

The Greater Ravalli Foundation Scholarship Endowment

Do something greater than > today

Looking Toward the Future

As we look at celebrating our fifth anniversary, we are reflecting on how we started out while also focusing on tomorrow. Over the past five years, The Greater Ravalli Foundation has awarded 30 college scholarships, totaling over \$400,000. In order to ensure the continued tradition of success of our scholarship program in particular, the Board of Directors is establishing an endowment to fund future efforts. The endowment model provides guaranteed funding for scholarships each year and establishes a built-in legacy created by the original donors.

We are calling our yearlong capital campaign - Project Bitterroot. The goal of Project Bitterroot is to raise the initial \$2 million needed to establish The Greater Ravalli Foundation Scholarship Endowment. Through matching grants we can double that amount and build a \$4 million endowment, which will allow the Foundation to award 20, two-year scholarships each year for many years to come.

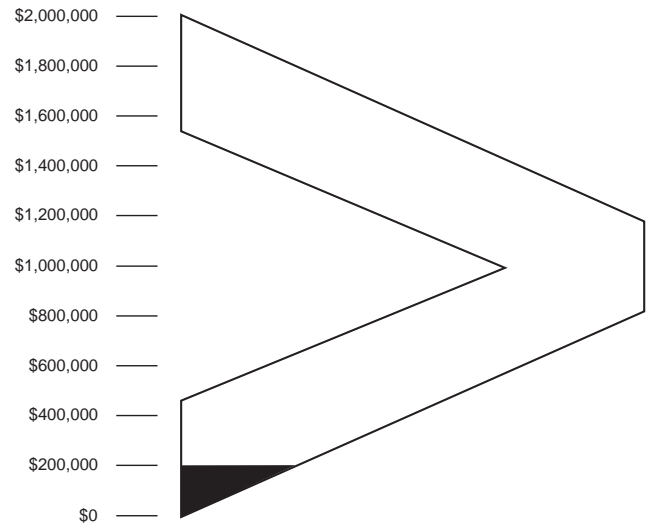
Giving Happens in Many Forms

To reach the \$2 million goal of Project Bitterroot, The Greater Ravalli Foundation is calling on all donors to give what they would over the next three years in a single donation to the endowment this year.

We also need your voice. Tell others that may be interested in giving to Project Bitterroot about the incredible work The Greater Ravalli Foundation is doing here. If you are involved in other Foundations, we ask for your assistance in linking The Greater Ravalli Foundation to a wider network. This will ultimately enable us to develop partnerships that will assist in elevating The Greater Ravalli Foundation to the next level of anticipated and inevitable growth. Just by keeping The Greater Ravalli Foundation and Project Bitterroot top of mind in conversations, we will meet and exceed our goals.

If you would like more information about giving to Project Bitterroot, please call Matt Guzik at 406.375.1887.

Donations can be mailed to:
The Greater Ravalli Foundation
Project Bitterroot
P.O. Box 1146
Hamilton, Montana 59840



PROJECT BITTERROOT

Project Bitterroot made its debut in August 2006. In just one short month, we have already raised \$200,000. Thank you to all who have already given. We are 10% closer to our \$2 million goal. To keep the pace, however, we continue to need your support.

Project Bitterroot

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.

