Welcome!

As we started 2020, we did so with a newly minted strategic plan. In the preamble to the plan, we wrote, "we envision a community of people committed to helping one another." Little did we know about the global pandemic which would soon ensue and challenge that concept and us as a community to our core. But what we saw time and time again was this vision in practice. From the groundswell of philanthropy to the home-grown vaccination effort, our community proved the mountains we could climb when working together.

As we emerge from the pandemic, all of us at BCF have spent numerous hours discussing where we want to be and the impact we hope to inspire over the next five years. While drafting our new strategic plan, we focused these conversations around conveying why this work is so important. We developed our North Star statement—

that all Bainbridge Islanders understand the challenges we face and responsibilities we share, and are inspired to contribute skills and resources to build a stronger, more inclusive community.

Our goal is to ensure that everybody understands, from their own life experience and diverse perspective, why this work matters. We hope to have a community where all citizens and organizations feel a deep sense of belonging and work together to help meet each other’s needs. Throughout this annual report, you’ll see a look back on why this work was important in 2022. As you review it, we invite you to join us in celebrating the collective work of the community. Behind each activity described herein, you will find scores of people, from staff to volunteers to donors, who have all made it happen.

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to the journey ahead!
WHY DO WE DO THIS?

BCF aims to help donors, nonprofit professionals, board members, volunteers, and the general public better understand the opportunities and challenges in our community and inspire them to take action in a meaningful way. The State of the Sector report, which takes a deeper dive into data based on findings of its annual nonprofit survey, is designed to be visually appealing and easy to understand. BCF distributes it for free to community members.

AFFORDABILITY
• Housing prices increased 150% locally since 2014, compared to 85% nationally
• Community members making a household income of less than $78,752 are at a disadvantage in our community
• Earnings growth overall improved in 2022, but after accounting for inflation, the gains disappear
• More vulnerable groups are single women with children, seniors, and youth

MENTAL HEALTH
• Mental health nationwide declined during the pandemic, with 41% of adults reporting an anxiety or depressive disorder in 2022 compared to only 11% in 2019
• Females suffered from anxiety at a significantly higher rate than males during the pandemic
• Pandemics tend to negatively impact the mental health of those living in lower socioeconomic groups, and those with lower salaries are significantly more likely to lose their job
• Bainbridge Island School District (BISD) students experienced increased anxiety and depression between 2019 and 2021
• BISD students have less depression but more anxiety compared to students across the state

NONPROFITS
• 100% of local nonprofits that answered the survey make their programs and services accessible to low-income families
• While some nonprofits directly provide mental health counseling, others provide an outlet to help support mental health such as outdoor or cultural activities
• 48% of nonprofits reported stronger operations than before COVID, often attributed to the cohesiveness of employees, the ability to remain flexible, and the essential need for nonprofit work in the community
• 33% of nonprofits felt they were not as strong as they were before COVID
• 78% of local nonprofit staff make less than $64,190 full-time salary, which was the Kitsap County Area Median Income for one person before 2020 Census results were released
• Almost 50% of nonprofits cannot offer their staff health insurance, and almost 60% reported that their salary and benefits package is not sufficient enough to hire and retain qualified employees

EXAMPLES OF COMPLETED PROGRAMS FUNDED BY BCF IN 2021

| Peacock Family Services: Financial aid to provide childcare for essential workers and other vulnerable families |
| Helpline House: Housing and utility assistance for low-income individuals and families in our community |
| Eastside Baby Corner - West Sound: Support for essential items, such as diapers, clothing, or shoes, for children living in poverty or experiencing homelessness |
| Pacific Model United Nations: Financial aid for student delegates who want to engage in debates about issues such as gender equality, climate action, or global health |

CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED BY NONPROFITS THAT IMPACT THEIR PROGRAMS OR SERVICES

- Mental Health
- Affordability

EXAMPLES OF COMPLETED PROGRAMS FUNDED BY BCF IN 2021

| Bainbridge Youth Services: Free and confidential professional mental health counseling for students in need of support |
| Assistance Dogs Northwest: Community outreach for therapy dogs, educational programs, and workplace readiness programs |
| Raising Resilience: Helping families thrive by providing education, resources, and connections for parents to address challenging topics with their children |
| The Coffee Oasis: Crisis intervention for youth who are feeling alone, helpless, and scared by offering them support, encouragement and empowerment |
GRANTMAKING OVERVIEW

WHY DO WE DO THIS?

