

Looking forward to our 25th Anniversary greeting us on January 1, 2021.



CBF Calendar

November 11
Veteran's Day Honor A Veteran

November 18
CBF Board Meeting

December 17
Donor Appreciation Month & Holiday Gathering

December 20
Remember to mail end-of-year giving!

December 25
Gather around the tree!

January 1
Scholarship & Grant Season Launch

Happy 25th Anniversary CBF! Get ready to celebrate in 2021!



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NEW FUNDS

Friends of New Hope • McKay Foundation Agency Endowment & Special Projects
Microsoft Tech Fund • Wayne L. Bartelheimer Athletic Memorial Scholarship

Nonprofit News

COLUMBIA BASIN FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER - FALL 2020



From left to right: Corinne Isaak, Jacque Hunt and Leslie Taylor

A LABOR OF LOVE

I can remember like yesterday my first CBF Board meeting on a January evening in 2004. I was asked to apply for the office manager position and invited to meet the board. As a farmer's wife with 4 children including a two-month-old baby, I was intrigued by this organization but getting to the meeting was challenging. I knew in my heart that it was not the right time in my life to accept this career opportunity, so I decided to volunteer as a board director.

For 11 years, I served on the CBF Board of Directors gaining a wealth of knowledge about nonprofits. I devoted my time and energy creating and organizing Celebrate CBF at Cave B, attending meetings, visiting donors and believing in our mission because truly CBF had become my labor of love. CBF enabled me to make a difference and be a part of something bigger than myself. In 2015, a marketing position became available, so I transitioned from volunteer to employee. Same passion but new position! In 2018, my title became office administrator, and I learned every facet from finances to fund management.

This March, the same week that COVID-19 became our reality and our country shut down, I was named the CBF Executive Director. 2020 has been a challenging year for our world, but for CBF, it has been the most successful year since our inception. We are truly a gathering place for generosity and when COVID-19 affected the Basin, donations arrived allowing CBF to accomplish our mission. We thank everyone who values and supports CBF. Whether I call it my labor of love or my professional passion, I dedicate my days to making CBF an organization that is improving the quality of life and shaping the future of the Basin through philanthropy.

I am blessed to work alongside Leslie Taylor. Together, we make a great team and get the job done. However, Leslie announced her retirement in July. So, we have hired a new staff member, Jacque Hunt. In 2021, Jacque will take over Leslie's position, and we are thankful Leslie will continue administering our scholarships. Please have a happy and healthy fall. My hope is that you spend your days like me—doing what you love!

President's MESSAGE

As the election has come and gone and the last quarter of this crazy COVID-19 year has begun, I can't help but think of what a difficult year this has been for Americans. Despite the difficulties, CBF has been able to thrive through it all. One would think a public charity would struggle but the opposite happened this year. We have received more charitable gifts this year than any other year since our organization was established. We hit a major milestone in June—10 million in managed charitable assets and were able to have a successful scholarship/grant season while also launching our ReCOVIDery grant program to be a vehicle of COVID-19 relief. WOW!

Here are a few of my takeaways from 2020. First, people are charitably inclined when needs arise. Second, people are caring and compassionate and want to help. We have seen charitable success in so many areas this year. Third, people are valuing the work of the Columbia Basin Foundation and utilizing our services.

Clearly, 30% of charitable giving occurs in December, so that is good news for us. I encourage you to take time in December to donate to one of our funds that inspires you. I can't think of a better way to say goodbye to 2020 than by giving back and getting ready to start a new year. Take care and please continue to share our philanthropic success story with friends and family. Happy Holidays!

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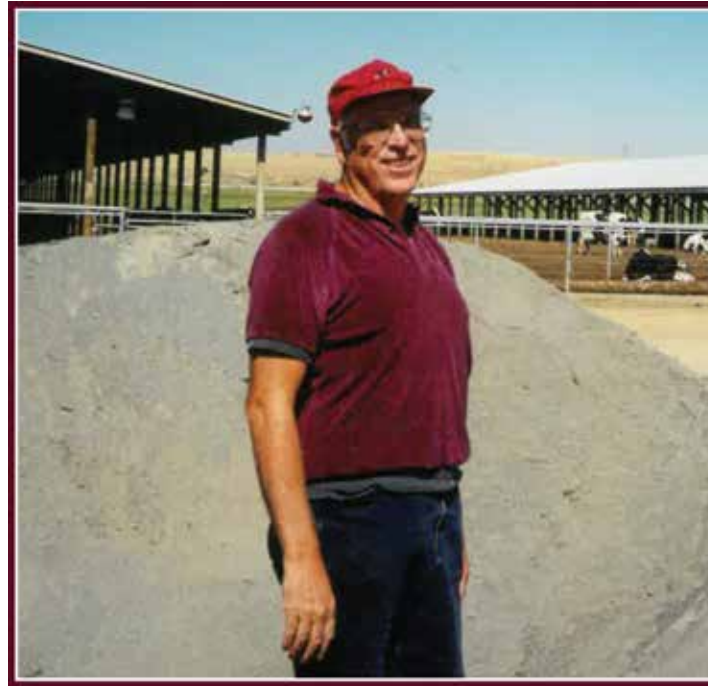
DONOR SPOTLIGHT

