

The Cornerstone

“Investing in People to Improve the Quality of Their Lives”

Stay informed with our new Website

This May, the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation launched a new, user-friendly website, which provides the latest updates on the Foundation’s activities and events. This new site allows Washington Companies’ employees easy access to featured programs, company-wide volunteer opportunities, and family scholarship information. Log on for the latest exciting news and upcoming events, or read about some of the Foundation’s most recent community grants. While you’re online, check out some of the inspiring Pay It Forward stories posted by fellow employees! Watch for chances to enter your employee ID number and win prizes!



www.dpwfoundation.org

New President and CEO Announced



The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation announced in April that Deborah Doyle McWhinney has been hired as CEO and President of the Foundation. Ms. McWhinney, replaces Larry Simkins, who previously served as President of the Foundation. Ms. McWhinney’s extensive financial services and management background, combined with her leadership skills, will add expertise to the management of the Foundation as it moves forward. Mike Halligan, will continue in his role as Executive Director of the Foundation. Ms. McWhinney was born in Anaconda and raised in both Butte and Missoula.



Horatio Alger reception honors four years of Montana scholars

As many of you may have guessed (see the story above on the Washington Companies' Employee Family Scholarship Program), one of Dennis and Phyllis Washington's passions is to help youth who have faced adversity to attend college. The Horatio Alger Montana Undergraduate Scholarship currently helps over 240 students from 26 counties and 93 cities and towns across Montana. High School Seniors planning on attending the University of Montana or one of its affiliates can find more information on this scholarship at www.horatioalger.com.



Spotlight on Employee Family Scholarship Program

Broadening access to higher education is a cause held dear to the Washington Family, as well as the Foundation. That cause extends to the families of our employees. Awarded through The Washington Companies, the Employee Family Scholarship Program will provide up to \$4,000 in lifetime financial assistance to each member of your family that is attending an accredited institution of higher education.

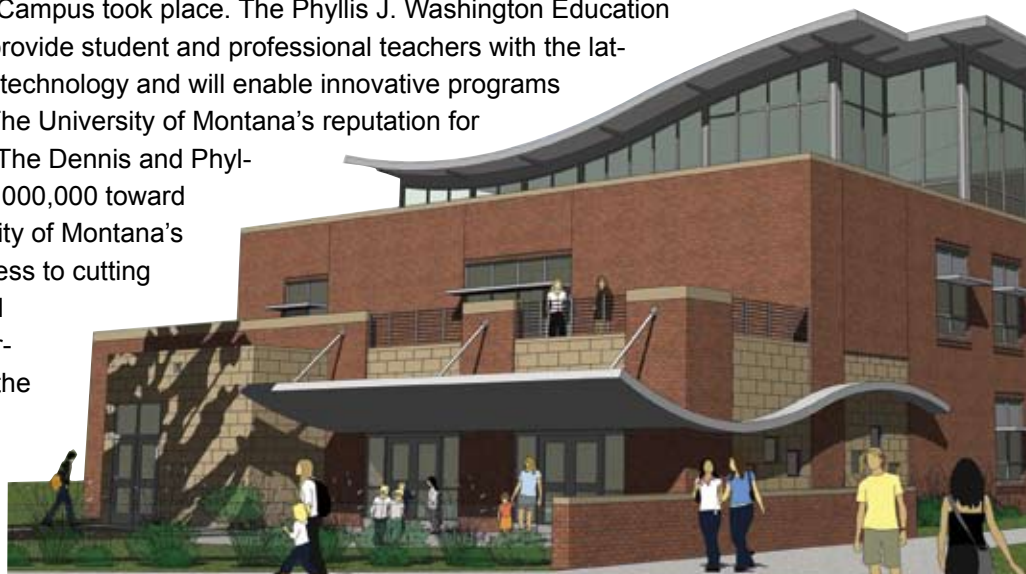
Under the program, eligible employees with spouses or children 23 years of age and under may qualify to receive up to \$1,000 per year per person (up to \$4,000 per lifetime per person) toward expenses at an accredited university, college, vocational tech school, or trade school. Learn more at <http://www.dpwfoundation.org>!

The Phyllis J. Washington Education Center groundbreaking



On Friday, May 2nd, a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new, state-of-the-art facility expanding the School of Education on the University of Montana Campus took place. The Phyllis J. Washington Education Center will provide student and professional teachers with the latest learning technology and will enable innovative programs enhancing The University of Montana's reputation for excellence. The Dennis and Phyl-

lis Washington Foundation contributed \$10,000,000 toward the construction of the facility. The University of Montana's School of Education students will have access to cutting edge technologies. These technologies will allow students to explore educational opportunities and give students in small schools the same opportunities as their peers.