BCF's competitive grantmaking program was created as a way to build a permanent and reliable resource for funding for local nonprofits, so that our community could continue to thrive and access a high quality of life. Our grantmaking provides nonprofits with an ability to fund essential programs and needs as well as makes financial support available during emergency situations.

BCF's grantmaking program responds to nonprofit needs. In 2022, a record 725 grants of all types totaling more than $2.9 million were awarded to nonprofits. This amount includes $15 Donor Advised Fund (DAF) grants totaling more than $2.3 million supporting the causes and organizations that fund advisors value. DAF grants make up the majority of BCF's grantmaking, including its Community Grants Cycle and its Capacity Building Grants Cycle.

Other grants included 16 scholarships for a total of $36,500. 26 Area of Interest Fund grants totaling more than $200,000 as well as grants from BCF Discretionary Funds, Designated Funds, and Nonprofit Agency Funds.

BCF's grand total for grantmaking since inception was nearly $22 million by the end of 2022.

BCF was proud to award grants to the following organizations in 2022:

- Alaska Public Media
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility Foundation
- Alzheimer's Association
- Amabile
- Amara
- American Civil Liberties Union
- Arboretum Foundation
- Arms Around Bainbridge
- Arts & Humanities Bainbridge
- ASPCA
- Assistance Dogs Northwest
- A Touch of Love Foundation
- Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network (BARN)
- Bainbridge Arts & Crafts
- Bainbridge Chorale
- Bainbridge Community Piano Association
- Bainbridge Island Boys & Girls Club
- Bainbridge Island Child Care Centers
- Bainbridge Island Historical Museum
- Bainbridge Island Land Trust
- Bainbridge Island Museum of Art
- Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation
- Bainbridge Island Rowing
- Bainbridge Island Senior / Community Center
- Bainbridge Island Special Needs Foundation
- Bainbridge Island Youth Orchestra
- Bainbridge Performing Arts
- Bainbridge Prepares
- Bainbridge Public Library
- Bainbridge Performing Arts
- Battle Point Astronomical Association
- Beechwood School – California Family
- Bethany Lutheran Church
- Bishop Blanchet High School
- B.I. Youth Partners in Health Engage Chapter
- Bloedel Reserve
- Bynon Group
- Chief Seattle Club
- Childhaven
- Classical King FM 98.1
- Common Power Future
- Compass Housing Alliance Conservation NW
- Covenant House
- Cross Sound Presbyterian Church
- Doctors Without Borders
- Duxamish River Cleanup Coalition
- Early Life Speech and Language
- Eastside Baby Corner – West Sound
- EcoAdapt
- Equal Justice Initiative
- Evergreen Goodwill
- Evergreen Treatment Services
- Filipino American Community of Bainbridge Island & vicinity
- First Years Children's Center
- Fishline Food Bank & Comprehensive Services
- Foundation for Equity and Justice
- Friends of Hana Nuna
- Friends of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
- Friends of Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Complex
- Friends of the Farms
- Fund Texas Choice
- Genetic Support Foundation
- Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
- Greenwood Elementary PTA
- Habitat for Humanity
- Grand Traverse Region Harmony Hill Retreat Center
- Hawaii Artists Collaboration
- Hazel Wolf & A PTO
- Heidi International
- Helpline House
- Holly Ridge Center
- Holocaust Center for Humanity
- Housing Resources Bainbridge
- Hyla Middle School
- Indaba Foundation
- Island Corps
- Island Volunteer Caregivers
- IslandWood
- JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)
- Jewish Family Service
- Juvenile Diabetes Care Alliance
- KBTC Association
- KCTS
- Kids Discovery Museum
- Kids in Concert
- Kidzz Helping Kidzz
- Kitsap Cancer Services
- Kitsap Community Foundation
- Kitsap Community Resources
- Kitsap Humane Society
- Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center
- Kitsap Legal Services
- Kitsap Regional Library Foundation
- Kitsap Support, Advocacy & Counseling (formerly Kitsap Sexual Assault Center
- Knights Community Hospital Equipment Loan Center
- KUWQ – Puget Sound Public Radio
- Lakeside School
- Leadership Kitsap Foundation
- Lewis & Clark College
- Life Staff / H.O.P.E. Center
- Massai Women's Education and Empowerment Program
- Madrona School
- Marge Williams Center
- Marley’s Mutts Dog Rescue
- Martha & Mary
- Media Matters for America
- Mercy Corps
- Middlebury College
- Model United Nations Northwest
- Montgomery Botanical Center
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Greater NW Chapter
- National Park Foundation
- National Wildlife Federation
- National Women's Health Network, Inc.
- Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation (NETRF)
- New Horizons
- No Kid Hungry
- Share Our Strength
- Northwest Abortion Access Fund
- Northwest African American Museum
- Northwest Maritime Center
- One Call for All
- One Heart Wild
- Operation Nightwatch
- OurGEMS
- Pacific Crest Montessori School
- Pacific Horticulture
- Panther Foundation
- Path with Art
- PAWS of Bainbridge Island
- North Kitsap
- Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue
- PeaceCreek Family Services
- Peninsula Trail Coalition
- Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization
- Planned Parenthood of the Great NW
- Preservation Institute
- Project Zawadi
- Puget Sound Restoration Fund
- Raising Resilience
- Revised Soldiers Ukraine
- Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island
- Scholarship Foundation
- Rotary of Bainbridge Island Trust
- Sage Valley Care Center
- Scarlett Road
- Seattle Children’s Hospital
- Seattle Opera
- Seattle University
- Share Winter Foundation
- Snow Leopard Trust
- Southern Poverty Law Center
- Special Needs Solutions
- Sustainable Bainbridge
- The American Independent Foundation
- The Center Center
- The Coffee Oasis
- The Nature Conservancy
- Third Sector Capital Partners
- A Way Home Washington
- Together Rising
- Transgender Law Center
- United Help Korea
- University of Washington Foundation
- Uplift International
- Vitalize Kitsap
- Vose Latino Foundation
- Washington Business Week
- WEAVE Presents
- West Sound Treatment Center
- West Sound Wildlife Shelter
- WTH – Wildlife Rehab Center
- Wallowa Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre
- Woodland Park Zoological Society
- World Central Kitchen
- World Wildlife Fund
- Yes! Magazine
- Yosemite Foundation
- Young Life
- YouthCare
- YWCA of Kitsap County