WAYNE L. BARTELHEIMER

With a love for running and competing in triathlons, Wayne L. Bartelheimer spent many days of his life training to compete in races. Before crossing the finish line of the biggest 'race' we call life, Wayne made the decision to go the extra mile forever—he donated his estate to charity and named the Columbia Basin Foundation as one of his three beneficiaries.

Born on November 13, 1944, and raised in Snohomish, Washington, Wayne was one of four children. Surrounded by three siblings, Dale, Myrna and Alan, he grew up in a family that had a rich heritage in the dairy business. His grandparents migrated from Nebraska to Snohomish, Washington, with their 11 children in 1912. With 40 acres, chickens, cows and an Indian hut with a dirt floor, they laid down their roots and rolled up their sleeves milking cows. Bartelheimer's parents, Reinhold and Elinor, carried on the dairy tradition. During Bartelheimer's adolescence, he learned the value of hard work on the dairy and was involved in 4-H, FFA and athletics. In 1964 when Bartelheimer graduated from Snohomish High School, he left his hometown and served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. Following his military service, he attended and graduated from Eastern Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1972. He also earned a master's degree from Fresno State University in family counseling. He spent 20 years dedicated to his profession. During his career, he worked for the Lutheran Family Center in Portland with his aunt and uncle. He lived in Fresno, Portland, Kennewick, and Othello during his lifetime. In 1990, he became business partners with his brother, Alan, purchasing a dairy in Othello, Washington. Bar-E Dairy milks 4,000 cows and is operated by Alan Bartelheimer.

Bartelheimer lived a quiet and private life. He was a nice guy who enjoyed his friends, running and supporting causes that were important to him. He enjoyed the social and physical aspects of completing triathlons. It seems quite fitting for a triathlete to name three charities in his estate. He remembered the Eastern Washington University Foundation, the National Parkinson's Foundation, and the Columbia Basin Foundation. In 2021, the Wayne L. Bartelheimer Memorial Athletic Scholarship will launch in the CBF Scholarship System. Graduating seniors or college students from Adams or Grant County High Schools will be eligible to apply.



The primary purpose of the scholarship is to provide funding for students who want to pursue collegiate athletics—intercollegiate, intramural or club programs and who have demonstrated integrity, citizenship, motivation, academic success and financial need.

The Columbia Basin Foundation was honored to receive such an amazing gift. As a community foundation their mission is to improve and shape the quality of life through philanthropy. Based in Ephrata and serving the Columbia Basin and beyond, CBF manages 116 funds with 52 scholarship funds. "Bartelheimer's gift creates such an extraordinary lasting legacy," said CBF Executive Director, Corinne Isaak. "I look forward to managing this fund and watching Wayne's generosity positively impact the lives of students who are starting their educational pursuit. I feel privileged to have this opportunity and will make sure we run with this wonderful gift that Wayne Bartelheimer has given us."

At the end of his life, Bartelheimer knew the direction he wanted to go with his memorial scholarship. On October 6, 2019, Bartelheimer passed away at the age of 74 and finished his race strong with his incredible gift of generosity that will benefit our communities forever. His little brother, business partner and now personal representative, Alan Bartelheimer, delivered Wayne's charitable gift of \$600,000 to CBF. Alan said he knew Wayne was happy to give back to his community and Alan felt so good to be part of the process. Thanks is not a big enough word to express how appreciative CBF is to have this valuable scholarship endowment.

DONOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Our donors are a gift to CBF! Thank you for believing in our organization and valuing our mission. We appreciate you! Looking forward to expressing our appreciation during December!

GET ON THE BUS

The McKay Foundation is raising funds to purchase a resident bus before the snow flies! If you wish to fuel their fund, please consider sending a donation with McKay Bucks on the memo line to CBF!

