Aiken, Founder, Aiken & Sanders (Hoquiam) (deceased)
Isabelle Lamb, Semi-retired Business Executive, Lamb Grays Harbor (Hoquiam)
Frank Larner, Retired CPA, Preszler Larner Mertz & Co. (Olympia)
Richard A. Warren, Retired VP, Lever Bros. Corp. (Hoquiam) (deceased)

Summary of Financials

The Grays Harbor Community Foundation employs a conservative investment policy that has over the years been very successful producing returns higher than benchmarks, while also protecting the assets. Our Finance Committee, made up of Board members with significant financial experience, advise the Board on investment strategy and policy. We work with two investment advisors to manage our assets in compliance with our investment policy that is reviewed quarterly, as is the performance of the two advisors.



2015 Financial Summary

Assets (Jan 2015)		\$50,662,940
Revenue & Support		
Contributions	\$1,655,767	
Investment income	\$123,147	
Total Revenue		\$1,778,914
Expenditures		
Grants	\$1,574,300	
Scholarships	\$578,008	
Administrative	\$450,374	
Total Expenditures		\$2,602,682
Assets (End of 2015)		\$49,839,172

In 2015, the Foundation created an Early Learning Fund to allow funding opportunities for organizations that serve children ages birth-5 in our community. We want children in Grays Harbor to have the ability to live, talk and play in healthy and enriching environments and grow up to be future leaders in a thriving Grays Harbor County.

Giving Priorities

1. Establish quality education and learning opportunities for all ages.
2. Promote health and wellness.
3. Provide broad access to arts, culture and history.
4. Help meet the basic needs of our residents.

Through our discretionary grants cycle last year, we awarded \$467,517 in community grants to our local non profits as well as other charitable enterprises. In accordance with our giving priorities, we receive applications from community partners quarterly for programs and projects that are to the benefit of our community.



The Hoquiam School District's Book Mobile is a project that received funding from the Foundation in 2015. The goal is to involve families and communities in improving community literacy by bringing books and literacy strategies to Hoquiam low income neighborhoods within the Hoquiam School District each summer.

Our Funds

Unrestricted Funds

Raymond S. Kauders Memorial Fund

Marian J. Weatherwax Fund

Weatherwax Grants and Scholarships Fund

Abel-Weatherwax Family Fund

Designated Funds

After School Program Fund

Building a Sustainable Grays Harbor Fund

Building Community Philanthropy

Cancer Care Fund

Dorothy Hoogeveen Memorial Fund

Dr. John F. and Ella Mae Daly Fund

Early Learning

Everybody Reads

Fund for Public Art

Gladys Phillips Cultural Tours Fund

(Bishop Tours)

Goldberg-Chelten Apt., L.L.P.

Grays Harbor Center for Educational Opportunities

Grays Harbor Mentoring Connections

Homeless Youth Education Fund

Kamp Kiwanis Fund

Katherine N. Sherk Fund

M. J. Weatherwax Fund for Aberdeen School District

M. J. Weatherwax Fund for Aberdeen Timberland

Library

M. J. Weatherwax Fund for Grays Harbor College

Foundation

M. J. Weatherwax Fund for United Way of Grays

Harbor

M. J. Weatherwax Fund for YMCA of Grays Harbor

Marjorie K. Johnson Fund

Wayne Fleury Search and Rescue Resource Fund

Westport/South Beach Historical Society

YMCA Maintenance Fund

YMCA Scholarship Fund

Donor Advised Funds

Donald and Vera McCaw Family Fund

Dorothea and Hervey Lawrence Family Fund

Goldberg Family Fund

John Hasbrouck Memorial Junior Golf Fund

Lamb Family Fund

Larner Family Fund

Mary Lou Chalberg Memorial Fund

Merc & Nina Boyer Family Fund

Oskamp Family Fund

Tim and Lisa Quigg Fund

T.J. Lindley Family Scholarship Fund

Westby Family Fund

Scholarship Funds

Aaron Thomas Dineen Memorial Scholarship Fund

Aberdeen JM Weatherwax Alumni Scholarship Fund

American Veteran Home Association Scholarship Fund

Ardine Lewis Scholarship Fund

David Spanich Memorial Scholarship Fund

Del Giles Memorial Scholarship Fund

Donald and Edna Wheaton Fund

Dr. Donald Arima Scholarship Fund

Dr. James and Laura Baker Scholarship Fund

Dr. John C. & Else V. Korvell Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dr. Robert A. Mandich Scholarship Fund

Edd and Annie Hodges Memorial Scholarship Fund

GHCF Scholarship Fund

Hoquiam High School Class of 1965

Karl M Koch Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ken Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund

L. George Pauze Scholarship Fund

Lou Messmer Scholarship Fund

Lyle Lancaster Memorial Scholarship Fund

Lyle Laughead Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mark P Bryan Scholarship Fund

