



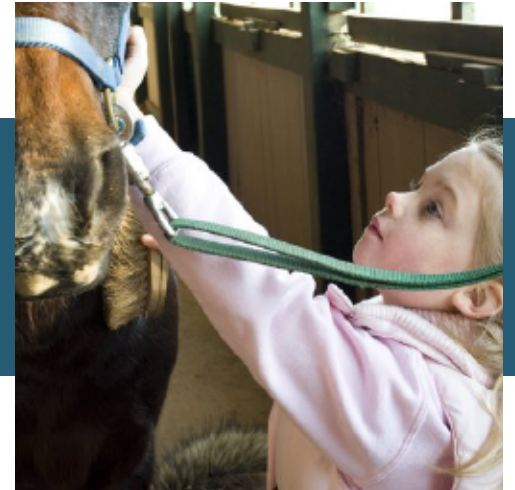
# Building Community



**Your Vision**



**Your Legacy**



**Tri-Cities' Future**

## 2015 Annual Report

## Vision: The Epperlys

The Epperlys have had a love affair with travel for almost 50 years. It started in graduate school, and they now have experiences from 45 different countries—and counting!

Vic, former mayor of Kennewick and retired engineer from Battelle, and Julie, retired instructor at Columbia Basin College (CBC) teaching English as a second language (ESL), have combined their love of travel with their passion for giving back. Globally, they have supported small business projects in 72 countries via micro-lender Kiva. Most recently they traveled to Guatemala to collaborate with communities to install water purification systems.

Locally, they are equally engaged in our community. They have frequently shared their travel experiences in Kennewick School District classrooms since their granddaughter, Emily, was in the 1st grade. Vic tutors 20 hours a week at Lincoln, Westgate, Highlands, and now Southridge, where Emily is currently enrolled. Julie continues her passion for ESL tutoring at CBC.

Vic and Julie learned of Three Rivers Community Foundation by visiting the website more than 10 years ago. Vic was “blown away” by the variety of needs in our community. The couple invested in 3RCF with an unrestricted endowment, trusting the Board to put funds where they are needed most. Vic has participated in the grant selection process for the past 3 years, affirming firsthand the process and outcomes of partnering with 3RCF. Julie appreciates that “the Three Rivers Community Foundation means that our money is being directed to local needs, with low overhead.” Vic adds, “Having participated in the grantee selection process, I know the funds are being well used and that 3RCF is taking seriously their fiduciary responsibilities.” They both agree, “There is great need, and one person can’t do it all—Three Rivers is our go-to place with trust!”



## Building a Legacy: T & R Farms, Ron & Rella Reimann

As a young couple, Ron and Rella Reimann returned to their farming roots after Ron came home from the Vietnam war. In 1973 they formed a partnership with Rella's father, Haakon Thomsen, and her twin brother, Porky. Thomsen and Reimann—the T and the R of the farms—started near Moses Lake with “dry land” farming. Ron became interested in irrigation technology. He began researching the least amount of water that could be used to produce high yields. Ron teamed with Nelson sprinkler systems to develop a variable pressure irrigation system. With irrigation, their land turned into a rich and high-yielding farm.



T&R Farms now produces corn, summer wheat, potatoes, apples, and more. In fact, they are known as innovators in water management, having received the Ag Hall of Fame Pioneer Award in 2010. And Ron and Rella's son Reid, a partner in T&R Farms, is now in the process of buying the farms, ensuring that family traditions are carried on. The Reimanns feel blessed by their successes and have given much to the community in return. “The Ag industry is philanthropic,” Rella explains, “and we all have something we support. Porky supports the arts, Reid supports medical programs, Ron and I support education and other community work.”

Rella helped found the Three Rivers Community Foundation and still serves on the Board. The Reimanns say they could not be more satisfied with the work. They appreciate the low administration costs as well as efficiencies of screening applicants, limiting duplication of projects, and evaluating how money is spent. They both read grant applications each year and decide together what to support. “I never knew there was so much need in our community,” Ron said.

Rella summarizes their commitment, “We work very hard for our money, and we don't want it wasted. To be able to watch what you donated grow and improve life in our community is deeply satisfying. 3RCF has earned our trust!”