Photo credit: Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation

Bainbridge Community Foundation
In 2022, 50 volunteers reviewed and vetted 61 applications to the CGC, 60 of those were approved and funded. BCF provided $50,000 in initial funding, and the rest of the support came from generous donors who gave at all levels for a record-setting amount of $561,692 in grants to local nonprofits.

**ANIMAL WELFARE**

**Assistance Dogs Northwest** Support for community outreach and awareness programs, with a focus on therapy dogs, veterans, education, workplace readiness, and crisis response.

Amount Funded: $11,000

**Kitsap Humane Society** Support to increase the number of at-risk animals saved in our community.

Amount Funded: $10,000

**One Heart Wild** (New) Provides support for cognitive, emotional, and social-enriching environment for vulnerable children and families on Bainbridge Island.

Amount Funded: $11,880

**PAWS of Bainbridge Island** North Kitsap Support for 24 resident income-eligible residents on Bainbridge Island who need veterinary, spay/neuter, or pet care support.

Amount Funded: $7,900

**ARTS, CULTURE, & HUMANITIES**

**Arts & Humanities Bainbridge** Operational support for the planning of the Bainbridge Creative District’s October 2023 Arts Walk.

Amount Funded: $5,000

**Arts & Humanities Bainbridge** Support to facilitate the establishment of a Bainbridge Island Poet Laureate.

Amount Funded: $2,500

**Bainbridge Arts & Crafts** Operational support to finance and implement an expanded community outreach program.

Amount Funded: $12,200

**Bainbridge Island Senior Center / Community Center** Support for the conversion of a 21-passenger bus from gasoline to hybrid, cutting CO2 emissions by 29% and improving mileage by 29%, while also extending the service life of the vehicle.

Amount Funded: $10,000

**Bainbridge Island Special Needs Foundation** Funding to increase demand for special equipment and meet basic operational costs.

Amount Funded: $10,100

**Bainbridge Prepares** Support for 33 Disaster Hubs in strategic locations on Bainbridge Island.

Amount Funded: $10,000

**Bainbridge Youth Services** Support for community education programs designed specifically for children ages 0-8.

Amount Funded: $10,000

**Bainbridge Youth Services** Free, confidential, and professional mental health counseling and related services for adolescents.

Amount Funded: $14,000

**Early Life Speech and Language (New)** Support for 100 hours of evidence-based speech language therapy for children ages 2-7 at no cost to the families.

Amount Funded: $10,000

**KidsVantage** (formerly Eastside Baby) Providing nutrition and enrichment to low-income buyers for 31 families, permanently affordable.

