

For the Kids

Wenatchee Rotary Auction

The name says it all! This year's Wenatchee Rotary Auction, January 29, 2022 at the Wenatchee Center, is literally "For the Kids!"

Below are brief descriptions of the four worthwhile groups that will receive proceeds from the upcoming fundraiser:



Camp Fire

North Central Washington Council

More than 90 years strong, Camp Fire North Central Washington provides quality programs to Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan county youth. From the early days of Blue Birds and Camp Fire Girls, the organization has grown to include services for both boys and girls. Activities range from camping to school readiness.

The core of Camp Fire NCW has been the Traditional Club Program, where volunteer leaders meet with small groups for informal educational experiences. Recognition awards, in the form of emblems and beads, are earned by completing activities and service projects.

Camp Fire NCW operates Camp Zanika, which provides overnight summer camp, environmental education and group rentals. Established in 1932 on the shores of Lake Wenatchee, the camp is 31 miles west of Leavenworth. The 13-acre camp is a getaway experience for people of all ages.



Chelan Douglas CASA

Recognizing that children in the justice system needed caring adults to be their voices, Seattle juvenile court judge David W. Soukup launched CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) in 1976.

In 1994, a small group of foster parents, committed to furthering the aims and goals of the local foster parent association, sought out Sue Baker for direction and aid in forming a CASA program in Chelan and Douglas counties. Sue had been a CASA volunteer in Seattle before moving to Wenatchee with her family.

Taking up the challenge, Sue worked closely with many in the community, including the then-Superior Court Judge Carol Wardell, to start the Chelan-Douglas CASA program. After more than 25 years, the program continues to grow and boasts nearly 100 volunteers.



Wenatchee Valley YMCA

More than 100 years ago, a group of people met to discuss the needs of boys and young men in Wenatchee and decided the organization of a Young Men's Christian Association could give direction to the leisure time of youth and stimulate the development of Christian character. Programs have changed over the years, but the YMCA's commitment to kids and community has seen it through two world wars, the depression, a variety of social struggles and multiple economic downturns.

Throughout its history, the YMCA has been blessed with community leaders who had the capacity to dream big dreams and were then willing to commit themselves to the fulfillment of those dreams. It is our sincere hope that our commitment to our mission inspires future generations to build upon the firm foundation of the Wenatchee Valley YMCA's first 110 years.

Nestled on the shore of Lake Wenatchee, our premiere resident camp offers youth and teens an opportunity of a lifetime! Camp experiences include archery, lake swimming, trail hiking, canoeing, kayaking, exploring, nightly campfires, sports, fishing, stand up paddle boarding, and so much more! Camp staff are dedicated to providing a safe and wholesome environment. Our goal is to provide experiences for each camper to feel special through activities and programs that focus on leadership development, building self-esteem, instilling confidence and nurturing the potential of every child.



Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship Fund

The mission of the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation (WRF) is to improve educational opportunities for residents living in the Greater Wenatchee area. The Wenatchee Rotary Foundation is the charitable and fundraising entity for the Rotary Club of Wenatchee.

Since the establishment of the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation in 1980, the Foundation has awarded numerous student scholarships. WRF funds are maintained in partnership with the Community Foundation of North Central Washington and invested according to the policies of the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. WRF supports academic programs where students are enrolled in formal educational and/or degree-oriented programs through the award of renewable scholarships to high school students in the Wenatchee area for enrollment at Wenatchee Valley College and other higher education institutions and technical schools.