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Jenny Collins, Chehalis Foundation

Jenny is the Executive Director of the Chehalis Foundation a non-profit dedicated to support projects that benefit the city, the community, and academic excellence in Chehalis schools. Our purpose is to better the quality of life for our community, while lessening the financial burdens to taxpayers and government, as well as providing more opportunities for our children.

Over the past 19 years, the Chehalis Foundation has taken on over 25 civic, education, and recreation projects. In total, our generous donors have provided over \$10M allowing these projects to be done. The case studies of our featured projects are divided into three categories of focus; Civic Improvements, Education Excellence, and Parks and Recreation.

The Chehalis Foundation started renovating city parks and recreation facilities and supporting civic improvements. The Foundation expanded its vision to include an educational component that first focused on the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs at West High School (WHS) and reaching into the lower grades with new and innovative teaching. Today, the educational funding includes supporting a retention specialist with Centralia College who focuses exclusively on helping WHS graduates be successful in college and so much more.

What started as “lessening the financial burdens of the city” expanded to the community and educational excellence in the Chehalis School District. To date, the Chehalis Foundation has been generously supported with many gifts. We also are fortunate to be the beneficiary of approximately \$20M in ongoing support from several endowments that will also continue to assist our efforts in education, as well as parks and recreation for future generations. With all this support, we have made significant improvements to our public education, city parks, facilities, and we are helping to revitalize Chehalis.

Jenny has served as a Board member of the Non Profit Insurance Program (NPIP) since February 2021 and is currently the Region 2 representative. Prior non-profit work she has accomplished includes ten years as the Executive Director of the Visiting Nurses Foundation.