

# Matching Gifts Gang

FLC Foundation Board member  
Anne Putnam Creates  
A Fun New Way to Donate!



When Anne Putnam gets a bee in her bonnet, chances are she's going to do something about it. Anne, a Fort Lewis College Foundation Board member for five years, believes giving to scholarships should be fun. Being a part of the Matching Gifts Gang will be fun and make you feel good, too.

"With grandchildren in college, I understand how difficult it can be for students to fund their education and that often kids choose the college that gives them the best financial aid package," said Anne. "I don't want anyone to feel they can't come to Fort Lewis because they can't afford to. Plus, one of the best ways of securing the financial stability of the College is to attract more students and we can attract more students by helping them defray the cost of their education."

So Anne came up with the idea of forming the Matching Gifts Gang. Anyone who donates \$1,000/year to the general scholarship fund can become a member of the Gang. Donations from the Gang will go toward matching any first-time gifts of \$100- \$800.

"Someone considering a gift toward scholarships may be more likely to take that step if they know their donation will be matched by the Gang. Having made their first gift to Fort Lewis College, many of these folks will become repeat donors and the College will have expanded its pool of supporters," Anne explained.

Last year, the Foundation distributed \$204,000 to 430 students in unrestricted scholarship money. The Matching Gifts Gang's goal is to raise \$40,000 in matching funds by June 30, 2014.

Anne believes in having fun and members of the Gang will have no responsibilities other than to pony up their donations and attend two or three casual parties during the year. The first one will be a western-themed barbecue at President Dene Thomas' home in August.

So join the Matching Gifts Gang now and wrestle up an invitation to the party! Or, make your first donation to the general scholarship fund and know your donation will be doubled by the Gang. Either way it's a win for you and a win for the students!

"There are few things more gratifying than helping a young person realize their dreams," says Anne.

You can make your donation by sending a check to the Fort Lewis College Foundation, 1000 Rim Drive, Durango, CO 81301. Write scholarships in the memo. Or, if you prefer to use a credit card, go to [www.fortlewis.edu/makeagift](http://www.fortlewis.edu/makeagift) or call (970)247-6179.