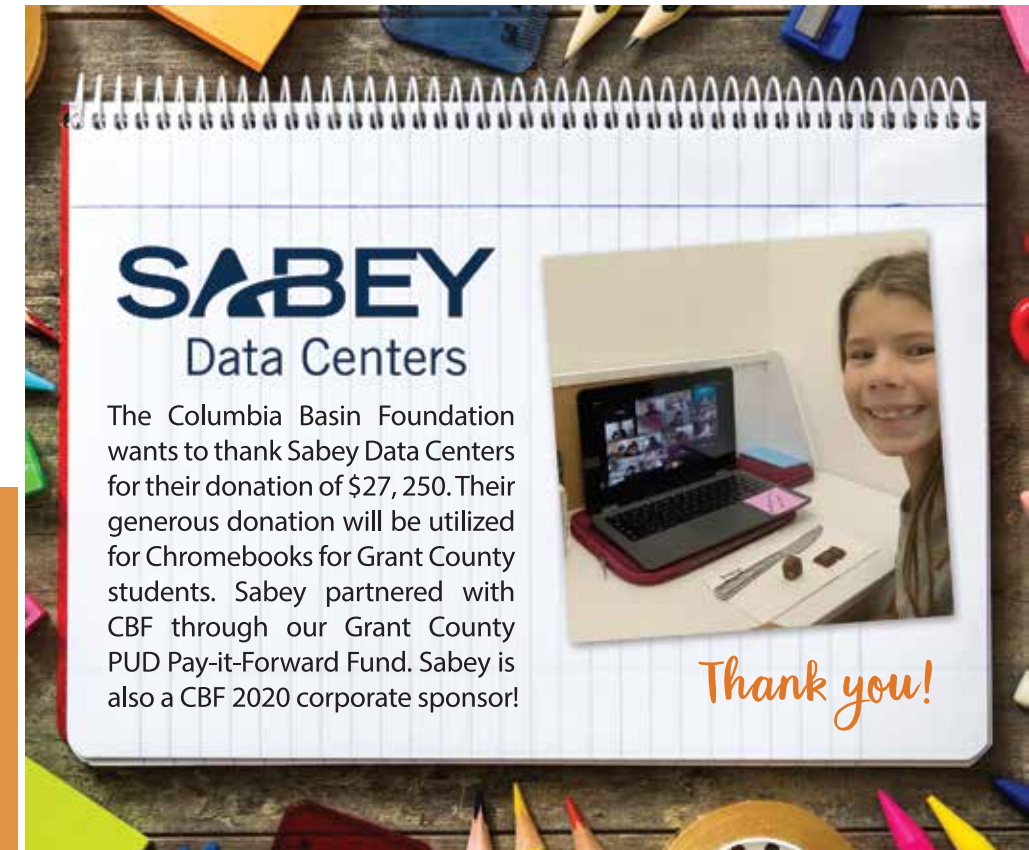
I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back. -Maya Angelou

MEANINGFUL Memos

AG ENDOWMENT

We are dedicated to cultivating community. Our CBF Ag Endowment awarded its first scholarship this year to Lind-Ritzville High School 2020 graduate, Ellie Gering. We are also making our first 4-H distribution this fall for a cooking class for area clubs. Our goal is to raise 1 Million for this endowment which will provide \$50,000 in distributions each year FOREVER! Our roots run deep, so please contact us about this fund. We can accept commodities.

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SABEY Data Centers

The Columbia Basin Foundation wants to thank Sabey Data Centers for their donation of \$27,250. Their generous donation will be utilized for Chromebooks for Grant County students. Sabey partnered with CBF through our Grant County PUD Pay-it-Forward Fund. Sabey is also a CBF 2020 corporate sponsor!

Thank you!

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OFFICE FACELIFT

Over the summer months, we spruced up our office. New paint & flooring have given our space a fresh look. We want to thank the following individuals and businesses: Dawn Baergen, Jaxon Baergen, Dave and Bonnie Helvey, Julie Dingman, Jacquie Hunt, Mike Scellick, Stephen Reagan, Kleyn Auto Sales, Northwest Farm Credit Services, Carpet One, Sherwin Williams, Edward Jones-Bonnie Helvey

2021 SPONSORS

People Allocating Resources Together... PARTnerships make our business better! CBF will showcase 25 sponsors for our 25th Anniversary year! If you are interested in partnering with CBF, please contact us.

10 MILLION

In June, CBF reached a milestone... 10 Million in managed assets! What an accomplishment. We are looking forward to celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2021!

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Please consider making a charitable gift to your fund, a fund you value or to CBF general operations. Our goal is to gather charitable gifts by Dec 20!