



Black Hills Area Community Foundation

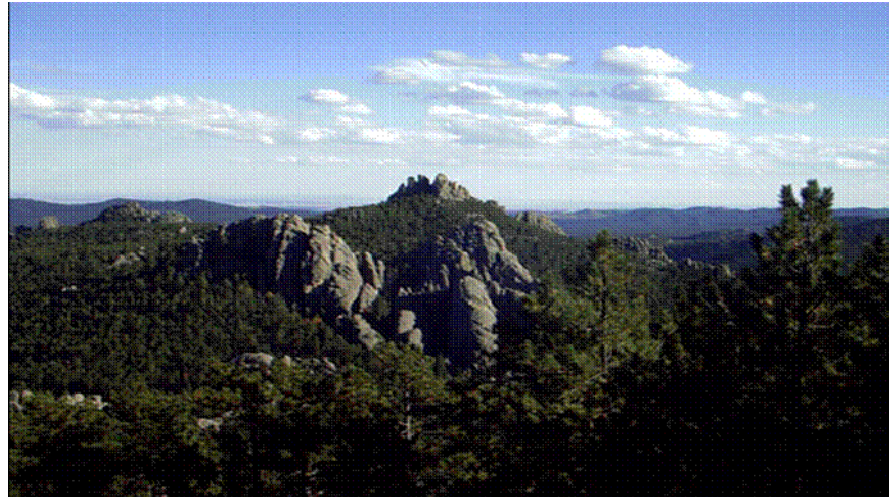
2007 Annual Report

Inspiring people to invest as a community to help improve the quality of life of the people throughout the Black Hills.

Founded in 1987, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation (BHACF) serves as an endowment and pass-through for charitable giving to community projects. The Foundation was originally incorporated as the Rapid City Foundation and is an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) organization. In July 2006 the Board of Directors adopted the name Black Hills Area Community Foundation so that all the people who love the Black Hills could benefit from the services of this community foundation.

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BHACF Distributes \$678,000 to Area Organizations

Completing its first full year of operations since its re-launch, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation (BHACF) distributed \$678,142 to area organizations and for scholarships during 2007. More than 60 organizations benefited from grants from BHACF during 2007. The majority of the grants were made through donor advised funds or received as designated contributions. Beneficiaries represent a broad spectrum of causes including arts and culture, health services, social services and educational organizations. The recipient agencies were applauded by Patrick H. Wyss, who served as Chairman of BHACF during 2007. "All of us benefit from the commendable work of these organizations," said Wyss. "They improve the quality of life in our region through their programs, outreach, and dedication to meeting the needs of the people in our communities."

BHACF was created by and for the people in the Black Hills area to inspire people to invest as a community to enhance the future prosperity and quality of life throughout the Black Hills area. Through its tax-exempt charitable status, it enables people with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support the issues they care about and programs that improve the quality of life in the Black Hills.



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**Donors don't give to a
community foundation...**

**They give through a
community foundation!**



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Message from BHACF 2007 Board Chairman Patrick H. Wyss



At the close of my term as Chairman of the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce in September 2006, I was asked and agreed to serve as Chairman of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation. It has been an exciting and fulfilling year – thanks in large part to my fellow members of the Board of Directors, but also to generous contributors who believe in the future of the Black Hills area.

I am extraordinarily proud of the progress BHACF has made during this first full year of operations:

- BHACF distributed more than \$678,000 in grants and scholarships
- Our endowed assets grew from \$265,000 to \$3.8 million.
- The Foundation received more than \$200,000 in operating grants and donations.
- Policies and accounting systems were implemented to assure responsible stewardship of donors' contributions.
- BHACF recruited and oriented a diverse Board representing the people and communities of the Black Hills area.
- Interactive training sessions were conducted for nonprofit leaders in Lead, Hot Springs and Custer.

Throughout the year we connected people who care to causes that matter. In that way BHACF has had a positive impact on the quality of life here in the Black Hills. I extend my appreciation to all of the people whose energy has made the re-launch of this Foundation a success. I look forward to a bright future for BHACF, and for everyone in the Black Hills area.

With best regards,



Vital Statistics

In 2007 we sponsored more than 20 funds with \$3.8 million in endowed assets.

- BHACF distributed more than \$678,000 in grants and scholarships during FY 07.
- During FY 2005 & FY 2006 we distributed more than \$375,000 in grants and scholarships on behalf of our donors.

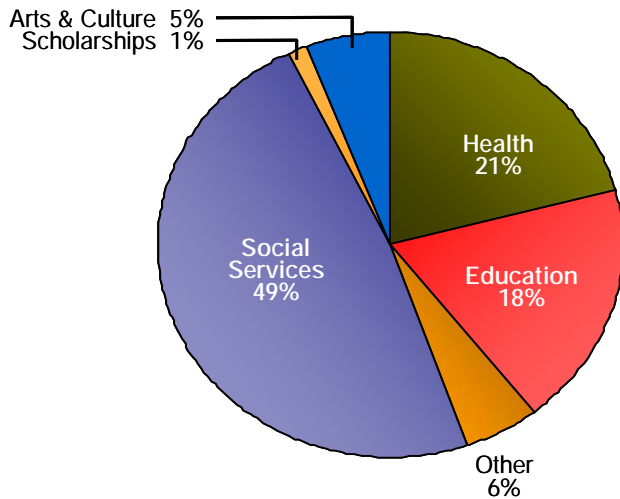


2007 Board Members

Patrick Wyss
 JoVayne Cappa
 Bruce Rampelberg
 Eric Abrahamson
 Stanford Adelstein
 Arlene Ham Burr
 John Carlson
 Jon Dahlstrom
 Susan Edwards Johnson
 Kay Jorgensen
 Katherine Kinsman
 Haven Stuck
 Sharon Ludwick Warner
 Luke Yellow Robe

BHACF Giving in Fiscal Year 2007

TOTAL AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED: \$678,000



BHACF Board Members Stan Adelstein (left) and Chairman JoVayne Cappa (right) commemorate a successful year of giving with WAVI Program Director Shannon Wilde and WAVI Operations Director Lisa Clendenin.