Amount Funded: $5,500

**Kitsap Immigrant & Community Services** Legal aid for services related to immigration, citizenship, and community outreach for families and individuals.

Amount Funded: $10,000

**Kitsap Legal Services** Counseling services for survivors of sexual exploitation and prevention training for staff.

Amount Funded: $5,500

**Kidzz Helping Kidzz** Funding to brighten the lives of ill children in the hospital during the holidays.

Amount Funded: $1,000

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**BCF’s Catalyst Award went to Bainbridge Youth Services (BYS) for an additional $11,000, nearly doubling their total of $24,000, to support their work in providing free, confidential, and professional mental health counseling and related services for adolescents. A recent rise in mental health concerns in both youth and adults requires that we do more than ever before.**

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**EQUIPMENT **

**Bainbridge Island Community Center** COVID-19 relief funding for lowest-cost childcare option on Bainbridge Island that has extended their hours to support working parents.

Amount Funded: $2,500

**Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation** Support for Bainbridge Island & Trails Foundation to the care and improvement of Bainbridge Island parks.

Amount Funded: $17,050

**Bainbridge Island Historical Museum** Creation of a new exhibit to highlight champions and historic trees on Bainbridge Island.

Amount Funded: $7,270

**Bainbridge Island Museum of Art** Support for Marilyn B. King programs, fostering inclusion, diversity, equity, and access through cultural events, exhibitions, fests, films, and programs.

Amount Funded: $10,000

**Bainbridge Island Youth Orchestra** Support the expansion of orchestras by funding rental fees for Reaching for the Stars.

Amount Funded: $1,290

**Bainbridge Performing Arts** Public access to a network of one of the art-assisting listening system to increase accessibility at the new Bainston Center.

Amount Funded: $10,000

**Filipino American Community of Bainbridge Island & Vicinity** Structural repairs and facility upgrades to this historic site in need of upgrade to accommodate community events.

Amount Funded: $11,140

**Kids Discovery Museum** Coverage of curriculum development, supplies, and all program-driven costs to create and implement an expanded community outreach program.

Amount Funded: $12,000

**Model United Nations Northwest** Financial assistance for participants to increase the accessibility of Model United Nations.

Amount Funded: $3,250

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**HEALTH, HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES**

**Arms Around Bainbridge** Support to provide hot, wholesome meals for islanders suffering from major illness.

Amount Funded: $10,500

**Bainbridge Island Senior Center / Girls & Guys Club** Unrestricted support of our mission in order to provide a safe, welcoming place where youths 5-18 can grow and learn, outside of school or community activities.

Amount Funded: $10,000
The donors below have partnered with BCF to fund the requests of the Community Grants Cycle in 2022.

2010-Fundraising for the Future

Tom & Luanne Croker
Croker Family Fund

Tom & Suellen Cunningham
Cunningham Family Fund

Shelma M. Curwen

Scott & Betty Daniels

Davidson/Nowrow Home

Christine S. Davis

Steve Davis

The Delight Wills Fund

Manca & Doug Hastings

David Hays

R M Hulings

Jessica & Thomas Henricks

Mara Hilderman

Hilderman Family Fund

Hilside Fund

Deborah Holingsworth

Halee Hong

Ben Kladay & Lisa Timmins

KLSK Family Fund

Elaine Ko

Debbie & Tom Kuffel

Leslie & Michael Leabau

Carlene Leonard

Leslie & Michael Leabau

Philanthropic Fund

Levit Family Fund

Maggie Rogers Fund

Plan A Fund

Reed Price

Jon Quitslund

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Reynolds-Good Family Fund

Clay & Sherry Roberts

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Schwab Charitable Fund

The Seattle Foundation – Anonymous Donor

Nicole Smith & Steve Rice

Chris & Cameron Snow

Stephen & Hamet Davis Fund

Sunyard Family Fund

Swartling Family Fund

Thomas & Karen Beerle Fund

Val & Mary Ann Tooleston

Vanguard Charitable

Veterane Family Foundation

Elaine & Paul VonRosenstiel

Connie & Jeff Wolfe

David Wonoldoff

Glen & Cathy Wyatt

The IDEAS grant that we received from BCF felt so much more meaningful than other grants we’ve received in the past because it mirrored the vision we aim to accomplish. Nonprofit work can be exhausting but it’s these rare moments where we are seen for what we work so hard for that make all the difference. Being awarded a grant specifically honoring our values around equity and social justice and further motivates us to double down on staying mission-aligned at every turn.” – Lisa Platzer, Founding & Executive Director, IDEAS Presents

“Why do we do this?" CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS CYCLE

BCF is one of the few community foundations in Washington State that awards capacity building grants for local nonprofits. BCF’s unique Capacity Building Grants Cycle provides resources for local nonprofits to grow their expertise in a particular area of their choice. Most nonprofits apply to this grant cycle to help pay for training or expert advice where needed—some focused on DEI workshops while others look to hire a multi-year strategic planning consultant.

