

GRAYS HARBOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

A Guide to Local Philanthropy

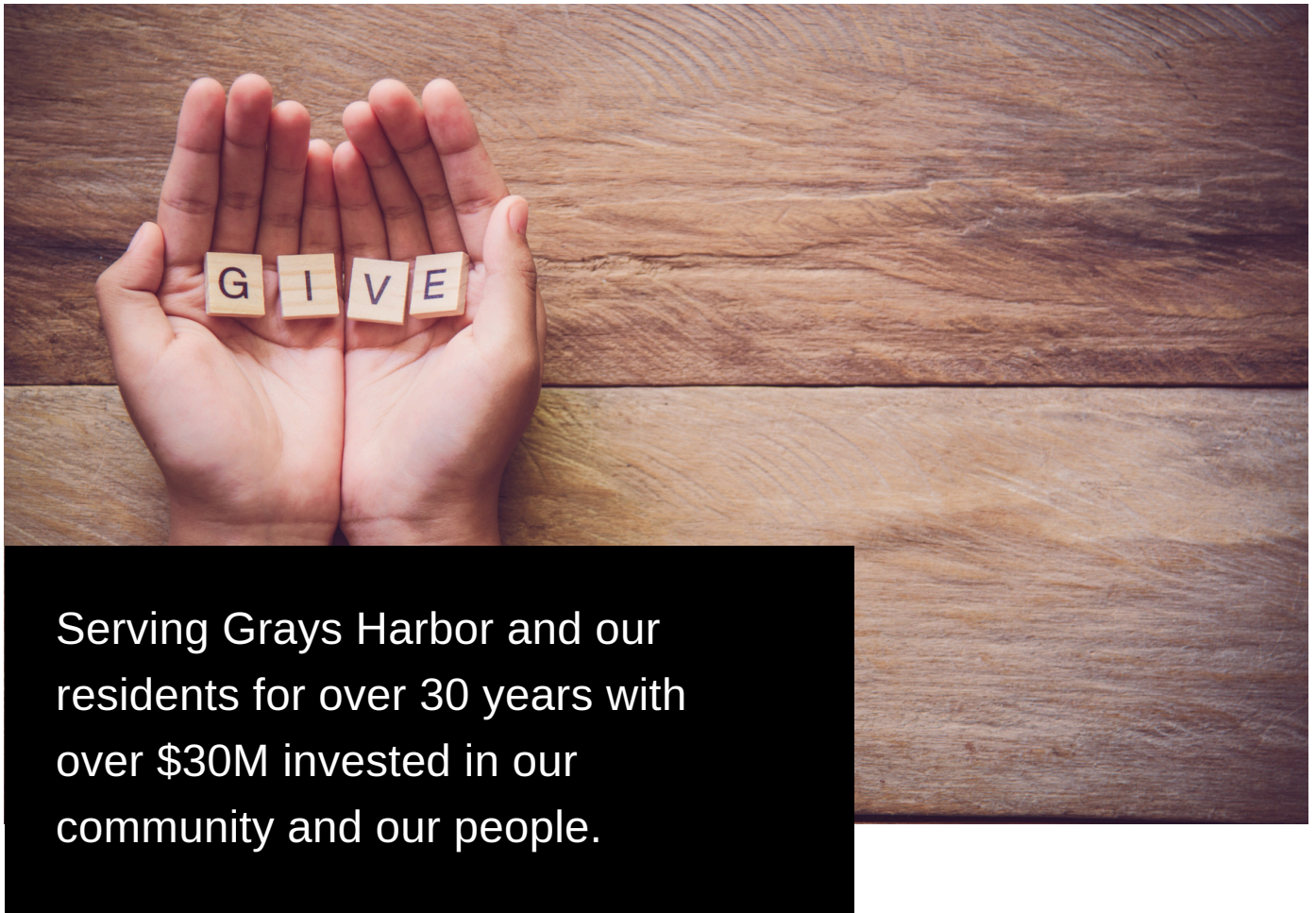
You can change lives in the
community you love. We can help.

Serving all the people in .Grays
Harbor County.



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About Us



Serving Grays Harbor and our residents for over 30 years with over \$30M invested in our community and our people.

Since 1994, the Grays Harbor Community Foundation has advanced community philanthropy in Grays Harbor County by connecting donors to our community's most pressing needs and opportunities. We invite you to explore this guide to learn about the many resources we offer to individuals, groups, and organizations as your local community foundation. Together, we can continue to build a strong Grays Harbor, together.