Audited financial reports for 2007 will be available upon request.



Funds at BHACF



The Foundation serves as the fiscal sponsor of the Rapid City Fire Department's L.I.F.E. Fund which provides public education and safety training.

BHACF would like to thank the generous supporters of our Re-launch to Renaissance 2006 - 2007

Black Hills Corporation
Bush Foundation
Dale & Regina Jahr*
Dan Warren*
Doyle Estes
Dr. Ed & Peg Seljeskog
Eileen Fleischacker*
Hani Shafai
John T. Vucurevich Foundation
Lois Facer & Eric Abrahamson
Ludwick Family Foundation
Mark & Carolyn Mollers*
Rapid City Chamber of Commerce*
Rapid City Foundation
Sioux Falls Area Community
Foundation*
Tom & Sharon Warner
Wells Fargo Bank*

*In-kind contributor

BHACF connects people who care to causes that matter!

During 2007, BHACF served as fiscal sponsor of the following Special Project funds:

- Belle Fourche Center of the Nation Monument
- Black Hills Vision
- DaCoda Instruments
- Ellsworth Main Gate
- Founders' Park Plaza
- Missouri Valley Firefighters' Convention
- Rapid City Christmas Lights Committee
- Rapid City Downtown Christmas Lights
- Rapid City Fire Department's L.I.F.E. Fund
- Rapid City Community Strategic Plan
- Rapid City Public Library Challenge



BHACF Chairman Pat Wyss and Board Member Eric Abrahamson present the \$101,000 challenge check to Greta Chapman, Director, Rapid City Public Library.



Endowment Funds



Mary Victor, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills reacts with delight to the 2007 endowment distribution presented by Sharon Ludwick Warner, BHACF Board Member.



Mayor Alan Hanks with Ruth Brennan, Board member of Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting and BHACF Chairman JoVayne Cappa celebrate BHACF's success in 2007.



Susan Fedell, Executive Director of YFS, accepts the distribution of the YFS Foundation endowment fund from Sharon Ludwick Warner, BHACF Board member.

BHACF has an originating endowment fund which benefits Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Black Hills and provides scholarships to area students. An endowment fund is one in which the principal is kept intact and only a certain amount of the earnings are available for charitable purposes.

For a nonprofit agency, an endowment fund acts as a stable, predictable source of annual income. As steward of agency and donor-advised endowment funds, BHACF provides oversight of the investment management services of Wells Fargo, regular reports to the donors, and administers the distributions of earnings.

Endowment Funds at BHACF as of 12/31/2007:

Arete Scholarship Fund in Memory of Kevin Morsching
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills
Children's Home Foundation
Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting
Rapid City Foundation Originating Fund
Rapid City Library Foundation
Sarah Stevens Scholarship Fund
South Dakota Engineering Society Scholarship Fund
Working Against Violence, Inc.
Western Dakota Tech Foundation
Youth and Family Services Foundation

Benefits of giving through BHACF

- We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.
- Our professional program staff has broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.
- We provide highly personalized service tailored to each individual's charitable and financial needs.
- Our Donor Advised Funds help people invest in the causes they care about the most.
- We accept a wide variety of assets and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.
- We offer maximum tax advantage under state and federal law.

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Message from 2008 Chairman JoVayne Cappa

Your heart—your goals—your passion for giving!

As your partner in philanthropy, BHACF can help you bring together your heart, your goals and your passion for giving. With our services you can create a legacy of caring that directly impacts your community and supports the causes you care about. At BHACF our goal is to help you so you can help others.

BHACF is a donor-focused, service organization. We serve individuals who seek to improve our communities through philanthropy. We offer training and grant-making to nonprofit agencies and can be a resource for community leaders, citizens and organizations by sharing information and ideas.



I would like to thank Pat Wyss, 2007 Chairman of BHACF for his positive leadership and contributions to the growth and development of this community foundation. During 2008 we will continue to develop our asset base, strengthen our financial management, develop grant making guidelines and provide a broad range of services to donors and nonprofit agencies.

People with a broad range of charitable goals, varied levels of giving and from all geographic regions are finding this community foundation to be an ideal way to give back. I invite you to join us in making an impact on the future of the Black Hills area. Together, we can make a difference and make life better for people in the Black Hills area.

Join us in Creating the Future of the Black Hills Area

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

I/we want to create the future of the Black Hills area. Here is our commitment to Black Hills Area Community Foundation

- Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ to be used for :
 - Unrestricted grantmaking
 - BHACF Operations
 - Designated for _____
- Contact me about a named donor advised fund at BHACF.

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