In 2022, BCF received 23 applications, of which 19 were approved. Eight of the requests came from new applicants, seven of which were awarded. This was the largest number of new applicants to this grants program since it began, enabling BCF to assist an even greater number of nonprofits. Of those grantees that were not approved for funding, it was recommended that the requests were better suited for the Community Grants Cycle. In total, BCF funded a record $27,450, up from $23,250 in 2021. BCF provided $7,000 in initial funding, and the remaining funds were contributed by generous fund advisors of Donor Advised Funds. BCF has granted a total of $135,180 to 47 different local nonprofit organizations through this program.

Organizations and Summary

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Total funded $27,450

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS – NUMBER OF GRANTS

GROWTH OF CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

Total funded $27,450
A few of BCF’s Area of Interest Funds are highlighted below.

**HOUSING ACTION FUND**
The Housing Action Fund was established by BCF in 2009, and makes seed money available to nonprofits for supporting affordable housing initiatives. In 2022, BCF awarded a $100,000 grant to support affordable housing options at Bethany Lutheran Church.

**IDEAS FUND**
BCF created the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Social Justice (IDEAS) framework for promoting and supporting equal access to opportunities, programs, resources, and services for all. In 2022, BCF worked in partnership with local nonprofits to assess ways to improve IDEAS work in our community. BCF also recognized five nonprofits in its Community Grants Cycle with the IDEAS Award. While 32 of the 61 applications identified their applications as related to IDEAS work, the five nonprofits that received the award were at different stages in their IDEAS journey. These organizations were Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network (BARN), Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC), Peacock Family Services, Vitalize Kitsap, and Banger. During the 2021-2022 funding cycle, BCF awarded $33,690 from the YES Fund, providing students access to these positive life experiences. Requests averaged around $200.

**YOUTH EXPERIENCE SUPPORT (YES) FUND**
The YES Fund provides financial assistance to young people who may not have the resources to meet basic needs, achieve academic success, or pursue extracurricular activities. BCF’s partnership with Bainbridge Schools Foundation, Bainbridge Youth Services, Helpline House and Bainbridge Island School District supports youth access to sports equipment, music lessons, dance lessons, registration fees, or similar needs. It has been viewed as such a successful program that Fishline Food Bank & Comprehensive Services has created a similar initiative modeled after the YES Fund called Student Opportunities & Advancement Resources (SOAR) to provide financial assistance for students (K-12) who reside in Poulsbo, Keyport, Suquamish, and Banger. During the 2021-2022 funding cycle, BCF awarded $33,690 from the YES Fund, providing students access to these positive life experiences. Requests averaged around $200.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**
Why do we do this?

Scholarships are an opportunity to provide continued investment in young people as they pursue higher education. These scholarships recognize both hard work and good character.

Every year, BCF awards scholarships to high school seniors in the Bainbridge community to further their education. These promising young members of our community have used this money to pursue dreams in science, music, sports, arts, or education. In 2022, BCF awarded a total of $36,500 to 16 students. To date, BCF has distributed $325,500 for 122 scholarships to benefit graduating students since the beginning of the program.

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**GARY & LINDA HENNEY SCHOLARSHIP**
Preference for students with an interest in elementary education

[My student] would never have seized this opportunity if she knew she had to ask parents for that much money each trip. So the YES Fund enables her to reach her full potential...we are very grateful. It has fed her passion for human rights, interest in world news and abilities in public speaking.”

- Teacher of a YES Fund Recipient
**BCF FUNDS**

**WHY DO WE DO THIS?**

BCF manages different types of grantmaking funds, such as Designated Funds, Donor Advised Funds (DAFs), Area of Interest Funds, Scholarship Funds, and Nonprofit Agency Funds. Each fund type has unique characteristics to help donors achieve their philanthropic goals with the guidance of BCF’s local analysis and expertise.

**THE 1066 FUND**

– Piper M. Thornburgh, Model UN Chaperone for Bainbridge High School

...additional financial support led to a more diverse and enriching experience for all participants. The donation by BCF that made this opportunity available to students in need of financial aid also allowed them to engage more fully in the learning process, including participating in debates and collaborative research.