The Foundation focuses on children

“Get on the Right Track” Dental Initiative Kicks Off



The Montana Primary Care Association and the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation announce their partnership to improve the dental

health of Montana children with grants to seven Community Health Centers across the state. The \$210,000 grant will provide the Community Health Centers in Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Missoula, Helena, and Libby the ability to offer increased dental screenings and dental care for children over the next three years.

Missoula Children’s Theatre is Coming to a Town Near You!



Since its inception, the Washington Foundation has been associated with the Missoula Children’s Theatre (MCT). Recently the Foundation

awarded a grant specifically directed to MCT’s Montana rural outreach program. The grant enables MCT to bring live theatre to rural, underserved communities in Montana that don’t typically have access to live musical theatre. Throughout the years, MCT’s rural outreach has touched the lives of countless Montana children.

Employees give back to their communities

Charity Bike Ride Benefits Local Children’s Shelter

Bike for Shelter started eight years ago as Missoula’s first bike marathon. Dennis Meyer, an employee of Montana Rail Link, has been involved since



the beginning. Today, it is one of the city’s most popular charity events. All proceeds go to Watson Children’s Shelter, which provides care and shelter for seventy to one hundred boys and girls annually, from infants to fourteen-year-olds who have experienced abuse, neglect or crisis.



“Spring Into Action” Food Drive

In early May, the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation donated over 50,000 pounds of potatoes to the Montana Food Network, to be



distributed to food banks, rescue missions, and shelters across Montana. This donation kicked off the beginning of a two week Washington Companies’ Employee Food Drive. The “Spring Into Action” drive helped to replenish the Missoula Food Bank’s food stores, which run low during the summer months.

Employees Team Up for Montana Special Olympics

The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation and the Washington Companies have been longtime supporters of Special Olympics Montana, annually sponsoring the event at the Premier level of \$15,000. This year, over a dozen employees from Modern Machinery, Envirocon, Montana Rail Link and Washington Corporations volunteered in Great Falls, ensuring yet another successful year for the annual games.



Employees Make “Pay It Forward” Program a Success!

The 2008 ‘Pay It Forward’ awarded a total of \$55,000 to 220 randomly selected employees, who in turn donated to charities of their choosing.



U.S. Missions

(Lowell and Tami Hochhalter)

April LaRocque, Missoula, MT

My giving card went to Lowell & Tami of Missoula who are United States Missionaries that are working to spread the Word of God through today’s youth. All of their finances are raised and are spent on travel, supplies, etc to help them reach youth all over the U.S. They rely on this money to be able to carry out their ministry. Lowell travels to different schools and churches conducting events and speeches for youth (Power Team, etc).”



Cancer Fund

Polly Rasar, Tacoma, WA

“I have chosen to donate to the cancer fund that is set up at the Eagles in Auburn, WA. I am a member of the ladies auxiliary and am amazed by all the volunteering these ladies do to raise money for so many worthy causes. I chose the cancer charity as I have lost many family members to this disease. I hope to help the ladies raise even more by donating my time at the many events that are held throughout the year. Thank you Dennis and Phyllis Washington for giving me the opportunity to help.”



Mission School Library

Steve Day, Missoula, MT

“My card went to the St. Ignatius Library to help buy new books for the school and public library. There is a lot of power in being able to read and it’s never too late to teach someone how. It’s kind of wonderful to see an adult read a book for the first time.”



Disabled American Veterans

Jeff Johnson, Portland OR

“I chose to donate my gift card to the Disabled American Veterans. The DAV provides a multitude of services for the many disabled women and men that have served our country. As someone who has donated to the DAV many times in the past I am thankful to the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation for allowing me to increase my contribution this year.”



Safe Space

Tim Little, Butte, MT

“Thank you so much for allowing us to be a part of the Pay It Forward movement. The families that go to Safe Space often come with just the clothes on their back. We thought we could get pajamas and cocoa for the children. Cuddly pajamas and hot chocolate won’t solve bigger issues but they are comforting to someone who is experiencing stressful times. We called Herbergers and asked if they could help us. We were able to purchase more than 70 pairs of soft, clean, fun, new pajamas and packages of hot cocoa mix. Thank you for allowing us to be one rock making many ripples. It is a very powerful experience to help others in desperate need.”



Troy Stutterheim

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mark Frickel, Laurel, MT

“Richard started this fund 13 or so years ago for MRL employees’ children for college. I’m impressed that it is funded by candy and pop machines at MRL yard office in Laurel. Richard continues this fund despite personal hardship. This is a testament of what one person can do for their community.”