Whether we are addressing immediate needs or investing in larger projects with a long-term vision, we welcome your partnership and willingness to join us in the work of inspiring philanthropy that makes a difference in Grays Harbor. Thank you for entrusting us to walk alongside you on our shared path toward creating charitable legacies. We also encourage you to reach out to our experienced team at any time! In community.

Let's do good, together



Established in 1994



\$108 Million in charitable assets



\$35M invested in Grays Harbor



What is a community foundation?

Community foundations are tax-exempt public charities that are , supervised by the Secretary of Washington State and help to improve the quality of life for people in their local towns. Donors create and build philanthropic funds that are held and managed by community foundations. Guided always by the donors' intentions, these foundations ensure that grants for the good of the community are made to nonprofit organizations and scholarships are awarded to worthy students.

We partner with nonprofits and communities to create change.

Every year, we team up with amazing people to make a difference locally. At the Community Foundation, everyone is welcome to invest in critical needs and opportunities through our strategic and flexible grant programs. From donors who believe in our young people's potential to students pursuing their goals to everyone who boosts the vital role of local nonprofits in creating thriving communities — we can do more together than anyone can do alone.

How We Put Your Generosity to Work

Generosity is for everyone. It sparks hope and possibility and embraces the needs of our vibrant communities with an everlasting impact that provides real people with a joyful experience in all areas of life. We can uplift and enact this shared truth by giving generously to the communities we know and love. The Foundation offers flexible giving options and six different fund types to meet donors' interests and charitable goals. The fund type that works best for you ultimately depends on how involved you wish to be in making grants or distributions from your fund.



Agency Fund

These funds are for nonprofits that want to provide perpetual income to their organization without the administrative burden of managing an endowment themselves.



Designated Fund

These funds are designed for donors who want to support one or more specific organizations over time.



Scholarship Fund

These funds are for donors who want to help local students pursue their higher education goals. Donors can establish scholarship criteria or leave it to the discretion of the Foundation



Donor Advised Fund

These funds are for individuals, families, businesses, and others who want a convenient and flexible way to participate in grantmaking.



Field of Interest Fund

These funds are for donors who want to support grants around a specific cause or interest, such as the arts, education, health, and more!



Endowment Fund

These funds will last in perpetuity to support organizations close to your heart for many years to come.

Give Back to the Place You Love

Why choose us:

We offer flexible, customized giving options that will help you achieve your charitable goals

We are experienced, knowledgeable grantmakers who know the community, its needs, and the organizations making an impact

For the opportunity to connect and engage with other donors, nonprofits, and community leaders that care about our communities as much as you do

Since 1994, generous individuals, families, and businesses have partnered with us to simplify their giving and maximize their impact

Ways to Give

Invest in Us

Give to support our work of addressing our communities' most pressing needs and promising opportunities.

Give to an Existing Fund

Make a meaningful gift to one of our established funds to support education, health and wellness, arts and culture, and more!

Establish a Fund

By creating a new fund, you can make grants to the causes and organizations closest to your heart.

Leave a Legacy

Continue to care into the future with a planned gift and celebrate your commitment to Grays Harbor even after your lifetime,



Types of Assets

WE MAKE IT EASY TO CONVERT YOUR ASSETS INTO CHARITABLE IMPACT.



CASH

You can give by check, credit card or wire transfer. Give now at www.gh-cf.org.



APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Publicly traded stocks and mutual funds.



REAL ESTATE

Residential and commercial property, farmland, and timberland.



TRANSFER FROM CHARITABLE ENTITIES

If you have a private foundation or other donor advised fund and are concerned with succession planning or don't have time to manage your foundation, you can transfer those assets to the Grays Harbor Community Foundation to create a fund.



IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA directly into many types of Community Foundation funds (with the exception of donor advised funds) without first having to recognize the distribution as income. If you are subject to the required minimum distributions from your IRA, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of that requirement.



BEQUESTS, RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS AND LIFE INSURANCE

- You can create or add to a Community Foundation fund through your will or living trust. Name the Foundation as the beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy.

Administration Details for Funds

The fund minimum is \$5,000 for Agency, Endowment, Designated, Donor Advised, Field of Interest Funds and Scholarship Funds.

- Fees: Annual fund administration and management 1%
- The Community Foundation handles all back office and administrative work, including, but not limited to, required state and federal filings, issuing checks, corresponding with grantees, and producing fund statements.
- The Community Foundation conducts due diligence to ensure that organizations named to receive the grants are in good standing with the IRS.
- Funds can either be endowed or non-endowed.
- Gifts to the fund are irrevocable.