**LOCAL SUPPORT, GLOBAL IMPACT**

A Donor Advised Fund gives the fund advisor flexibility and an ability to act fast on funding opportunities—some which might be under extraordinary circumstances. While many fund advisors donate to local causes, there are also opportunities to make a regional or global impact.

**SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN UKRAINE**

In early March 2022, Bainbridge Community Foundation alerted its fund advisors that they could use their funds to purchase and help distribute essential materials for Ukrainian families fleeing the Russian invasion through a locally-based nonprofit. In 3 days, 33 fund advisors had partnered to provide $122,500 towards the effort, which is the greatest support the foundation has seen for this type of cause.

**CARING FOR WILDLIFE IN PERU**

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**AREA OF INTEREST FUND HIGHLIGHT**

The Kehnour M. & Marjorie Spencer Wild Animal Fund, an endowed Area-of-Interest Fund, was established with an estate gift from the Spencers. Longtime Skagit Valley residents, the Spencers had a love of the natural world around them and a commitment to supporting wild animals. In developing the Kehnour M. & Marjorie Spencer Wild Animal Fund, BCF worked with members of the Spencer family to craft a multi-point grantmaking strategy that would impact wild animals locally and internationally. The strategy focused on three primary areas: Wild Animal Rehabilitation and Care, Wild Animal Conservation, and Conservation Advocacy. In all, more than $40,000 were granted to 13 different organizations across those areas in 2022, with a plan to more than double those awards in the successive four years.

**2021 COMMUNITY GRANTS CYCLE FINAL REPORT HIGHLIGHT**

Boys & Girls Club of Bainbridge Island: Youth and Academic Support ($10,000)

Emerging from the pandemic, the Boys & Girls Club saw an increase in social anxiety and decrease in youth ability to regulate emotions. They held Community Circles twice a week for youth to share experiences, and found that kids were better able to avoid conflict by articulating how they felt when emotions escalated. Boys & Girls Club is also working to develop DEI through their programming, offering a Youth Club to connect youth identifying as LGBTQ+ with resources, opportunities, and each other. They invited youth to share their family traditions and cultures with the Club community. For example, one of their Muslim members prepared a presentation on how she and her family practice their faith, and another volunteer explained why he celebrated Purim as a member of the Jewish community. Boys & Girls Club has found talking about different beliefs and practices leads to deeper conversations over time, which ultimately promotes acceptance and understanding. BCF’s grant supported their ability to provide services to 176 youth between the ages of 5 and 18.

“Having Bainbridge Community Foundation as a funder lends credibility to the organization and inspires other potential funders and donors to support us, as well. It is a seal of approval that carries tremendous weight in the community and leads to greater exposure, increased individual donations, and positive community standing and reputation.”

– Boys & Girls Club of Bainbridge Island 2021 Final Report

**I wanted to personally thank the Bainbridge Community Foundation for their sponsorship of PacMUN – The Model UN competition in Seattle. Students all had to learn the issues for their adopted countries and then worked to resolve conflict collaboratively and through debate for long hours in their chosen areas of interest. The donation by BCF that made this opportunity available to students in need of financial aid also allowed them to engage more fully in the learning process, including participating in debates and collaborative research.**

– Piper M. Thornburgh, Model UN Chaperone for Bainbridge High School

**2021 Annual Report**

Bainbridge Community Foundation
PHILANTHROPY CELEBRATION

WHY DO WE DO THIS?
Good work is contagious. This event is meant to share the incredible work of local philanthropic individuals, businesses, and groups and aims to inspire attendees to contribute their skills and resources to build a stronger, more inclusive community.

The honorees at BCF’s 2022 Philanthropy Celebration on November 3 have inspired incredible acts of giving—often realized through the work of nonprofits—and have laid a strong foundation for others to follow in their footsteps. Whether it is donating their time or donating their financial resources, they focus on making life just a little bit better for everyone.

HONOREES
AKUYEA KAREN VARGAS | PHILANTHROPIC SPARK AWARD
BCF’s inaugural Philanthropic Spark Award has been created to recognize persons whose actions have inspired others to both give to and serve important community causes. Akuyea Karen Vargas’ influence on Kitsap County spans 30 years. After moving to Bainbridge Island in 1992 with her husband and three children, she became involved with the school after her kids were diagnosed against the color of their skin. As she advocated for their social, emotional, and cultural needs, over time her dedication to the cause grew and expanded to the entire community. She has been able to mobilize diverse groups and individuals in Kitsap County through a variety of initiatives and nonprofits including Founding The Living Arts Cultural Heritage Project (LACH) and Living Life Leadership at the Marvin Williams Community Center.

