

# They worked so hard for this land

From working forests and rushing streams to farmland and lakeshore, a host of special lands were voluntarily conserved in 2018. The beauty and diversity that these lands contribute to our shared legacy is now assured because of the vision of their owners, people with whom KLT is proud to partner.

Over one hundred years ago, a farsighted woman named Anna Lassen purchased acreage on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille, land that has been loved by her family ever since. Now, *four generations* later, Anna's great-grandchildren have permanently protected her legacy. Its scenic beauty is enjoyed by countless visitors to the lake

each year, and provides a home to native trout and bald eagles. Now it will remain forever.

Across the lake, John and Gail Underwood stumbled upon their dream property many years ago; forested acreage where trees grow tall and clean water flows. They cared for this property together for decades. Now, more than a half century after purchasing the land, John has permanently conserved

this place in memory of Gail and the many years they shared.

Further east, in Sanders County, Montana, another landowner had long been wrestling with the fate of his property, a place where mountain lions den beneath the family cabin and bears routinely rearrange the deck chairs. This land is at the wild heart of the Bull River Valley. But the owner feared that its wildness would be lost after his tenure.

His decision to conserve the land he loves has finally quieted his worries. This property will now endure, both for the enjoyment of the owner's descendants as well as for the wild creatures that call it home.

A scenic bench above the Kootenai River in Bonners Ferry, a rural farmstead in Bonner County, a stretch of the East Fork Bull River in Montana, and the 180-acre Pine Street Woods near Sandpoint.

These are some of the lands you helped to protect in the past year; projects that could not have been possible without the support of countless donors and volunteers, and the vision of the landowners themselves.

We commend their choice to set special places aside for the future.





# There's Cause to Celebrate

Once a dream, Pine Street Woods is now a reality. Raising the funds to purchase and establish a community forest once seemed a lofty goal, but our community met the challenge with enthusiasm. We couldn't be more grateful.

## Pine Street Woods will open in summer 2019!

This will be a natural area for ALL TO ENJOY—a place for you to hike, bike, snowshoe, cross-country ski, play, and picnic; an outdoor classroom for every age; a haven for wildlife; and home to a host of community programs.

Pine Street Woods also provides a permanent home for Camp Kaniksu, and so many other experiences offered by community partners.

Thank you for the support you gave this project, of your time and resources. Our entire community can take pride in this remarkable effort, which has only been possible through the help of countless friends and supporters.

So make sure that your hiking shoes, grandkids, picnic basket, doggie bags, or mountain bike are ready. There will soon be an inspiring new forest playground nearby. We look forward to welcoming you.



## **Memories of Summer Days**

Do you remember playing outside as a child? You probably have many fond memories of summer days in the outdoors, but this experience can be increasingly rare for today's children. Camp Kaniksu is working to make sure that local children continue to make memories while chasing butterflies and playing in puddles.

During camp, kids play outside just as most of us did when we were very young. They catch bugs and frogs, climb trees, weave ropes for tug-of-war, build forts, eat wild berries, study animal tracks, listen to birdsong, and stage forest feasts.

Making sure children love to play outside is more important than ever. Because of you, and others like you, local children are getting a chance to connect in a meaningful way with nature, and with the larger world around them. Together, we are making a change that touches the future.

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"I think this has been the best week of my life—and I'm not just saying that to make you feel good."

- Sadie, Camp Kaniksu participant, Age 7

### With Gratitude

Two short years ago, a team of remarkable individuals assembled with the common cause of raising the funds needed to secure Pine Street Woods.

The Pine Street Woods Campaign Committee devoted countless hours behind the scenes. Now, because of their hard work, a dream has come true. Our community will be forever grateful to Katie Cox, Jim Zuberbuhler, Julie Meyer, Chris Bessler, Dan Krabacher, Kyler Wolf, and so many others. Because of them, Pine Street Woods is here for good. For everyone.

Kaniksu Land Trust could not accomplish so much without the tireless volunteers who join us—rain, snow, and shine—to make a difference. This year we'd also

like to acknowledge Jim Mellen, who worked alongside Education Director Dave Kretzschmar and numerous local high school students to raise a beautiful timberframed pavilion at Kaniksu Land Trust's Cabinet View Nature Area outside of Clark Fork.

As the future of these shared community spaces, like Pine Street Woods and Cabinet View Nature Area, begins to unfold, we cannot help but think of all the people who have made these projects, and so much more, a reality—THANK YOU for all you have done.



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### We are so grateful to each of our supporters...both those who have been with us for many years and those who joined us more recently. Many of you were a crucial part of making Pine Street Woods a reality, and we couldn't have done it without you.

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#### The successful Pine Street Woods 2018 Operating Income campaign raised more than ■ Foundation Grants \$ 10,338

Conservation can't happen without you.

Contributions \$ 118,809 Other\* Total

Cash Reserve Draw

From conserving trout streams and ranch lands to bringing children outdoors every week of the year, we are accomplishing more together than ever before.

YOUR Land Trust...Stronger than Ever

Last year saw the protection of 750 acres of wildlife habitat and scenic landscapes in two states, and the delivery of 2,700 participant days of innovative outdoor programs to hundreds of local children.

Most excitingly, due to an upwelling of support, the campaign to purchase Pine Street Woods was completed nearly a year ahead of schedule. What felt at the outset like a heavy lift became an opportunity to make new friends and connect with more members of our community.

Pine Street Woods will be opening this year, with new trails and signs to support every type of user. In-school programs and outdoor summer camps will have a permanent home, and there is a new and inspiring playground nearby for you to explore.

We look forward to another memorable year—together we are accomplishing so much. We hope you will continue with us on this journey.

Very sincerely,

Jim Zuberbuhler

1 million dollars in grants,

individual contributions and

pledges during 2018 alone.

This capital campaign led to

extraordinary financial circum-

stances that significantly distorted

KLT's operating financial reporting.

Campaign-related financials are

not included in these charts.

Please refer to GuideStar for

complete financial information.

President, Board of Directors

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You are making a difference every day.

### \$ 243,464 \$ 372,611 \*Contract Fees. Events. Interest.

### 2018 Operating Expenses

Program Services \$ 294.363 Administration \$ 40,987 \$ 37,261 Fundraising Total \$ 372.611

We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact Regan if you have any corrections. Thank you.



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# Rufous hummingbirds

Rufous hummingbirds are the smallest of Idaho's native hummingbird species, yet they migrate over 2,000 miles each way to their winter habitat in Mexico. In 2018, the rufous hummingbird was assigned near threatened status due to reduced access to food resources.

To learn how you can support the food needs of this beautiful bird, visit www.kaniksu.org/critter-corner