



A Special Thanks to Our Donors For Five Years of Giving to the Greater Good.

It's amazing to see what a difference and impact your generosity can have on the future of the Bitterroot Valley's most important asset, the children of Ravalli County. In just five short years we have accomplished so much. This year we are celebrating the first graduating class of the Greater Ravalli Foundation Scholarship Recipients. Since our inception, the Foundation has awarded 58 scholarships. Each of these students is a success story in their own right.

Thanks to your support we have raised approximately \$2 million to date, provided over 8,000 school lunches, 1,800 families have received Christmas and Easter dinners, and our Teacher Supplies Program continues to grow to allow more teachers to provide their classes with necessary school supplies.

The year 2007 was a very successful year for the Greater Ravalli Foundation. We raised over \$443,000 and our grand total for the Project Bitterroot Endowment Fund and Reserve Account is now over \$800,000 and growing. With the generous help of our donor base we hope to grow the Endowment Fund and Reserve Account to \$2 million by 2008/09.

We look forward to accomplishing even more in 2008 and to come even closer to reaching our ultimate goal of ensuring a healthy future for the children of the Bitterroot.

Some of the organizations TGRF supports

- B.E.A.R. Scholarship Program
- Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding
- Bitterroot Youth Homes
- Haven House
- Kiwanis Food Basket Program
- LVA Bitterroot Literacy Program
- Pantry Partners
- Santa Jerke
- School District Meal Voucher Program
- School District Teacher Reimbursement Program for out-of-pocket expenses
- United Way Dental Program

Our Mission

The Greater Ravalli Foundation seeks to financially support the growth and development of Ravalli County's school children K-12, by addressing four specific needs which comprise the basic essentials of daily life in the Bitterroot: educational facilities, supplies and grassroots programs, sustenance, such as winter clothing, hot meals and other food programs, and scholarships for all levels of academic ability.

Our Areas of Focus

Education :

- Science labs
- Computers
- Books
- Scholarships for all levels of ability
- Sustenance in the form of lunches, clothing, jackets and boots
- Capital improvements

Project Bitterroot

Project Bitterroot is a campaign to raise the initial \$2 million needed to establish The Greater Ravalli Foundation Scholarship Endowment and ensure the distribution of 20 scholarships per year to Ravalli County students. Through matching grants we can double that and build a \$4-million endowment. A major component of Project Bitterroot is to encourage Foundation scholarship recipients to come back to the Bitterroot after graduation to serve as positive role models and to invest in the growth and success of the Bitterroot Valley. Currently, scholarship recipients receive \$4,000 each year for two years toward the school of their choice. With Project Bitterroot, if they choose to stay at a Montana state school, recipients will receive funding from various other scholarship funds to cover their entire four-year education and keep them in Montana.

The Power of Potential

A brief glimpse at three of our scholarship recipients.



Kristen Morasko - 2006

"Aside from her outstanding abilities, intelligence, creativity and thoughtfulness, what truly makes Miss Morasko stand out is her steadfastly positive attitude, her ever-present smile, and the warm influence that she has on both the

students she works with and the after-school staff."
Keystones to Discovery Staff Member

The joy of learning is something that has always put a smile on Kristen's face. She believes the look of understanding on a child's face is something that will never grow old and is one of the reasons she's pursuing a degree in elementary education. Kristen knows that her dedication and hard work will someday make a difference in a child's life. A National Honor Society member in high school, she had always planned on going to college, but she and her family had no idea how they could pay for it. With the help of The Greater Ravalli Foundation's scholarship she is now a sophomore at the University of Montana Western earning straight As. Kristen intends on returning to the Bitterroot Valley after graduation and fulfilling her dream of teaching in her very own classroom.

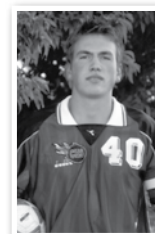


Cody Woolley - 2006

"Students like Cody Woolley are the reason that many of us older teachers continue to look forward to coming to class. Her ebullience and drive inspire us to remember why we teach."

A model student who actively participated in sports and science fairs, Cody was the first in her family to graduate from high school.

