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Though it is a time of uncertainty for many, at Inland Northwest Community Foundation we have seen our assets grow over 40 percent in the last three years. We have grown from a \$40 million foundation to \$62 million thanks to generous funders who recognize the importance of a community foundation's impact on neighborhoods and world.

Mark Hurtubise, President and CEO of Inland Northwest Community Foundation says, "We are privileged to be living during a time that recognizes the key role giving has on our community, our environment and on the lives of ordinary people trying to make a difference."

These include people like Dr. George Girvin, a retired surgeon and Lila Girvin, an accomplished artist, who set up a fund on behalf of their son, Matthew Girvin who was killed in a helicopter crash when he was a UNICEF officer stationed in Mongolia. The memorial fund helps Mongolian students complete degrees each year in teaching or medicine. Spokane donors are literally changing the health of this remote, impoverished region.

The Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, with a recent \$6,000 grant from our foundation, is developing an outcomes-based evaluation model to measure water conservation education. We are proud to contribute to this important work.

A community foundation is many things, but most importantly, it is the people at the heart of the foundation who make it grow and transform. We are fortunate in the Inland Northwest to be part of a community of caring, giving individuals.

Inland Northwest Community Foundation serves 20 counties throughout Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Founded in 1974, its mission is to foster vibrant and sustainable communities in the Inland Northwest. The Foundation manages more than 250

funds, valued at approximately \$62 million, which have been established by individuals, families and businesses. In partnership with the donors we serve, INCF has awarded \$33 million in grants and scholarships throughout the region since its inception. These awards have enriched education, promoted arts & culture, provided critical human services, supported community and economic development and ultimately impacted thousands of lives in the Inland Northwest.

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