ELEVEN WINERY | OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIC COMPANY
BCF’s Outstanding Philanthropic Company Award was created to honor companies that dedicate time and money towards philanthropic efforts. When Matt Albee and his wife crushed their first grapes to create Eleven Winery in 2003, they set out with the objective to not only make good wine, but to instill a sense of responsibility in their young children at the time. Giving back became an integral part of Eleven Winery’s business model. They currently donate approximately 1% of their annual revenue to charity and buy most of their products from philanthropic companies. Eleven Winery also supports a host of local charities through gifts of auction items and donations on wine for fundraising events, as well as hosting events at the winery.

SUSAN GUFFEY | POSTHUMOUS RECOGNITION
BCF posthumously recognized Susan Guffey for her outstanding philanthropic commitment to Bainbridge Island. In life, Susan preferred anonymity to the spotlight. But that didn’t stop her from being a dedicated community builder and counselor to numerous local nonprofits. What many would have considered an “angel donor,” Susan was often early to support nonprofit initiatives—providing seed funding to enable new programs to be built. Susan passed away in 2022, but not before leaving a permanent mark on her community.

To watch videos about the honorees, produced by BCF and created by award-winning film producer Charles Poekel, go to www.BainbridgeCF.org and click on “About Us” and “Videos.” Thank you to Windermere Commercial and Fieldstone Communities for underwriting BCF’s 2022 Philanthropy Celebration!

BHS TINY HOMES PROJECT | OUTSTANDING YOUTH PHILANTHROPISTS
BHS’s Outstanding Youth Philanthropists Award was created to honor young people who give back to the community in a variety of ways. The Tiny Homes Project started with Washington State legislation. In conjunction with the Low Income Housing Institute, Bainbridge High School (BHS) Advanced Architecture students, and BHS Adelphi Wood Technology & Construction students, built two tiny homes and delivered them to help provide affordable housing in King County. The students, many of whom were gifts and who are traditionally underrepresented in the construction industry, learned new and practical life skills.

I feel very strongly about truth and reconciliation, peacemaking, breaking down barriers that keep us divided.” – Akuyea Karen Vargas

PHILANTHROPY CELEBRATION

WHY DO WE DO THIS?

Bainbridge Community Foundation
2022 DONORS BY FUND

GIFTS TO THE BCF COMMUNITY RESPOND FUND
Anonymous
Karle N. and Kaylee S. (Kinneret) Broussard
Art Verhoef
One Call for All

GIFTS TO THE BCF ENDOWMENT FUND
Avallik Park Fund
David & Carol Myers

GIFTS TO THE BCC HOUSING ACTION FUND
Margie & Doug Hastings
Theora Jundianudd & Tim Dore
Mary & Peter Kerr
Ron & Larr Kim
Barbara & Frank Taus
Diane Houseworth
Buena & Bruce

GIFTS TO THE BCF KLASY COLLECTION FUND
Fred H. & Mary S. Dore
Marcia & Doug Hastings
Theora Jundianudd & Tim Dore
Mary & Peter Kerr
Ron & Larr Kim
Barbara & Frank Taus
Diane Houseworth
Buena & Bruce

GIFTS TO THE BHS CLASS OF ’61 MEMORIAL FUND
Alice Allen
Jack & Martha Carey
Angela Hargin
Kathleen Erickson
Sarah Johnson
Cindy Mannett
Dallas M. S. & Margaret J. S.

GIFTS TO THE BHS CLASS OF ’62 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Jeff Logan
Tracy Dickerson
Carmen Zamzow

GIFTS TO THE HANNAH WASHMAN MEMORIAL FUND IN MEMORY OF HANNAH WASHMAN
Anonymous (2)
Terry Dockett
Linda Funk
Carrie Long
Jeff Logan
Tracy Dickerson
Carmen Zamzow

GIFTS TO THE HAZEL KLEINER FUND TO FLOURISH IN MEMORY OF THE KLEINER FAMILY
Bonnie & Michael Cogar
Tina Claussen

