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FACTS & STATS

SERENDIPITY: As the Schneider Fund gives its final grants, the Cate Fund is just beginning to give – and will forever.

In its 20 years, the Schneider Fund granted over **\$2 MILLION** to nonprofits. In just the first year of granting, the Cate Fund distributed over **\$155,000** to 17 area nonprofits.

OTHERS.”



Recognizing community needs often change, Tony made the Cate Fund **UNRESTRICTED**, trusting the WYCF Casper Area Local Board to make important giving decisions.

COMMITMENT TO GIVING

This is the story of two caring people whose commitment to giving began on separate paths but came together with gusto. As individuals, Tony Cate and Janet Schneider-Cate supported the causes and people they cared most about. As a couple their generosity was amplified and continues to have an incredible impact on the Casper area.

Tony had a quiet generosity. He loved to be around people and was always eager to help those facing tough times. Tony would close his dinner prayer with, “Keep us ever mindful of the needs of others.”

Janet found great joy in giving back. She sought to support organizations and causes she loved and that strengthened her community. In fact, she and her first husband, Richard, were one of the first to set up a fund with WYCF ensuring causes important to the two of them were supported.

Tony and Janet’s paths crossed from time to time, but it was not until later in life that they found each other. The two were kindred spirits. They shared a love for the arts, animals and for helping those less fortunate. As a couple, they were a force for good.

In 2005 Janet passed away. Tony continued to give – rarely saying no to anyone in need. A friend and former professional advisor to Tony, Joni Kumor notes with a smile, “Tony could not say no. I would tell him, ‘You don’t need to give everyone asking for money a check.’ But he would! It made him feel good.”

The Schneider Fund continued to give as well. The Nicolaysen Art Museum, Self-Help Center, Seton House, Wyoming Symphony Orchestra, Platte River Trails Trust, 12-24 Club and so many more nonprofits benefitted from the grants made. Seeing the impact, Tony made a bequest to also establish a fund with WYCF – the Tony Cate Endowed Fund.

Both Janet and Tony have passed, but their decisions to create funds with WYCF mean their commitment to giving continues. The Wyoming Community Foundation is humbled to be a part of continuing their lasting legacy.



Janet Schneider-Cate & Tony Cate