

FLAGSTAFF

Jean Brown, Martha Stoneberger, Bob Golub, Jeff Schrock, Mary Robinson and Richard Russell are among the dedicated leaders who guide the Forest Highlands Foundation's grantmaking in the Flagstaff area.



TOGETHER, WE AMAZE.

Forest Highlands Foundation

Forest Highlands Foundation has been making a difference in northern Arizona since 1999. Beginning with one meaningful project to establish the Olivia White Hospice House in Flagstaff, organizers have gone on to raise \$4.7 million for the fund established with the Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff.

Members of Forest Highlands, the first gated golf community in the Flagstaff area, set themselves apart when it comes to helping local nonprofit organizations. Their generosity, combined with proceeds from sponsored events, has produced more than \$4 million in grants for projects that focus on health care, social services, education and opportunities for disadvantaged youth. A short list of recent grant recipients includes funding for a Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona low-income housing project; support for the Flagstaff Family Food Center after the closure of a food bank distribution center; proceeds from a golf tournament for first responders and firefighters to purchase equipment following the Slide Fire in Oak Creek Canyon; and sponsorship and hosting for the Flagstaff Shelter Services' annual dinner.

In addition to gifts from members, annual fundraisers help to grow the Forest Highlands Foundation's fund while building awareness about its work. Driven by dozens of volunteers, the popular events include a golf tournament, a summer raffle program and an evening dinner and auction that sells out every year.

Volunteers are also fundamental to the group's grantmaking process, which relies on both a core group of participants for continuity and new members with a fresh perspective.

ACF of Flagstaff enjoys relationships with a growing number of collaborators, organizations that join together in the annual competitive grants process. Forest Highlands Foundation was among the first to join in the process. Its advisory board members actively participate in the grant application review process and monthly nonprofit site visits.

Several Forest Highlands residents have their own donor advised funds, further powering the community's philanthropic impact.



1987
affiliate's founding year

\$26,618,102
total assets

81
funds under management

\$1,612,617
total grants awarded
in FY15 from all funds

community funds: Page/Lake Powell Community Funds, Tuba City Community Funds, Greater Williams Community Fund

local fact: Flagstaff is often called the "The City of Seven Wonders" because it sits in the midst of the Coconino National Forest and is surrounded by the Grand Canyon, Oak Creek Canyon, Walnut Canyon, Wupatki National Monument, Sunset Crater National Monument and the San Francisco Peaks.

A COLLABORATIVE FUND allows a group of people to support a common purpose or project through a single fund, with grants recommended by a representative committee.