She had always aspired to go to college and although she worked at a local restaurant during all four years of high school, her dream was in jeopardy of being just a dream. Cody is now in her second year at the University of Montana. The consummate over-achiever participates in the Flagship Program tutoring middle and high school students in History and English. When asked about her feelings of being a TGRF scholarship recipient Cody said it's tough to imagine what life would be like if she hadn't received the scholarship, but it would more than likely resemble her high school years, living at home and working. And she adds there aren't enough thank yous in the world to show her gratitude.



Ocean Skyrud - 2007

"Thanks to all the donors for contributing to the Foundation. They realize there are kids who have bright futures ahead of them but need a little bit of help to achieve their goals, so in turn, they can help others."

College wasn't something Ocean Skyrud considered a choice. It was something he had to do. A National Honor Society member who lettered in soccer at Corvallis High School, he also had an internship at Willow Creek Veterinary Clinic which inspired him to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Ocean is currently a freshman at Tufts University in Boston majoring in Biopsychology with an emphasis in animal behavior. After graduation he would like to attend the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts, one of the top veterinary programs in the nation. As you can imagine, the financial burden he faces is immense and Ocean probably wouldn't have been able to attend Tufts without TGRF's help. Someday he hopes he is in the position to give back to the Foundation.

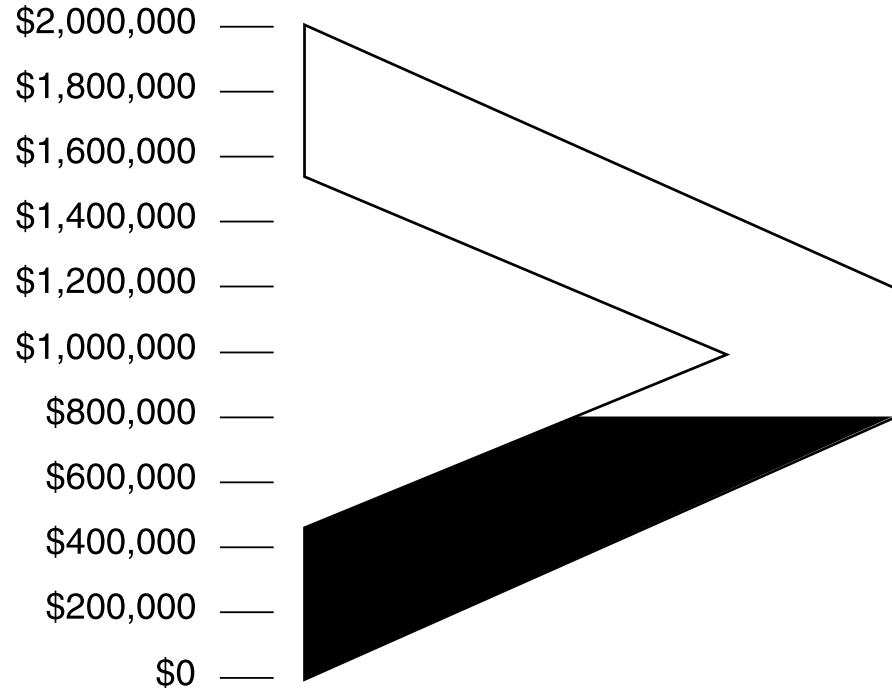


Did you know?

- Every part of the Bitterroot plant can be used for sustenance, just as The Greater Ravalli Foundation has and will continue to put almost 100% of every dollar back into its programs.
- Historically, the Bitterroot plant was extremely valuable — a sack-full could be traded for a horse. The Foundation is a valuable program to Ravalli County.
- A Bitterroot plant can live for a year without water. By creating the endowment, the Foundation can sustain its scholarship program for many years without being reliant on yearly donations.
- In May and June, pink flowers bloom on each stem of the Bitterroot plant. The Greater Ravalli Foundation Scholarship Endowment will help Ravalli County grow and prosper for generations to come.

PROJECT BITTERROOT

DO SOMETHING GREATER THAN > TODAY



Project Bitterroot made its debut in August 2006. Since then we have already raised over \$800,000. Thank you to all who have already given. We are closer to our \$2 million goal. To keep the pace, however, we continue to need your support.

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