## Tri-Cities' Future: Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities (TROT)

What would you do if you had 30 years of experience as a speech therapist, loved horses, and had a passion for helping children with disabilities? Well, you might convince your husband to turn your barn and paddock into a center for therapeutic riding lessons. You might get your horse trained for therapeutic riding and your dog certified as a “therapy dog.” You might even get a second horse. That’s exactly what Cynthia MacFarlan did in establishing TROT: Therapeutic Riding Of Tri-Cities.

For Cynthia, this is a dream several years in the making. During her work in speech therapy that spans more than 14 years in our area, she encountered a 12-year-old patient with difficulty pronouncing the letter “R.” Learning that he loved horses, Cynthia promised him contact with hers if he practiced and learned to pronounce “Rs.” The resulting success led to other ideas, seed money, and TROT in 2014.

TROT’s animal therapists include 2 horses, Cocoa and Cowboy, as well as golden retriever Camry, all specially trained for people with disabilities. TROT addresses such challenges as autism, Down syndrome, spinal cord injury and related trauma as well as other physical and mental disabilities. Grants from 3RCF helped fund certification of staff and animals as well as provided scholarships for their services.

“I couldn’t have done it without Three Rivers Community Foundation,” Cynthia says. “I want the families that come to have this joyful experience of watching their loved ones gain--not just the therapeutic experience of improving their motor and communication skills--but to see their child’s self-esteem and independence improve, matched with smiles. We want the parents to be able to step back and just enjoy their child!”



## 2015 Grants: \$308,702

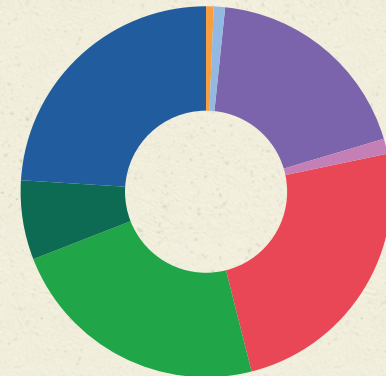
- Academy of Children's Theatre
- ALS Association
- American Red Cross
- Babcock Services Scholarships
- BF Community Action Connections
- BF Humane Society
- BF Legal Aid Society
- Blue Mountain Wildlife
- Boys & Girls Club of BF Counties
- Camerata Musica
- Catholic Family and Child Services
- Cavalcade of Authors
- Center for Sharing
- Children's Developmental Center
- Chinook Baptist Church
- Columbia Basin Dive Rescue
- Columbia Elementary School
- Columbia Industries
- Communities In Schools of WA
- Crossroads Tri-Cities
- Domestic Violence Services
- Edith Bishel Center for the Blind
- Elijah Family Homes
- Faith United Methodist
- Family Learning Center
- Fields of Grace
- GLSEN
- Grace Clinic
- Habitat for Humanity
- Holy Family Catholic School

- Jericho Road Ministries
- Kadlec Foundation
- Kadlec Foundation/J.J.'s Place
- KTNW Public Television
- Lourdes Health Network
- Lutheran Community Services NW
- Make a Wish
- Mansfield University
- Master Gardener Foundation
- Mid-Columbia Library, Benton City Branch
- Mid Columbia Mastersingers
- Mid-Columbia Symphony
- Modern Living Services
- Perfect Image Leadership Foundation
- Richland Public Library Foundation
- Rascal Rodeo
- Ronald McDonald House
- Royal Family Kids Camp
- Safe Harbor/My Friends Place
- Seattle Cancer Care Alliance
- Senior Life Resources Northwest
- SHAKE
- Shriner's Hospitals for Children
- Skills Development Mission
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- St Jude's Children's Hospital
- The American Legion Post #34
- The Chaplaincy
- The Children's Reading Foundation
- The Salvation Army

- Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities TROT
- Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation
- Tri-Cities Pregnancy Network
- Tri-City Union Gospel Mission
- White Bluffs Quilt Museum
- Women Helping Women
- World Relief Tri-Cities
- YMCA

### Grants Awarded: 67

Animal Welfare	\$ 2,413
Arts	\$ 3,500
Education	\$ 57,335
Food	\$ 4,828
Health	\$ 74,441
Human Services	\$ 70,855
Religion	\$ 21,700
Youth	\$ 73,630



# 2015 Contributions

## **Columbia River Society (\$50,000+)**

- Frank & Beverly Aiello
- First Fruits Fund
- Healed With a Kiss\*
- Mid-Columbia Symphony

