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PAEF could not offer financial aid to residents pursuing post-secondary education and training without the generous help from its community -- a community that stretches beyond Granite County.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Throughout each year, PAEF receives donations from many community members and others who believe in our mission and have an interest in our community. Cash donations are placed in our bank account for immediate distribution or in our endowment fund for later distribution. Some donations are awarded with specific direction; others are awarded at the PAEF Board's discretion. We strive to remember and thank each donor with a letter from the Foundation, as well as, note their contributions in the annual newsletter.

## CONTINUING DONORS

**Board of Directors** are community volunteers. No one who participates in the governance of PAEF receives remuneration of any kind, but each member contributes to the PAEF Board of Directors' Scholarship. The scholarship is available to a resident of Granite County. Character and academic potential are the primary criteria for awarding this scholarship.

**Carol Billadeau**, daughter of Vern and Anne Steffan provided funds for the Vern and Anne Steffan Memorial Scholarship which is intended to recognize and honor high school sports as a motivator for many students to continue education.

**Patricia Cloney Estate**, the daughter of Rose and Thomas Brogan provides funds for the Rose and Thomas Brogan Memorial Scholarship. An endowment fund account has been established to provide for this scholarship in perpetuity. It is the desire of the family that this scholarship be given to a college student of at least sophomore standing who is majoring in business, economics or mathematics.

**Pinky and Sue Eik** are long-time residents, who through hard work and good management, built one of Granite County's most successful businesses -- Granite Sportland. Their success was ensured due to the support of friends and neighbors. When they retired and sold their business, they wanted to do something to thank all those they have done business with for so many years. The Eik Family Scholarship awards students in need of financial assistance to enable them to continue education and training beyond high school. A scholarship is awarded each year to a Granite County graduate with demonstrated financial need; preference is given to current-year graduates. In addition, emphasis is placed on students pursuing vocational and technical training. The Eiks have made significant donations to PAEF's Endowment Fund to sustain these scholarships in perpetuity.

**Employees and Friends of Granite County Medical Center and Granite County Medical Foundation** generously provide funds for two Jon Manke Memorial Scholarships. Mr. Manke, an RN, worked at GCMC for many years and was killed in a motorcycle accident shortly after his retirement. The scholarships shall be awarded in his memory to recipients who major in a field of healthcare, preferably nursing. Two scholarships are intended for high school graduates pursuing majors in healthcare.

**Granite County Medical Foundation** provide funds for four scholarships for students with a college sophomore or higher standing in a healthcare program of study.

**Lynn Christopherson and the Graybeal Family** provided scholarship funds to honor the memory of Keith and Ken Graybeal. The Keith and Ken Graybeal Memorial Scholarship is awarded to the winner of the county-wide 7th & 8th grade essay contest. The \$250 award is deposited in a special account of the PAEF Endowment Fund which could earn interest, dividends and capital gains until the recipient graduates from high school and the award is then transferred to the post-secondary institution of their choice.

**KPK Trust** is a private trust administered by the National Philanthropic Trust of Philadelphia, PA. A grant for scholarship is offered through Granite High School for a graduating senior and is selected cooperatively between KPK trustees and PAEF board members.

**Marletto Family**, residents of Rock Creek, and owners of the Rock Creek Ranch and Granite Sportland, generously provide for one or two scholarships at the discretion of the PAEF Scholarship Committee. It is their desire that this scholarship should go to one or more worthy Granite County students who might not be able to attend post-secondary education and training. The criteria for these scholarships are financial need, character and academic potential.

**Richard and Joyce Molteni**, retired in Philipsburg after 35 years of experience in health care. Dr. Molteni is a pediatrician and neonatologist, and serves on the Granite Medical Foundation Board. Mr. and Mrs. Molteni provide a scholarship to a Granite County student preparing for a career in healthcare.

**Rusty O'Rourke and Family**, established an annual scholarship honoring husband and father, Benard J. O'Rourke for a graduate of Granite High School, which is his alma mater. Bernard O'Rourke grew up in Philipsburg, was educated at Carroll College, joined the US Navy and retired after a distinguished career with the rank of Commander. This scholarship will be offered into perpetuity due to many years of donations by Mr. Shawn O'Rourke, the Boeing Foundation and Mrs. Rusty O'Rourke. Character and academic potential are the primary criteria for award, in addition, students must include in their essay how Commander O'Rourke's life might motivate them to seek higher education and/or describe how his character traits are similar to theirs.

**Bill Wyatt**, long-time resident of Victor, Montana has contributed educational resources over the years to honor the memory of his son, Will. Now a resident of Granite County, Mr. Wyatt established the Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarship to help a Granite High School graduate pursue post-secondary education.

**Leipheimer Family**, established scholarship funds for students pursuing vocational training. Myrna Leiphermer, resident of Butte, is the daughter of long-time residents Vinson and Maxine Fessler. She is a 1956 graduate of Granite High School.

**Dr. Thomas R. Bales**, a resident of California has recently become part of the Rock Creek community. His desire is to recognize two deserving students who volunteer in their communities and show a high sense of comradery and good will to fellow students. These students, one from Drummond High and one from Granite High are nominated by faculty and staff, and then voted on by their peers to receive the Bales Family Good Samaritan Award.

**Rouse Family**, established an annual scholarship in memory of David M. Rouse (husband, son and father) to help a Granite High School graduate pursue post-secondary education.

**Jon Statler**, resident of Granite County, established scholarship funds in memory of his son, Theo Statler, for students pursuing university degrees in Fine or Performing Arts and/or Humanities. If the recipient remains in good standing as a college student in the Performing, Fine Arts, or Humanities, this award will be a four consecutive-year award. Humanities covers a broad scope of subjects to include (but is not limited to): modern and classical languages, literature, linguistics, history, drama and performance, art of all types, journalism, fashion, archaeology, and philosophy.

**Thomas Mullen**, long-time owner of the *Philipsburg Mail* and resident of Granite County established funds for the Philipsburg Mail Scholarship. This scholarship is intended for a Granite County graduate to pursue post-secondary education with preference for a degree in agriculture.

**Flint Creek Lodge No. 11, Ancient and Free Masons** provide funds for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade writing contests. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders write about Patriotism and the 6<sup>th</sup> graders write about Philanthropy. Cash awards are provided for contest winners at all three Granite County elementary schools.

**The Philipsburg Rotary** provided scholarship funds for writing contests for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders and adults with the emphasis on community service. The contest includes a 20-hour community service projects and an essay about the importance of community service. It is the intention of the Philipsburg Rotary to award at least one high school student and one adult.