

# Forest Highlands Foundation



## **Annual Report** **April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018**

### **Forest Highlands Foundation Mission Statement:**

The Forest Highlands Foundation exists to make the greater Flagstaff community a better place for all by supporting effective local charitable organizations. The Foundation encourages, coordinates and leverages the generosity of Forest Highlands members to create an identifiable impact on the needs of the community, with primary emphasis on human services for people at risk and programs focused on breaking the chain of poverty in future generations.

## Forest Highlands Foundation Annual Report 2017-2018

As Chairman of the Forest Highlands Foundation (FHF), I am grateful for the opportunity to summarize our activities and accomplishments for our 2017-18 fiscal year which ended on March 31, 2018.

We continue to function as an affiliate organization of the Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff (ACFF), and the bulk of our grant-making is done through the ACFF collaborative community process. ACFF collects grant applications from eligible Flagstaff non-profit organizations, and makes them available for consideration by funders in the Flagstaff community. Our Grants Committee members study the applications, visit the organizations, interview their leadership, and make recommendations to the FHF Board as to how we can spend available funds most effectively to make a significant, positive impact on the lives of neighbors facing challenging problems and coping with severe needs.

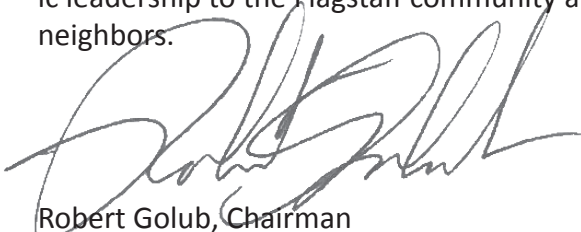
In the summer of 2017, our Grants Committee, Chaired by Dr. Jean Brown, recommended and our Board approved \$166,000 in grants to Flagstaff charitable organizations through the collaborative process. Our largest grants were directed to organizations that alleviate food insecurity, offer healthcare for the uninsured, provide transitional housing and counseling to battered and abused women and their families, provide a range of services to adults with mental and physical disabilities, and offer shelter and housing support to the homeless. In addition, our grants provided literacy training, minority scholarships for advanced education, and educational opportunities to disadvantaged youth.

Our partnership with the STEM Education Initiative at the Killip Elementary School continues to grow and thrive. Our grants are designed to offer practical applications which bring to life what children have been studying in theory. We entertain grant applications from students who make presentations about their proposed projects to a panel of FHF Grants Committee members. The youngsters research their projects, prepare budgets, and answer challenging questions. This year we approved \$8,000 for Killip STEM Projects.

Our Junior Forest Highlands Foundation (JFHF) continues to meet regularly under the supervision of Kurt Martin, FH Director of Recreation. This summer's fundraising project was a family kickball tournament which resulted in a \$500 contribution to the Flagstaff Family Food Center.

Our annual end-of-year appeal for donations from members was very profitable. We owe that success to the hard work of Mary Robinson and Vicki Svoboda. Our Foundation Golf Tournament Chaired by Roger Adler and our Summer Raffle Chaired by John Glass were well-received by the members and financially successful. We also embarked on a new approach to Bearfoot in the Pines, our traditional dinner/auction, in an effort to engage participation from additional FH members. A Wild West themed dinner party chaired by Pam Chaney and Mary Robinson was great fun and a good change of pace; however, the profitability was lower than previous years. We have a Committee working on plans to revive the dinner/auction in the future. We are pleased with our overall fundraising results for the year, but we are mindful that with the large influx of new members in our community, we face the continuing challenge of educating them about the Foundation, encouraging their financial support, and recruiting them as volunteers.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Forest Highlands Foundation, I want to express our appreciation for the generosity of the Forest Highlands community. With your support, we continue to offer philanthropic leadership to the Flagstaff community and to make a meaningful difference in the lives of less fortunate neighbors.