Sample Will Language

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Grays Harbor Community Foundation, a Washington State nonprofit corporation, located at 705 J Street Hoquiam, WA 98550. EIN XXXXX (Fill in the blank with one of the following three choices):

1. The sum of \$ from my estate...
2. % of the rest and remainder of my estate...
3. All of the rest, residue, and the remainder of my estate... to be used for the organization's general use and purpose.

*If you are considering a bequest but would like to ensure that your gift will be used for a specific purpose, please let us know. We would be happy to work with you and your legal advisor to identify ways to meet your charitable objectives and craft language to accomplish your goals. You may reach us at 360-532-1600.

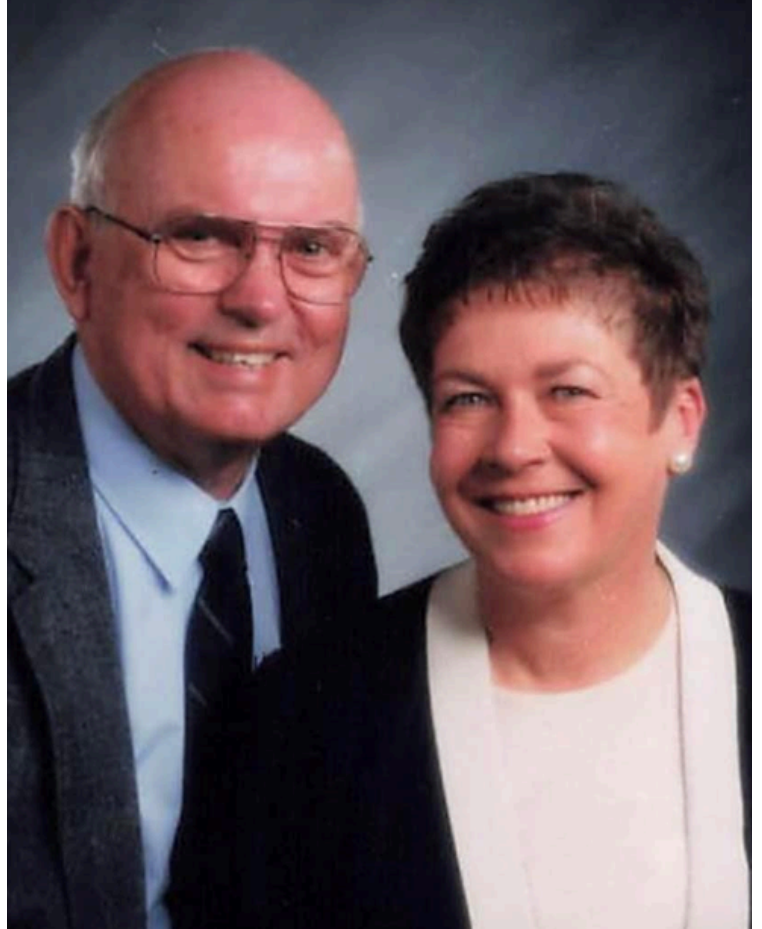
Ted and Liz Bruener Entrust Grays Harbor Community Foundation with \$15 Million Gift

Grays Harbor is more than just a place, it's a community that holds a deep sense of connection and pride. Its familiar neighborhoods and streets carry the memories of generations, and for many, returning feels like coming home. But what truly defines Grays Harbor is its people. Ted and Liz Bruener, two long-standing members of this community, have chosen to leave a lasting legacy. By entrusting the Grays Harbor Community Foundation with a \$15 million gift, they are ensuring that their support will continue to benefit local organizations for many years to come.

Throughout their lives, Ted and Liz quietly contributed to the well-being of Grays Harbor, particularly focusing on youth sports and education in the communities of Lake Quinault and Hoquiam. Their generosity, done quietly and without fanfare, made a lasting impact on the lives of young people and reflected their strong commitment to community.

Eric Potts, Executive Director of the Grays Harbor Community Foundation, commented, "The Theodore and Elizabeth Ann Bruener Endowment Fund is one of the largest gifts we've received in our 30-year history. Their generosity will support several local organizations, including St. Mary School, Grays Harbor College World Class Scholars Program, and the school districts of Lake Quinault and Hoquiam. The Bruener's were particularly passionate about youth sports, with some of their fondest memories being of watching their son, 'Mr. Ted,' play baseball at Olympic Stadium."

"This gift has the potential to transform local organizations and will enable us to carry forward Ted and Elizabeth's charitable vision for many years," Potts continued. "Thanks to donors like the Bruener's, the Foundation now manages over \$108 million in assets, strengthening our ability to serve the community."



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The power of giving in your community is boundless. You can help people live healthier lives, support the arts, help students succeed in school, promote health and wellness, create vibrant neighborhoods, and so much more. We are here to help you make the good you envision a reality.



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