



Greater Polson Community Foundation

MVA was awarded a grant for \$1,500 from the Greater Polson Community Foundation in August. The GPCF exists as a permanent resource for the needs of our community through endowed philanthropy. They are a fairly new foundation for this community and we are excited about their interest and involvement in local organizations.

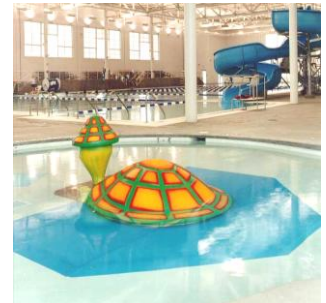
Make a Splash Change a Life

Moving Forward

In an uncertain economy, Mission Valley Aquatics has been patiently waiting and preparing to begin a capital campaign to raise the additional funds needed to build an aquatic center.

During this time, we have been advised to table our grant writing and campaign movement until the economy rebounds.

Meanwhile, we completed a positive audit, updated the Business Plan and developed campaign materials. MVA is very prepared and hopeful to begin a campaign in 2010. Despite the issues with the economy, MVA has had tremendous support from local individuals, businesses and foundations.



Polson Bay's Water Days

Water Daze had 87 swimmers finish the 1-mile swim across Polson Bay (our biggest year yet!). Swimmers traveled from the Netherlands, Illinois, Oklahoma, New York, Alaska, Utah, Oregon, Washington, and throughout Montana.

Next year, Water Daze will be on August 7th, 2010, at which time we hope

to exceed 100 swimmers.

We are grateful to our many supporters who donated and volunteered to make this annual event successful:

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Water Safety Day in Elmo

Lower Flathead Valley Community Foundation

MVA received a grant from the LFVCF to conduct three water safety lessons at public beaches around the lake. The events took place on separate days at Boettcher Park, Riverside Park and the Elmo Dock. Basic water safety instruction was taught by volunteers. These lessons stressed the importance of wearing a lifejacket, not swimming alone and using safe rescue methods to help struggling swimmers.

\$310,329 Total Contributions!

\$250,000 Anonymous Donation

\$28,110 Fred A. Barnowsky Estate

\$5,000 Dorrene Herreid Darlington Memorial

\$3,027 Water Daze

\$2,250 Live Locally Fun Run

\$1,800 Lower

Flathead Valley Comm. Found.

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\$1,500 Greater Polson Community Foundation

\$900 World's Toughest Golf Course Tournament

\$735 Rolfson Charitable Trust

\$250 Polson Running

\$15,000 Local Pledged Dollars

Thank you to our generations 2009 donors!

Darlington Memorial

MVA received a \$5,000 memorial donation in honor of Dorrene Herreid Darlington. Dorrene spent many years teaching swimming lessons to hundreds of local children in the 50's.

Her sister Shirley Rieben, and brothers Lionel and Dale Herreid wanted her

passion for water safety instruction to live on in the Mission Valley. MVA looks forward to preserving Dorrene's legacy through aquatic instruction for our entire community.



Photo courtesy of Darlington Archives

Running Ahead

Live Locally 5k Run

\$2,250 was donated to MVA from the "Live Locally" race on October 24th, 2009. Thank you to Country Pasta and Health

Care Plus for their continued support.

Splashy Dash

Proceeds from the local fun run "Splashy

Dash" totaled \$250 and were donated to MVA. Thank you, "Polson Running", for the welcomed donation and a wonderful event.



Getting Involved & Working Together

Community meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson at noon. They are open to the public and your participation is encouraged.

If you wish to be more involved or on the MVA e-mail updates list please contact us at 883-4567 or mvaquatics@polson.net

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Business Plan and Audit

An updated Business Plan is ready for review; this will be a valuable tool for future grant applications and for the capital campaign. It outlines proposed staffing, operation, budgets, fees, physical structure, etc. Contact

MVA for a copy.

Special thanks go to Tina Oliphant for her countless volunteer hours in redesigning the plan.

During the year a professional

accounting system was instituted. An audit was completed by Loren Randall, P.C. of Missoula to prepare us to apply for large grants, validate our accounting efforts and provide accountability to our contributors.

Mil Levy

In January of 2008, the community passed a mil levy of 7 mils for operation and maintenance of an aquatic center. This

mil levy will provide 2/3 of the cost of operation. The additional one third will come from user fees. The mil levy has

not been levied and will not be levied until construction of the facility begins.