Miles Zepp Memorial Scholarship Fund

North River Community Scholarship Fund

Novak Family Scholarship Fund

Pennie Coffey Memorial Women's Scholarship Fund

Scott A Ferguson Scholarship Fund

Scott A. Weatherwax Memorial - University of Puget Sound

Sue Hunt Scholarship Fund

Wayne D. & Wanda S. Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund

Westport Shipyard National Scholarship Fund

Agency Funds

Aberdeen Bobcat Hall of Fame

Aberdeen School District Business Week Fund

ARC of Grays Harbor

Coastal Harvest Fund

East Grays Harbor Rotary Charity Fund

Friends of the Aberdeen Museum

Healthy Perspectives

Discretionary Grants



SPREADING THE SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY

Recently, the Foundation awarded a grant to the North River Grange for a roof replacement. The roof was in poor condition, but while rebuilding they realized some of the materials were still usable. There were a few homes with small children in the North River area that were experiencing flooding in their homes every time it rained.

The Grange and a group of volunteers took the old roof materials that were in good shape and volunteered their time to replace the roofs on the homes for these families so that their children could be safe and dry.

“WE COMPLETED THE JOB WITH ALL VOLUNTEER LABOR AND NO INJURIES AND BEST OF ALL, A ROOF THAT DOES NOT LEAK AND WILL LAST A MINIMUM OF 30 YEARS.” - BOB SCHOLES, NORTH RIVER GRANGE PRESIDENT

BRINGING CREATIVE OUTLETS TO GRAYS HARBOR YOUTH

This past summer, Montesano Community Outreach applied for a grant to provide a week long summer art camp to local youth grades 4-12, as a way to keep students engaged in learning based activities as well as have some fun! A total of 38 students participated in the art camp that included different activities each day.

The activities included art journals, drawing facial features, line art, tints and tones, warm and cool colors, sculptures and surreal art. The students had a lot of fun and we are happy to have been a part of this creative outlet for youth in our community.



EXPOSING STUDENTS TO COLLEGE

AVID is a two elective class that targets students in the academic middle who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. Often times, they will be the first in their families to attend college, and many are from socio-economically disadvantaged families. Aberdeen High School Seniors from the program went and visited colleges in Eastern Washington thanks to a grant awarded by the Foundation.

Every year, all AVID students take field trips to different campuses in Washington state. Through these trips, students are able to get a sense of where they would like to invest their future academic ventures and get exposed to different colleges, which may not have been an option for them before with the high cost of travel.



**“THE TURF AT ROTTLE FIELD IS A GREAT SOURCE OF COMMUNITY PRIDE FOR THE PEOPLE OF MONTESANO. THANKS TO THE GRAYS HARBOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR HELPING MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.”
-DAN WINTER, MONTESANO SUPERINTENDENT**

COMMUNITY PRIDE

Jack Rottle Field
Montesano got a major facelift in 2015 thanks to tremendous community support including a grant from the Foundation. The field is utilized by nearly 500 students each year who participate in athletics at Montesano. When it rains, which is a lot in Grays Harbor, the field was unusable for students throughout most of the year. The community came together and turned the grass field into an artificial all weather turf that will allow students and community members to enjoy the field all year long.



Donor Advised and Designated Grants

The trustees of a Donor Advised Fund may request a distribution be made from their fund for a charitable purpose. The Staff or the Grants Committee review those requests with the same fiduciary responsibility as discretionary grants and when satisfied, makes the distribution and informs the Board of the request. Agency Funds operate with this same model.

Donor Designated Funds are established with a particular purpose, schedule, and recipient organization defined. The Staff or Grants Committee also reviews those requests with the same fiduciary responsibility as discretionary grants and, when satisfied, makes the distribution and informs the Board of the request.