GIFTS TO THE JERI O’BRIEN FUND
Andrew & Benjamin Benenson

GIFTS TO THE KELLEY FAMILY FUND
Nan Herbert

GIFTS TO THE KNOTT FAMILY FUND
Lawrence A. & Elvia H.
John & Carol Kleiner

GIFTS TO THE MARINA MILLER FUND IN MEMORY OF MARINA MILLER
Cynthia Kneeland
Kathleen & David Thorne
Lisa Timmins & Ben Klassy
Gary & Mary Ann Tofto
Alex & Liz Toros
Bob & Debbie Towney
Tina Claussen
Luke Costetto
Max & Lissa Cooper

GIFTS TO THE TERRY DICKERSON FUND
Jim & Kitt Laws

GIFTS TO THE VICTORIA & DAVID WACHSMAN FUND
Stephen & Joanne Hagan
Christina & David Winogard

2022 DONORS BY FUND

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT
KATY AND CLAY LEVIT
FUND ADVISORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

When asked why they opened a Donor Advised Fund at Bainbridge Community Foundation, Katy and Clay Levit answered, “We were looking for a family meal versus an a la carte menu. We were fairly new to the island, and we wanted to be part of this community and make connections that could last a lifetime.”

Katy and Clay moved to Bainbridge Island in 2018, both arriving with philanthropic backgrounds. Katy’s family had deep ties to their nonprofit community back in Memphis, where she grew up. When Katy and Clay lived in Austin, Texas, their family donated to a number of nonprofits there—but they explained their experience as more ad hoc than they wanted. There weren’t local experts to help guide their giving, where it was needed most, and it felt hard to know whether they were making any impact. “When we heard about Bainbridge Community Foundation, we were excited to find a place that understands the landscape here and that has deep ties to local nonprofits. It’s a one-stop shop for philanthropy.”

Now that their children are in their 20s and showing an interest in giving back, they talk as a family about areas to focus on with their philanthropy. For Katy and Clay, it was an easy decision to get involved.

BCF is beyond grateful for all of its fund advisors and the critical role they play in supporting our community. Contact us today to learn more!

LEGACY GIVING
RED CEDAR COUNCIL: GIFTS IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

Susan Guffy, a beloved community member who passed away in 2022, had a history of giving discretely and generously to a variety of causes in her community. According to a family friend, “her love language was giving.” She had a genuine interest in seeing others succeed, and time and again she anonymously dedicated her time and resources to nonprofits in the community.

Susan left BCF in her will, knowing that her legacy would live on. Her membership with BCF’s Red Cedar Council, a special group of visionary donors who partner with BCF, has allowed her to continue helping support the long-term needs of Bainbridge Island. She can also become a member of the Red Cedar Council by including a gift to BCF in your estate plan or by creating a permanent fund – and BCF becomes the champion of your charitable interests when you are no longer here.

BCF’s stability and connection to the community ensures that you can name local nonprofits in your will and be confident that your gift will support the needs you have identified, allowing you to make a bigger impact and leave the legacy you imagined for your community.

Every February, BCF hosts a Red Cedar Council luncheon where members share a meal and discuss their vision for the future. While enjoying the scenic gardens of Heyday Farm, we ask guests to reflect on their hopes for this community. The conversation always generates a level of familiarity and intimacy that only this type of group could create.

2021 COMMUNITY GRANTS CYCLE FINAL REPORT HIGHLIGHT
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A portfolio invested using impact strategies might, for instance, be directed toward renewable energy, environmental, housing, or other nonprofit or service industries that provide positive social & environmental, not just financial, returns. BCF is further gaining value from these investments by ensuring that 75% of the portfolio is invested in predominantly passive, low-cost stocks and bonds that are highly liquid.

During 2022, BCF assets have outperformed broad market benchmarks that represent a similar equity and fixed income exposure net of all fees by +0.9% and +0.2% for the balanced and growth asset pools respectively.

**BCF’S LEADERSHIP CIRCLE**

BCF’s Leadership Circle is a group of dedicated donors who award $1,000 or more of unrestricted funds to BCF. This group is recognized by having an inside view of the Foundation’s work and they are included in all BCF events – from donor thank you events to special programming such as Leadership and the Philanthropy Event.

In the words of Nicole Smith and Steve Bice, “We decided to support BCF as monthly donors for the Leadership Circle because monthly allocations of our gift make budgeting easier for BCF and for us! We believe in giving at the Leadership Circle level so that we can contribute toward meaningful impact across the range of nonprofit sectors and organizations that BCF supports, as well as for BCF programming.” Join us today! Thank you to One Strategic Capital, inc. for underwriting BCF’s 2022 Leadership Circle Event!