

Leonard Trust Committee

John and Lois Leonard were long time Chehalis residents. They believed in the value of education and were inspired by the actions of other benefactors like the Wests and Coffmans. They wanted to create an endowment specifically aimed to help students interested in pursuing vocational education, now Career and Technical Education (CTE). They left an endowment to the Chehalis School District which elected to have the Chehalis Foundation serve as trustee.

Here is the purpose of the Leonard trust as ordered by the Superior Court:

"The monies shall be invested with the earnings to be used for scholarships and support of career and technical education to enhance the preparedness and opportunities for worthy students to obtain vocational, technical, career credentials beyond high school.

The Chehalis Foundation and the Chehalis School District Board of Directors adopted resolutions naming a seven member committee to direct the investment and spending of this trust. Their responsibility is to ensure this asset is safely and wisely invested.

The Leonard Trust Committee has met twice - once in September, and once in November. Members include:

- Jenny Collins, Chehalis Foundation
- Dr. Brian Fox, Chehalis School District
- Dr. Mark Giffey, Port of Chehalis
- Rick Goble, Chehalis School District
- Duane Johnson, Leonard family representative
- Gretchen Moore, Pacific Mobile
- Heidi Pehl, I-5 Cars
- Kirby White, Braun Northwest and Chehalis Foundation