



Founded in 1980, the mission of the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation (WRF) is to improve educational opportunities for residents living in the Greater Wenatchee area. Funding for the WRF is through immediate and deferred giving from current and past Wenatchee Rotary Club members and others in the community.

### **Wenatchee Rotary Club Membership**

The Wenatchee Rotary Club is a 501(c)4, Social Organization under Internal Revenue Service rules. The Wenatchee Rotary Club conducts business meetings, sponsors informational programs and hosts social events for members. Each Club member in good standing is also a member of the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation (WRF), which is an IRS 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. The Wenatchee Rotary Foundation is the charitable and fund-raising entity for the Rotary Club of Wenatchee.

### **Funding and Scholarships**

Since the establishment of the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation in 1980, the WRF has awarded numerous student scholarships and supported various projects in the community deemed worthy of funding. The Foundation has three separate funds:

1. The Operating Fund (Unrestricted) to conduct operations without accessing the Endowment
2. Pass Through Funds (Unrestricted) for fundraising purposes
3. Endowment Fund (Restricted) to fund current and future scholarships

WRF funds are maintained in partnership with the Community Foundation of North Central Washington and invested according to the policies of the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. WRF supports academic programs where students are enrolled in formal educational and/or degree-oriented programs through the award of renewable scholarships to high school students in the Wenatchee area for enrollment at Wenatchee Valley College and other higher education institutions and technical schools.

### **The Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Paul Scea Fellowship**

The WRF established an honor known as the Paul Scea Fellowship, awarded to persons who contribute at least \$500 to the WRF. Paul Scea was a member of the Wenatchee Rotary Club with more than 50 years of service. He was a major donor to the WRF and the Rotary Foundation. As an alternative to a one-time gift to the WRF, a person may also be referred to as a Paul Scea Sustaining Fellow, if they make annual gifts of at least \$50 with the intent to complete a total gift to the WRF of at least \$500.

**For over 100 Years the Wenatchee Rotary Club has made a difference in our community.**

In 2020 and 2021 we donated over \$100,000 to charitable organizations and other worthwhile causes in the Wenatchee Valley. Over the last two years the Foundation financially helped local causes including: south end youth and families Dream Team project, Wenatchee High School Interact Club, Foothills Middle School state champion robotics team, Harvest Food Distribution, North Central Education Foundation for innovative classroom programs, Girls on the Run of Columbia Valley partnering with Columbia Valley Community Health, YMCA Partners with Youth camp, playground equipment for Lewis & Clark Elementary, donated \$7,500 for COVID-19 relief through Serve Wenatchee; and for the 2020-21 academic year awarded 15 scholarships in the amount of \$23,500 and for the 2021-22 academic year awarded 12 scholarships in the amount of \$19,100.

In the past we built Rotary Park on Western Avenue in partnership with the two other Wenatchee based Rotary clubs; supported the Niles Saunders Wenatchee Riverfront Railway miniature train in Wenatchee Riverfront Park; financed the lights on the Walla Walla Point Park ball fields; refurbished the rooms in the Bruce Transitional Housing for residents; and served as role models for elementary school students through the Lunch Buddy program at Lewis & Clark Elementary.

For tax purposes, the WRF Tax ID number is 91-6048544.

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