Estate planning attorney Carol Hunter is igniting generosity in our region by inspiring her clients to give back to the community they love. Carol is passionate about inviting people to reflect on their values while imagining their legacy after they are gone. After practicing elder law for nearly thirty years, Carol opened her solo practice, Hunter Elder Law, PLLC, in January 2020 to serve the Spokane community.

The value of giving back not only inspires her work as a compassionate listener and friend to her clients, but also manifests in Carol’s commitment to her community. She is co-founder of the Spokane Chapter of Girls on the Run, a nonprofit dedicated to instilling joy, health and confidence in girls through wellness and physical activity programs, including running. She also serves on numerous nonprofit organization boards.

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**ORCHARD RIDGE AND WATERFORD RELIEF FUNDS**

Often faced with the threat of quitting their homes, 162 resident families in community-spoke in Spokane, Washington, have established the Orchard Ridge and Waterford Relief Funds at Innovia to support expenses related to expanding Orchard Ridge and Waterford. Created by an anonymous donation of $10,000 to residents in need of financial assistance. In Colmar, Minnesota, another anonymous donation of $200,000 established the Orchard Ridge and Waterford Relief Funds to sustain the needs of residents at Orchard Ridge and Waterford.

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**AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**CJF Executive Director Doug Marsh helped craft the approved grant agreement with Innovia that allows the fund to support expenses related to expanding Orchard Ridge and Waterford.**

**THE STAKEHOLDER BOARD has a long and rich history of supporting our military service members, families and friends of Fairchild Air Force Base. Funds raised will be used to provide grants for large and small projects and initiatives that provide mental health, wellness and/or quality of life support for military personnel and their families stationed at Fairchild.**

**THE FAVORED FEW SUPPORT CREW FUND**

**2022 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AND ANNUAL RECEPTION**

In May, we held our third annual Community Leadership Summit and Annual Reception in downtown Spokane. Attended by regional volunteers, community leaders, partners and doers who are all committed to our area, the event marked the first in-person gathering since the inaugural Summit in 2017. It was a virtual event.

For two days, an all-star line during the mining wars and the fight for Buff alo Soldiers. The chamber transportation costs to bring participants to the gathering in Walla Walla from Moscow, Idaho, where it was held. Members of the Wallace Chamber of Commerce in Wallace, Idaho have taken great pride in the fact the city of Commerce in Wallace, Idaho have taken great pride in the fact that the city of Commerce in Wallace, Idaho have taken great pride in the fact that the city is home to the Buffalo Soldiers. The chamber is home to the Buffalo Soldiers.

**SPOKANE JEWISH CULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL**

For 16 years, Spokane Jewish Family Services (JF&CS) has been part of the film festival experience through the Jewish Film and Entertainment Festival for the Jewish community. The festival has celebrated the Jewish experience throughout the state. The largest Jewish cultural event in the inland northwest, the festival welcomes the public to enjoy and learn from those behind the big screen.

"Film festivals are a really unique way to access Jewish communities home. That is why we at Innovia seek to expand our platform to a broader range of Jewish filmmakers, including those working within the region. We welcome everyone to join us as we celebrate the rich heritage of Buff alo Soldiers. The chamber is home to the Buffalo Soldiers. The chamber is home to the Buffalo Soldiers. The chamber is home to the Buffalo Soldiers." says Neal Schmidt, Director of SAJFS and the festival.

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**THIS IS THE BOLD PROMISE OF LAUNCHNW.**


While local organizations have made progress on these issues, we must work together to effectively address underlying causes.

Post-high school education and career training is critical to creating prosperity and disrupting cycles of poverty, but it feels out of reach for many of our students and families. Four in 10 high school graduates in our region aren’t pursuing post-secondary opportunities.

We need to change that.

LaunchNW brings the community together to invest in comprehensive solutions that spark lasting community vitality.

Your investment in LaunchNW disrupts siloed systems to create opportunities, prosperity and growth.

LaunchNW is a bold, cross-sector collaboration that catalyzes community prosperity by integrating student and family supports from cradle to career. It brings together regional partnerships to develop holistic solutions to the issues our region is working to solve.

With a supported promise scholarship as incentive, LaunchNW brings community organizations and support services to the table, using data to realign resources to better serve students and families. The scholarship also provides hope that finances are no longer a barrier to post-high school opportunities.

Scholarship funding by individuals, businesses and foundations creates positive community incentive for organizations and service providers to remain engaged.

Together, we will improve the trajectory of our communities for decades to come.
LAUNCHNW CREATES OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

One in three people in our region are economically insecure. As a result, our entire region is impacted. Individual income levels are lower, skilled workforce needs are unmet and the cost of living outpaces wages.

LaunchNW brings together community partners to ensure every child, regardless of their individual circumstances, has access to career training: apprenticeships, technical and two-year degrees, credentials, four-year degrees and beyond.

LAUNCHNW BUILDS PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES.

Communities in the U.S. with programs similar to LaunchNW have seen increases in post-high school education, volunteering, community service and voting, paired with decreases in unemployment, reliance on government assistance programs, and government spending on remedial services and interventions.

LaunchNW has garnered investment and support from regional corporate leaders, philanthropists, school districts, higher education, individuals, nonprofits, and members of city and county governments.

LAUNCHNW SPARKS ECONOMIC GROWTH.

Education and workforce training are vital to ensuring our region can create and fill the jobs we need to grow and prosper. Within five years, 70% of projected job openings in our area will require at least some form of education or training beyond high school.

Employers in Eastern Washington and North Idaho want to hire local talent. Investing in post-high school opportunities and workforce training ensures students are prepared for, and have access to, jobs in our region.

Building the talent and potential of young people not only grows our local workforce, but also increases household income and job growth, leading to a stronger economy.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.

We have an incredible opportunity to leverage the unprecedented amount of state and federal dollars currently available in our region for pandemic recovery. Your contribution adds to the momentum and advances the work already underway.

Join us in this once-in-a-generation opportunity to create transformational change.

Make a contribution today at LaunchNW.org.