

WHITNEY BENEFITS NEWS RELEASE

Tom Kinnison, President of Whitney Benefits, Inc., announces an agreement with the Sheridan Educational Foundation, to manage and oversee the Whitney Community Vocational Center housing local non-profit community service providers to assist with the maximization of their resources in a collaborative manner. The Whitney Community Vocational Center is located at 245 Broadway Street in Sheridan, Wyoming. Whitney is a private, non-profit educational foundation located in Sheridan, Wyoming. Whitney was created under the Last Will and Testament of Edward A. Whitney.

Whitney Benefits purchased the previous site of the RENEW organization in 2002 and immediately assisted in the development of the site for non-profits' services to the community, such as the Even Start Preschool. Since then, other non-profit organizations with a mission to improve educational and vocational opportunities for the citizens of Sheridan County have joined the occupants. Whitney Benefits has located its office at the Whitney Community Vocational Center. Current occupants include:

Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
Healthy Community-Healthy Youth
Even Start Family Literacy Program
Even Start Scott Preschool
e-Train West
Sheridan County Prevention Coalition
Sheridan-Johnson Counties Opportunity Program for Education (SCOPE)
Big Brothers-Big Sisters
Sheridan County Historical Society

Additional spaces are available and interested parties can contact the Sheridan Community Education Foundation at 673-0076.

The Board, as an entity, and the Trustees, as individuals, are charged with the duty to fulfill the purposes articulated by Mr. Whitney in his Will. Mr. Whitney was clear in his general instruction where the Whitney Trustees were to advance the general state of educational and vocational opportunities to the residents.

Whitney's continued intent is the encouragement of educational opportunities, which will lead to a greater interest in educational and vocational opportunities in the Sheridan County School Districts and ultimately Sheridan College, and other educational institutions.

John Smith, Whitney Benefits Trustee said, "Like our on-going student loan program, and financial support to the College and the YMCA, this is an example of our new initiatives (like the Ice Skating Rink and Whitney Commons) where our Foundation supports the needs of the community. We are delighted to see the non-profits working together to benefit educational and vocational opportunities for the Sheridan Community."

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