

2025 Annual Report



Letter from the Chair

This inaugural Annual Report marks an important milestone for our organization and our community. In our first year, the Foundation moved from an idea into a functioning nonprofit with a clear purpose: to strengthen and expand access to the pool, parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation opportunities that are central to quality of life in the Hood River Valley. With the support of our donors, volunteers, and partners, we achieved several key “firsts.”

We also began laying the groundwork for a defining priority in the years ahead: helping our community realize a safe, functional, and accessible aquatic center. The Foundation will mobilize community support for enhancements that help a future pool serve the whole community.

Just as important as the projects themselves is the trust we are building. Our goal is to be transparent, thoughtful, and deeply rooted in the community we serve. This first year has been about listening, learning, and forming relationships that will allow the Foundation to grow into a lasting steward of philanthropy for parks and recreation in the Hood River Valley. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your interest and support—we look forward to continuing this work together.

With appreciation,

Megan Orr, 2025 Board President,
HRV Parks & Rec Foundation



A Year of Firsts

The Foundation's inaugural year was full of milestones that will set the stage for lasting community impact.

Our First Partnerships

Collaborations with the Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District, Columbia Land Trust, local neighbors, and volunteers laid the groundwork for lasting projects.

Our First Supporters

From early seed donors to grassroots contributors, the response from the Hood River Valley community confirmed that people are ready to invest in shared spaces, outdoor access, and recreation opportunities for generations to come.

Our First Major Fundraising Campaign

The Indian Creek Trail - Conserve and Connect Phase 1 fundraiser inspired more than 140 donors to contribute over \$120,000 to create and complete a vital trail connection. This campaign demonstrated the power of community support and set the tone for future initiatives.

501(c)(3) Status Achieved

We received recognition as a nonprofit, establishing the Foundation as a steward of charitable giving for parks and recreation in the Hood River Valley. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and dedicated to projects that benefit the entire community.

Operational Systems Developed

The Foundation's volunteer Board of Directors established policies, financial controls, and operating procedures to ensure transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship from day one.

Join Our Team

Want to make a tangible impact on your community? We are seeking new board members to join our dedicated Board of Directors. Reach out to use at board@hrvprd.org or learn more here: www.hrvparksfoundation.org/about



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The Numbers

People Power

The Foundation is governed and operated entirely by volunteers. During its first year, Board members and volunteers are estimated to have contributed approximately 1,200+ hours of service, including governance, fundraising, project coordination, community outreach, and administrative setup. This represents an estimated \$41,748+ in donated professional time. This level of volunteer contribution provided essential capacity while allowing nearly all donated dollars to be directed toward mission-related activities.

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What's Next

Strategic Plan

A priority for 2026 is developing a strategic plan that clarifies the Foundation's mission, vision, and goals while cementing its identity as a trusted, effective, and community-driven nonprofit. This plan will guide decision-making, fundraising, partnerships, and program development, ensuring the Foundation remains focused on impact and aligned with community needs.

Stable & Thriving Foundation

The Foundation will continue to strengthen its organizational and financial foundation, ensuring transparency, accountability, and sound stewardship of donations. This includes building reserves and fostering long-term sustainability.

Indian Creek Trail Connection

The Foundation will continue advocacy and stewardship efforts to support the permanent dedication of the Indian Creek Trail easement. While land ownership was not secured in 2025, the Foundation remains committed to advancing the trail connection, protecting open space, and ensuring public access for generations.

Supporting the Future Aquatic Center

The Foundation will lead a \$2 million capital campaign to enhance the future pool facility, complementing the District's bond-funded core project. This includes securing philanthropic support, cultivating leadership pledges, and engaging the broader community to ensure the pool can be a valuable community asset.

Thank You!

Donors, for partnering with us to invest in our community.

Board of Directors, for your tireless contribution of valuable time.

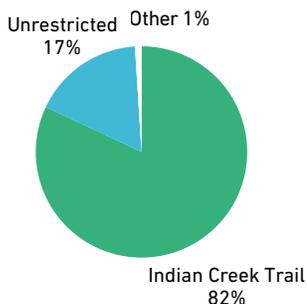
Community Partners, for working together on shared goals.

Pro-Bono/In-Kind Partners, for your expertise, space, and assistance: Hood River Alliance Church, Columbia Land Trust, Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District, Dan Rudgren, Outpost Hood River, Bill Sumerfield, Stacey Danner, Brian Hackett, and Coco Yackley.

2025 Financials

Total Raised: **\$148,327**
Total Spent: **\$2,011**

Current Funds by Program



Learn More

about the Future Aquatic Center

