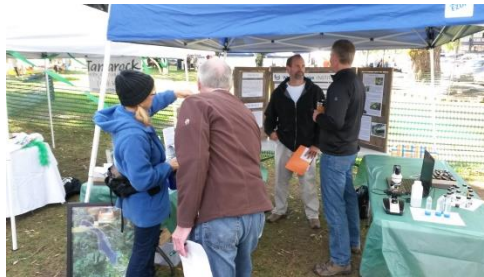




THANK YOU GREAT FISH CONTRIBUTORS!!!!!!!

On Monday evening, October 10th, the Whitefish Lake Institute joined 40 other nonprofits as the Whitefish Community Foundation (WCF) celebrated its second Great Fish Community Challenge which brought a total of \$1,486,546 to nonprofits in the community. Almost all of the participating nonprofits raised at least the amount required to be eligible for match funding. The Challenge received \$1,150,500 to which the Whitefish Community Foundation matched 55% on the first \$15,000 raised by each nonprofit for a total match of just over \$322,523. WLI was a proud participant in the Challenge, raising a total of \$37,545!

In addition to communicating via print and electronic mailers and on our website throughout the Challenge, WLI also had a booth in the Great Fish Community Fair and Color Fun Run. WLI's booth was staffed by WLI Executive Director, Mike Koopal and Science & Education Director, Lori Curtis, and had information on water quality, Aquatic Invasive Species, and more. Kids of all ages enjoyed viewing live zooplankton from Whitefish Lake through a microscope, and had access to almost a hundred vials of aquatic insects.



Mike Koopal and Lori Curtis talk water quality with Great Fish Community Fair booth visitors

Funds from the Challenge will support *Restoration 64*, WLI's project to conduct research, develop educational programs, and facilitate projects that engage community leaders and project partners to drive tasks from our 2015 *Whitefish Area Water Resources Report: A Status of the Whitefish Lake Watershed* towards completion. Addressing these tasks poises the community to improve water quality for the long term health of Whitefish.