



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE LAST YEAR'S MEETING

As a community, we can move mountains. The following are highlights of the CFBB's accomplishments since our last annual meeting.

- Spent nearly \$90,000 in 2018 to support the Bigfork Community, its infrastructure and community organizations
- Continued financial support for the purchase and development of a downtown parking lot
- Completed an update of our branding by updating our logo, creating an informational brochure, improving our website and social media presence
- Researched a restructuring of our membership program by developing a "Partners Campaign" approach with our current and future members to ensure sustaining membership engagement and sustainable funding
- With the assistance of a professional management facilitator, embarked on a process to implement organizational changes, policies and procedures. This includes the creation of a Council of Advisors. Given the growth in our mission and responsibilities, we will look to the Council to advise, guide and assist the CFBB Board in carrying out our mission
- Partnered with Bigfork High School to implement our "student ambassador" program with high school student Isabella Sloan being our first ambassador. The program brings a higher awareness to students about the importance of community service
- Commissioned a professional commercial appraisal of BACC building to enable the board to respond to options regarding interest in its purchase.
- Updated our funds management policies
- Continued work to expand the "Bigfork Nature Trails System" with assistance from PacifiCorp
- Continue to support our community as indicated on the following page

ONGOING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

You may ask, “who takes care of Bigfork?” The answer is: YOU DO. With Bigfork’s unincorporated status, members and community partners of the CFBB ensure we build our community’s cultural opportunities, economic base and infrastructure.

Since 1968, the members of CFBB helped support Bigfork with over \$2.4 million of investments in the community. The \$90,000 spent by the CFBB this past year improved and maintained Bigfork and its current amenities:

- Maintain and improve the Bigfork Art and Cultural Center
- Oversee and maintain the Town Clock
- Landscape and upkeep the town’s entry way signs
- Pay rent to Flathead County for Sliter Park and pay to help keep it clean
- Maintain downtown benches
- Keep the community clean by installing and emptying downtown’s decorative garbage cans
- Snowplow sidewalks on Grand Avenue
- Weekly sweep downtown streets during the summer months
- Re-stripe downtown parking spaces including handicapped parking areas
- Maintain the “Historical Downtown Walking Tour” display and brochures
- Install and maintain several doggie pollution stations in town and on the river trail
- Maintain several bike racks in downtown and on the River Trail
- Maintain downtown security cameras
- Help to keep Harry Horn Park clean and safe
- Eradicate wasp and insect nuisance during the summer months
- Donated to Bigfork Retro Film Festival
- Donated to the Bigfork Youth Baseball program
- Provided financial support to the Bigfork 8th Graders who were finalist in the Junior Division State competition for Montana National History Day.

In addition to the above, the CFBB continued its financial support for several community activities.

We continued our Community Service Grants Program. The Program encourages our youth to become active in the community by undertaking service projects serving Bigfork. Previous grants have focused on recycling efforts, Cleaning Your Fork and Harry Horn Park, helping with the Festival of the Arts and assisting the Bigfork Elves in light bulb twisting for our holiday decorations.

CFBB also made donations to several groups including Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts, Bigfork Youth Baseball, Nordic Ski Center, ACES After School program, to name a few.

ANNUAL AUCTION & FALL EXTRAVAGANZA & SUPPORT

Last year's auction was very successful, thanks to one and all! This year will mark our 19th annual auction! It will be held at the Garden Bar, Wednesday September 4th at 5pm. Last year we raised nearly \$30,000.00 to support our work. Mark your calendar now and join in the fun!!

Our work continues year-round. By coming together as a community, we can move mountains! Your financial partnership makes it all possible. Support your community foundation today as a Community Partner by visiting bigfork.org/PARTNER or make a difference in the lives that follow by leaving a legacy through your charitable planned gift to the CFBB at bigfork.org/LEGACY