

Good News of 2017



The Whitefish Community Foundation board members presented a grant check to representatives of the Whitefish Lake Institute at City Beach. (Heidi Desch/Whitefish Pilot file)

A number of donations were made for great causes in the community this year.

A few of the highlights include the Whitefish Community Foundation's award of a Major Community Project Grant of \$38,500 in April to the Whitefish Lake Institute to help implement a comprehensive aquatic invasive species prevention program, and the foundation's community grant cycle resulted in more than \$122,000 given to nonprofits during an event in May. Then in October the Great Fish Challenge raised more than \$2 million for nonprofits and Whitefish Animal Group received the annual Great Fish award and a \$5,000 grant.

In December, Project Whitefish Kids had raised \$82,000 toward its goal of raising \$292,000 to fund a new playground at Smith Fields.

Donations over several years launched the construction this year of the Whitefish School District's Center for Sustainability and Entrepreneurship. The \$2.65 million center is expected to be completed in April.