

Your Community Update

Local COVID-19 Vaccination Effort Receives BCF's Humanitarian Award

"I never want anyone to forget how lucky we are to be in this community with partnerships like this. We would not have vaccinated to this degree without all of these key players," remarked Anne LeSage, Emergency Management Coordinator at the City of Bainbridge Island (COBI), during a meeting with BCF.



BCF produced a short film on the Bainbridge Island vaccination effort, available at www.BainbridgeCF.org

From December 23rd, 2020 to June 5th, 2021, over 25,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine were administered due to the coordinated Bainbridge Island effort. Over 600 volunteers dedicated more than 25,000 hours, including home visits and a mobile clinic that provided vaccinations to more vulnerable populations in Kitsap and Jefferson counties. As a result, more than 82% of Bainbridge Island residents ages 12 and up have initiated their COVID-19 vaccine, which is the highest rate in all of Kitsap County.

This immense effort didn't happen overnight. When Mark Tan, owner of Bainbridge Community Pharmacy, received an email that he would be sent 300 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine just days before Christmas, he knew the pharmacy wasn't big enough to be a stand-alone clinic. Mark and Loren Bast, Executive Director of Bainbridge Prepares, quickly teamed up to find a venue for the clinic along with trained volunteers who could administer the shots—and the vaccination clinics grew from there. Over the course of days, weeks, and months, a network of local nonprofits, agencies, and companies united forces to create one of the most efficient and impactful volunteer vaccination efforts in the region.

Bainbridge Community Foundation wanted to recognize the incredible work it took to make this happen, and honored the partners with BCF's Humanitarian Award at its Philanthropy Celebration on November 4th. BCF also created a short film about this incredible effort, which is now available to

City of Bainbridge Island
Bainbridge Island Fire Department
Bainbridge Island Community Pharmacy
Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island
Bainbridge Prepares
Bainbridge Island Senior/Community Center
Island Volunteer Caregivers

[watch here](#) on BCF's YouTube page.

As Anne described, “My entire career has been focused on collaboration, and this was by far the best example of collaboration and coalition-building I have ever seen. I have never seen the depth and breadth of what we have here in our community.” BCF is grateful to these leaders and hundreds of volunteers for their incredible efforts to keep our community safe.

Thank you to [Windermere Commercial](#) and [RipeLocker](#) for underwriting BCF's Philanthropy Celebration on November 4th



Capacity Building Grants Cycle Underway



BCF's **Capacity Building Grants Cycle** is underway! Through these grants, BCF supports organizations that want to invest in their long-term efficiency and efficacy—broadening their impact on our community. BCF funds training and workshops for grantees on creating strategic plans, on assessing their business models, or on integrating justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in their work, and

much more. You can read more about our capacity building grants on our website [here](#). **Applications are due by November 16th.**

BCF Board Member Paul Merriman Wins Prestigious Cloonan Award

For his lifetime commitment in educating investors, the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII) presented BCF Board Member Paul Merriman with the James Cloonan Award for Excellence in Investment Education. The Cloonan Award honors individuals who have made significant advances and contributions in the area of individual investor education, in the spirit of AAII founder James Cloonan's educational mission. Paul Merriman believes in using information and research to assist individuals in becoming effective managers of their own assets.



On behalf of BCF, every year Paul organizes a free financial education series in order to help educate our community on how to better plan for our futures. These events target all ages and levels of financial literacy, including youth, first-time investors who are still in

the workforce, and those who have just entered retirement. [Click here](#) to watch last year's recorded events with nationally renowned financial experts.

Past recipients of the prestigious award have included Bruce Johnstone of Fidelity Investments and John "Jack" Bogle of The Vanguard Group. Congratulations, Paul!

Rotary Community Grants Now Open

The Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island has a long and proud history of providing grants to support diverse community projects, dating back to the Club's founding in 1947. Members of the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island are stewards of funds raised at the yearly Rotary Auction & Rummage Sale. Each year a portion of these funds are made available to support the capital projects (up to \$5,000) of local nonprofits through the annual Community Grants program. You can read more about the Rotary Community Grants [here](#). **Applications are due by November 22nd.**



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