In 2015, \$1,106,782 was distributed through Donor Advised or Designated Funds

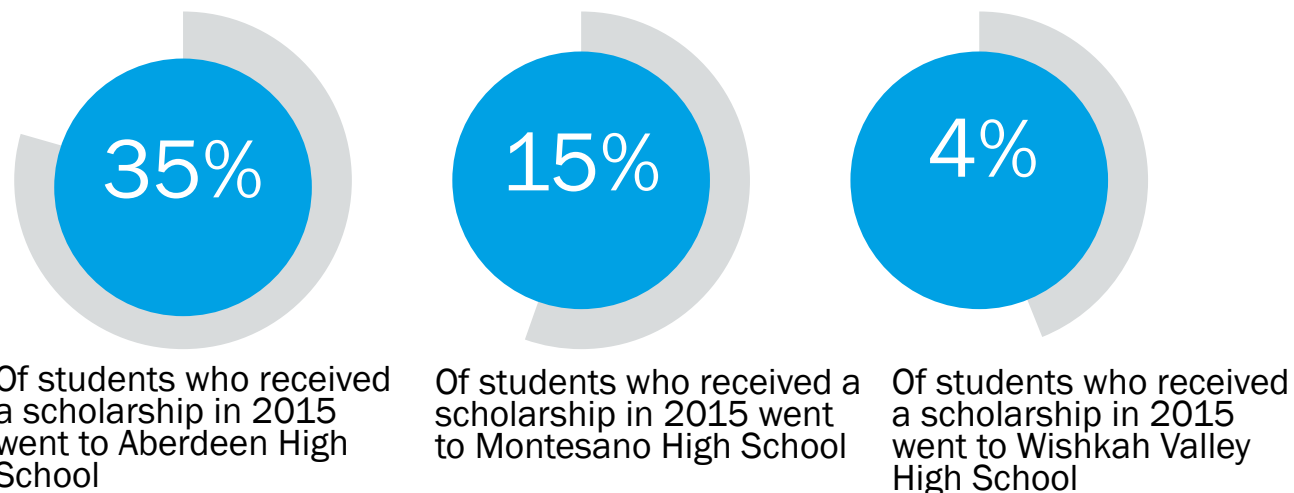
The Marian J. Weatherwax Fund was designed to support several nonprofits that Marian had supported for many years before her passing. Her wish was to support education in Aberdeen and provide scholarships for seniors. She also wanted to provide funds for the United Way of Grays Harbor, Grays Harbor College, the YMCA of Grays Harbor and Aberdeen Timberland Public Library that she had supported as a member of the “Friends of the Library” for many years.

The Gladys Phillips Cultural Tours Fund provides support for all Grays Harbor school districts to offer their students cultural and educational experiences for 4th, 5th and 6th grade field trips both in and outside of Grays Harbor County.



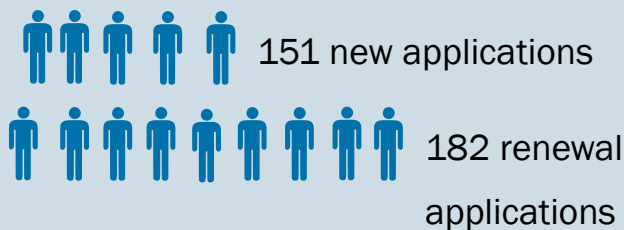
Our Scholarship Program

The Grays Harbor Community Foundation Scholarship Program began in 1999 when Lyle Lancaster, an Aberdeen businessman, left his entire estate to the Community Foundation to establish educational opportunities for Harbor residents. In 2000, we awarded 2 scholarships for \$1,000 each. The scholarship program has since grown dramatically thanks to a generous community and the overall recognition that quality education matters.



The Community Foundation offers scholarships for students that are renewable for 3 additional years at variable amounts. Every year, students need to submit a renewal application as well as a student agreement form that tells us what school or program they are attending.

In 2015 we had:



Scholarships by School (New)

Elma High School	13	\$19,500
Hoquiam High School	17	\$32,000
J M Weatherwax High	55	\$95,517
Lake Quinault High School	7	\$10,500
Montesano High School	24	\$38,500
North Beach High School	6	\$8,500
Ocosta High School	4	\$7,250
Other	15	\$22,500
Raymond High School	8	\$6,000
Willapa Valley High School	6	\$9,000
Wishkah Valley High School	4	\$6,000
Total	159	\$255,267



A Scholarship Story

Being a student who attends a private Jesuit Catholic Institution, my tuition costs upwards of \$55,000 a year. Because of the Grays Harbor Community Foundation, as well as a multitude of other generous organizations, I will only owe just above \$6,000 dollars for my first year at Gonzaga University.

I've been able to experience the legend that is Gonzaga basketball, I've been able to hear the President of Liberia speak, I will be a part of a mission trip known as "Mission Possible" over spring break, and I've had the opportunity to build relationships within the Spokane community. I've had the opportunity to step out of my comfort zone that is Grays Harbor, and experience courses that would not have been offered at another institution. I have also been able to discover the many ways that I can achieve my dream of attending medical school in the future, as well as my future with being able to study abroad.

Due to the rigorous and diverse curriculum at Gonzaga, I am also working towards building an empire of knowledge for my future. Without this scholarship, my education and future at Gonzaga University would be impossible.

-Chandra Munger,
Recipient of 2015 Dr. Robert A. Mandich scholarship

Donor Spotlight

Dr. Bob Mandich graduated from Hoquiam High School as the Valedictorian in the class of 1954.

He received a \$750 scholarship for four years which he used to attend the University of Washington. Without this scholarship he would not have been able to attend college at all.

Upon graduation from the University of Washington, he entered Dental school and had a rewarding career as a dentist.

Now retired, Dr. Mandich wanted to provide an opportunity to attend college for another outstanding Hoquiam High School graduate. Therefore, he established the Dr. Robert Mandich Scholarship Fund at the Grays Harbor Community Foundation in the fall of 2004.

This scholarship is for \$5,000 per year for four years, for a total of \$20,000 to a four year institution in any field of study.





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