



Mineral County COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Mineral County Community Foundation would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Above all else, we hope you are well. The past two years have been extraordinarily challenging in so many ways. As this curtain of craziness is starting to lift, it is health, love, hope, friends, family, and community that are ushering us into this New Year. Thank you, Mineral County, for your compassion, support of each other, and your resiliency. We are genuinely very sorry for those of you who have lost someone. This county hurts along with you.

As many of you are aware, the Mineral County Community Foundation (MCCF) is a county-wide organization that stewards philanthropic funds for various projects around our area. Examples of these can be seen in our parks, scholarships for our youth, grants, and fiscal support of our area non-profits. We are not solely responsible for any of these projects; however, by design, we support all the initiatives that make Mineral County a more stable and supportive community.

This past fall, you have seen the opening of the Superior Skate Park. If you had a chance to see it before the snow cover, you would likely agree that it is pretty unique. Although MCCF supported the efforts to make the park a reality, this was shouldered by many entities, especially Brenda Schneider, Town Clerk, and carried out by various people. The funds to build Superior Skate Park were raised specifically for that purpose, and money was not moved from other initiatives. Thanks to some clever grant writing and National Skate Park Organization support, the project only took three years to complete. This is a short time for such a project, and congratulations to the Town for its success!

Three years ago, the MCCF took on the challenge of rebuilding the only municipal pool in our county. Due to disrepair, the old Superior pool had to be removed. It was a crushing blow to so many people who have loved and experienced the pool during their time in Mineral County. Thankfully, the city of Superior has designated new, more suitable land for a new pool. Fundraising has been underway to move us closer to the goal. We have a grant writer scouring the grant scene, looking for opportunities to get large chunks of money.

How many of you grew up with a bit of green in your hair from the pool chlorine? Did you take swimming lessons or possibly work at the pool? The memories the community pool created are extensive. The safety and security of supervised swimming was invaluable. The value the pool brought to our county was immense. Many thanks to those of you who wrote your stories and letters of support to include with our grants!

We would like to announce our renewed commitment to the Pool in the Park project for 2022. It has been a tough couple of years due to Covid, and we didn't hold in-person events. Now we are bringing our focus back to making the pool a reality and supporting all the other wonderful initiatives around the county. Please read below about some of the ways we plan to keep the fundraising momentum going:

- December 21st, we are opening up a digital donation portal that anyone can contribute through. Please share this portal far and wide.
- On January 10th, we will begin a weekly online auction. We will auction off one item per week. The items will be new or nearly new, donated locally and for local pickup. You will see the weekly item on our donation page, and it will be sent out on social media. Please share within local pickup range






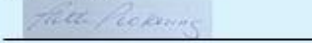
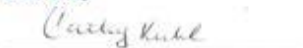

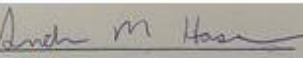




groups on social media. If you have something people want that is new or gently used and you would like to donate it, there is contact information on the donation page.

- We will have peer-to-peer challenges for donations, contests, and other fun things throughout the year to keep the efforts moving forward. If you or a group of you want to challenge each other, we can make individual donation pages and set up competitions.
- We plan a couple of raffle items that we will announce this year. Tickets will be sold digitally and at local events. Stay tuned for more information on these raffles.
- November 2022, We will hold an online silent auction that will last the whole month. The MCCF and Pool in the Park team will secure auction items throughout the year. The theme will be "Experience, Montana." The auction will be geared towards experiences people can have throughout the state and our county. The hope is that the auction will be popular outside of our area, and bidders will buy items and experience Montana. This will help our economies and help us reach funds beyond the people of this county. We will be looking for opportunities to partner with different experience-based businesses throughout the state and have an experience auction that is second to none. If you have options or know of opportunities that people from out of the area would want to bid on, please contact MCCF.

We plan on growing our Pool in the Park Committee Fund to provide the community match, which will position us better for getting Grants. To support this project, we are looking at ways for people who have left the area but still hold this town and their memories dear. There will be opportunities for us to engage the people who want to visit Montana to help raise funds. This year's fundraising efforts will go beyond the boundaries of this county.

None of this is easy. In fact, there are times when it seems like it could be impossible. It is not impossible. With the heart and resolve of the Mineral County people, this is not only possible, but it is also certain.

Call To Action: Please check out the donation site using the link here. Even better, share the link on your social media pages. We want this to catch on and spread. poolinthepark.givesmart.com

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