Robert Golub, Chairman  
Forest Highlands Foundation

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**Annual Financial Report**  
**April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018**

<b>Starting Balance 04/01/2017</b>	<b>\$229,680</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Net Investment Interest (ACF Fund)	\$1,831
Donations	\$143,210
<b>Fundraising Events Income</b>	
Raffle	\$26,400
Pro Am Golf Tournament	\$51,500
Dinner Event	\$50,500
Other Events	\$2,810
<b>Total Fundraising Events Income</b>	<b>\$131,210</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$276,251</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	
Past & Future Years Auction Items	(\$26,234)
Raffle	(\$4,500)
Pro Am Golf Tournament	(\$16,067)
Bearfoot in the Pines Event	(\$30,158)
End of Year Campaign	(\$660)
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>(\$77,618)</b>
<b>Operational Expenses</b>	
Administrative and Credit Card Fees	(\$11,170)
Postage Print and Technology Fees	(\$1,392)
<b>Total Operational Expenses</b>	<b>(\$12,562)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$90,180)</b>
<b>Net Earnings</b>	<b>\$186,071</b>
<b>Grants Awarded</b>	
Normal Grants Cycle	(\$166,000)
Out of Cycle Grants - Killip STEM	(\$7,960)
Designated - Grants	(\$2,100)
FH Jr. Foundation	(\$500)
<b>Total Grants Awarded</b>	<b>(\$176,560)</b>
<b>Ending Balance 03/31/2018</b>	<b>\$239,191</b>

  
Pam Chaney, Treasurer  
Forest Highlands Foundation

## 2017 Forest Highlands Foundation Grant Award Recipients

**ANew Living \$1,000** - Rent assistance for vulnerable clients

**Coconino CASA for Kids \$5,000** - Assistance for children in the foster care system

**Coconino County Community Services (Senior Nutrition) \$2,000** - Providing meals to senior citizens at senior centers and by Meals on Wheels delivery.

**Coconino County Sheriff's Office (Exodus Transitional Housing) \$12,250** - Provide short-term housing assistance for individuals who have graduated from the in-custody substance abuse program.

**Coconino County Sustainable Economic Development Initiative (SEDI) \$5,000** - Support Flagstaff start-up and existing businesses by making micro loans and helping to establish credit.

**Flagstaff Family Food Center; Food Bank and Kitchen \$20,000** - Offer support for hunger relief services providing thousands of meals monthly to those experiencing food insecurity.

**Flagstaff Shelter Services (Emergency Shelter Program) \$10,000** - Provide emergency shelter and basic services to homeless men and women 18 years and older.

**Flagstaff Shelter Services (Front Door Coordinated Entry Program) \$5,000** - Assisting homeless clients to access a coordinated entry program into sustainable and affordable housing.

**PATH Homeless Outreach Community Services, Inc. \$10,000** - Outreach to connect homeless individuals with appropriate community resources.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Aid to Homeless) \$1,000** - Providing personal hygiene packages.

**Sunshine Rescue Mission, Inc. \$2,000** - Provide a safe, stimulating licensed daycare with extended hours for children in support of full time working moms unable to afford the costs of childcare.

**DREAMS Organization \$2,000** - Higher education scholarships for minority students.

**Literacy Volunteers of Coconino County \$2,500** - Providing effective literacy services to all learners.

**Northern Arizona College Resource Center (NACRC) \$1,000** Provide information and technical assistance about college admissions and financial aid to students and parents.

**Hozhoni Foundation, Inc. \$8,000** - Medical assistance for adults with physical or mental disabilities.

**Poore Medical Clinic \$25,000** - Provide for medical needs of low income, uninsured neighbors.

**The Peaceful Revolution Project \$2,000** - Provide yoga and meditation classes to inmates in the Sheriff's Re-Entry and Exodus programs.

**Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona \$18,000** - Transitional housing and support for victims of domestic violence.

**Northland Family Help Center \$15,000** - Offer safe shelter and counseling for women and youth who are victims of domestic violence and abuse.

**Victim Witness Services for Coconino County \$8,750** - Training and support for crisis responders.

**Killip Elementary School and Community Learning Center \$5,000 plus additional \$6,000 for specific STEM programs throughout 2018.** Supplies and support for the Killip STEM Academy.

**Lowell Observatory \$2,000** - Summer Science Camp scholarships for disadvantaged youth.

**Museum of Northern Arizona \$2,000** - Discovery Program scholarships for disadvantaged youth.

**Summit High School \$1,000** - Provide alternative educational setting for students unable to function successfully in a regular school environment.