Executive Director Report

Gorge Community Foundation Board Meeting

Date: Sept 28, 2026 @ 12PM | **Prepared by:** Tucker Szymkowicz

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Highlights Since Last Board Meeting

- Brief summary of major accomplishments and key developments.
    - Transfer of $1M from Sigrid Arnhold fund for HR Adopt a Dog
    - Uplift Local and FISH are considering endowments
    - Steighner Artists Fund - $5k donation received
    - New fund - Carolyn Morrison - Bailey Morrison Fund - Stock transfer in process
    - Branden Two IRA's gifted to GCF as primary beneficiary. Total = $540k - Board needs to determine the best use of these funds as they are unrestricted. Mary and Tucker suggest that these funds be added to Lynn's Fund.
- Significant opportunities or challenges.
    - **Tom's sister's Foundation update -** Tom
    - **Foundant** - Waiting on a cost update but would be $20k-$24 of direct costs plus staff time of approx 50 hours per person to get up and running
    - **Outside Financial Management Agreement -** Agreement and Policy is in final edits phase but the intention/goals behind it is supported by the Finance Team members.
    - **New Brochure -** Ready for distribution
- Important board actions requested.
    - Settle on Brunch Dates Nov 4,5 or 6?
    - Settle on Board Strategic Plan Dates for Fall 2026 directly after brunch?
    - Active Board Development - Replace Lynn's Board Seat and 2 more members?
    - Review/Edit Board Membership Expectations and Onboarding Process - Committee or Assignment?
    - Request for introductions to new potential board members or fund holders.