## **Snake River Society (\$10,000-\$49,999)**

- Greg Bergland
- Cavalcade of Authors\*
- Victor & Julia Epperly
- Colleen Lloyd
- Erik & Rose Pielstick
- Ron & Rella Reimann
- Deena Smith
- Wayne Smith
- Women Helping Women Fund

## **Yakima River Society (\$5,000-\$9,999)**

- Frederick Z. Burnham Trust
- PDQ Foundation
- Pete & Gloria Rude
- Seattle Foundation
- Tri-Cities Engineering Week\*

## **Supporting Members (\$1,000-\$4,999)**

- Dana Allen – E.K. Riley Investments, LLC
- Gregory Crawford
- Elijah Family Homes
- Philip Gallagher
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- Hands In Hands On (HiHo)\*
- Kadlec Regional Medical Center
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- Lourdes Health Network
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- Holly Siler

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“We both know people who have money and don’t know where to go with it. If you only have a dollar to give and you want to get the most bang out of your buck, you can’t do better than 3RCF!”

- Ron & Rella Reimann

### **\*Fiscally sponsored by Three Rivers Community Foundation**

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# 2015 Fund Assets: \$2,607,532

## Endowment Funds

### Donor Advised Funds - \$278,028

- Steve Ball Memorial Fund
- David and Emily Lippes Family Fund
- Madison Taylor Fund
- The Jim Noland Foundation
- Mark and Deena Smith Fund
- Henry W. and Wayne H. Smith Fund
- Bob and Joy Vosburgh Animal Welfare Fund

### Area of Interest Funds - \$774,128

- The Burnham Family Endowment for the Developmentally Disabled
- Henrietta and Marshall Finney Fund

### Designated Funds - \$737,149

- Daisy Craddock Fund for the Benton City Library
- Daisy Craddock Fund for The Chaplaincy
- Daisy Craddock Fund for Children's Developmental Center
- Daisy Craddock Fund for Columbia Basin Dive Rescue
- Daisy Craddock Fund for Kadlec Foundation
- Daisy Craddock Fund for KTNW Public Television
- Daisy Craddock Fund for Richland Public Library Foundation
- Daisy Craddock Fund for Safe Harbor
- J.J.'s Place Fund for Kadlec Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Dolly Richendrfer Fund for Benton Franklin Humane Society

### Scholarship Funds - \$88,190

- Babcock Services Inc. Scholarships

### Memorial Funds - \$7,965

- Mike McClure Memorial Fund

### Unrestricted Funds - \$278,845

- Victor and Julia Epperly Endowment Fund
- Cressy Lambert Endowment for the Tri-Cities
- Three Rivers Community Fund

### Nonprofit Agency Endowments - \$345,596

- Center for Sharing
- Columbia Industries
- Elijah Family Homes
- Mid-Columbia Symphony
- Senior Life Resources
- The Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia
- Women Helping Women – Operations
- Women Helping Women – Programs

## Nonendowed Funds

### Fiscal Sponsorships - \$40,187

- Cavalcade of Authors
- Hands In Hands On (HiHo)
- Healed With a Kiss
- Tri-Cities Engineering Week
- Tri-Cities Men's Ministry

### Pass Through Funds - \$57,444

- Family Learning Center
- First Fruits Fund
- Kennewick Public Arts Fund

## How Does This Work?

A number of endowed funds already exist under Three Rivers Community Foundation's management.

If a specific need or problem is not being addressed, a new fund can be created under one of five basic structures:

**Unrestricted Endowment Funds** generate income from which the Foundation can make grants as it sees the need.

**Field-Of-Interest Funds** target specific areas of donor interest such as education, children's health or performing arts.

**Donor Advised Funds** allow donors and/or designees to recommend specific groups and grants to the Foundation board.

**Scholarship Funds** can be created by individuals, companies or school districts.

**Non-Profit Agency Endowments** can be established by organizations to permanently support their long-range planning needs.

**Pass-Through Funds** gives the donor an option to make annual gifts from which the entire principal amount is granted for particular purposes rather than adding to the endowment.



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\* *Emeritus*

## Staff

- Carrie Green - *Executive Director*
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Thank you, Tri-Cities, for sharing your vision with us!

*We direct money to where it can make the biggest difference in our community.*



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