

## BCF Participates in First Year of Work Ready Program

A recent article in the Kitsap Sun highlighted a new Work Ready Program created this year by Bainbridge Youth Services and the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce. BCF is proud to have hired Sai Pranati Prakash, a rising senior at Bainbridge High School, as a summer employee through this program. Sai helped design a communications strategy in partnership with BCF staff, among other tasks.

When asked why she wanted to work with us, Sai said “I wanted to work with BCF to learn more about the active nonprofit world around me. I’ve always been



Sai Pranati Prakash

passionate about social justice and the work BCF does is so impactful to my community. Working at BCF is a way for me to give back.”

Prior to working with BCF, Sai was creating a student-led magazine centered around themes of diversity, equality, social justice and climate change. The publication, called Bloom Magazine, was launched at the Moonlight Market on August 5. You can now grab a copy of the magazine at most local businesses or at Bainbridge Public Library, and you can follow them on Instagram at @bloommmagazine.

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

FALL 2022



## BCF Celebrates Scholarship Recipients

On Thursday, June 9th, some students entered the Bainbridge High School auditorium whispering and giggling, excited to learn about the awards they would receive at the BHS Class of 2022 Awards Night, while others sat quietly and patiently waiting to accept their scholarships. The excitement of the crowd was palpable, as families and friends overflowed the Bainbridge High School auditorium to honor the future of each student. Bainbridge Community Foundation was proud to award scholarships to 16 deserving students that night.

On July 26th, BCF hosted an inaugural reception to honor each student and give them an opportunity to meet the people behind the scholarship funds. To receive scholarships, students have to have shown outstanding character or initiative in a particular area, such as community service, STEM work, the arts, or



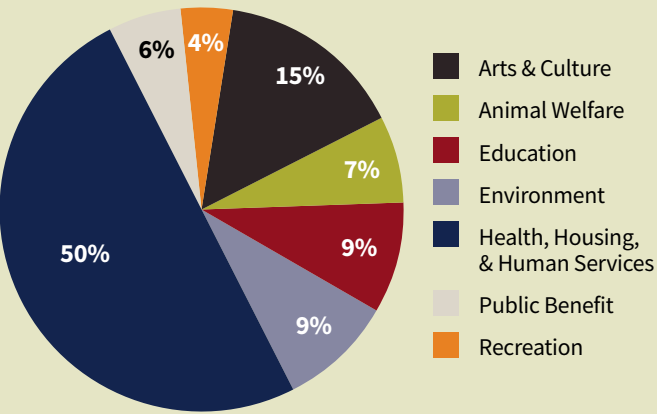
Scholarship Fund Reception at BCF

athletics. We are so proud of our seniors and scholarship awardees. Congratulations to all and we can’t wait to see what you do next!

Scholarship Fund	Description	Student Names and School
<b>Bainbridge Music &amp; Art Legacy Scholarship Fund</b>	Supports high school graduates majoring in visual arts, music, performing arts, or dance	<b>Isabella Hyde</b>
<b>BHS Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund</b>	Established by the BHS graduating class of 1961 to support graduates in vocational or academic programs	<b>Cooper Russell</b> <b>Abigail Long</b>
<b>BHS Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund</b>	Established by the BHS graduating class of 1962 to support graduating students from Bainbridge High School	<b>Claire Friers</b> ( <i>Math and science scholarship</i> ) <b>Leo Uyekawa</b> ( <i>Vocational scholarship</i> )
<b>Erin O’Brien Mead Memorial Scholarship Fund</b>	Goes to students who have a track record of good character, an interest in community volunteering, and have financial need	<b>Adam Barsotti</b> <b>Madeline Brown</b> <b>Aiyana Brumley</b> <b>Braydon Morgan</b> <b>Liam Reinders</b>
<b>George &amp; Betty Munro Scholarship Fund</b>	Preference for strong students with an interest in elementary education	<b>Lily Lashmet</b>
<b>Hannah Wachsman Memorial Scholarship Fund</b>	Supports student athletes, students who reflect a dedication to academics, and to youth who reflect the values embodied by Hannah Wachsman, who was tragically taken from this world in a car accident on March 16, 2021	<b>Ana Byers</b> <b>Florencia Olivera</b> <b>Cara Reinke</b>
<b>Vincent F. Petrie Memorial Scholarship Fund</b>	Priority goes to students pursuing college or university studies in one of the STEM fields: science, technology, engineering, mathematics	<b>Aidan Crandell</b> <b>Grace Tuchel</b>

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### 2022 CGC Funding by Sector



accessible to everyone when a disaster occurs. Their total grant was \$15,000.

Close to 50% of this year’s grants went towards Health, Housing, and Human Services, and BCF has awarded more than \$3.9 million to 818 grants through the CGC since the program’s inception in 2005. BCF’s cumulative grantmaking now totals more than \$20.7 million back to the community since 2001.

BCF is grateful to all of the nonprofits providing these critical programs and services, which helps support equitable access to quality of life on Bainbridge Island. We are also thankful to the donors and volunteers who donate their time and money to support our community. If you would like to learn more about BCF’s Community Grants Cycle, please contact Debbie Kuffel at [debbie@bainbridgecf.org](mailto:debbie@bainbridgecf.org) or visit [www.BainbridgeCF.org](http://www.BainbridgeCF.org) to see a full list of funding.



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## BCF Celebrates Fund Advisors

**A**t the end of last month, we were thrilled to share the company of BCF Fund Advisors and celebrate all of their contributions to the community. Their incredible generosity is what makes BCF's work possible, and their support of our nonprofit community across all sectors is truly something to be thankful for. In the words of Jeanne Goussev, a BCF Fund Advisor, "It's the fun part. I love being engaged with everything I care about. Giving back to the community creates happiness, and it's so wonderful to be a part of something bigger than regular everyday life. Our Donor Advised Fund is empowering, and it feels good."

To learn more about how you could become a Fund Advisor with BCF, visit our website at [www.BainbridgeCF.org](http://www.BainbridgeCF.org) or email us at [info@bainbridgecf.org](mailto:info@bainbridgecf.org). Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.



BCF Fund Advisors

## BCF Awards Record Amount to Nonprofits

**B**ainbridge Community Foundation's 2022 Community Grants Cycle (CGC) awarded a record-setting amount of \$561,492 in grants to local nonprofits, which greatly exceeds the previous high mark of \$507,313 awarded in 2020. Not only was BCF proud to award these grants, but we also gave awards to five organizations for prioritizing Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Social Justice (IDEAS) as part of their applications, along with a Catalyst Award for an organization that provides a critical service to our community. In addition, BCF awarded the Klasky (Trustees') Award to a nonprofit for working closely in partnership with others.

Bainbridge Community Foundation's CGC is an opportunity for Island residents to support the causes that matter most to them. Whether priorities lie in providing basic needs for neighbors, creating opportunities for traditionally underserved populations, or supporting creative new initiatives in any sector, donors support many aspects of the quality of life here. Many of our engaged community members also volunteer their time by reviewing each application and conducting virtual or on-site interviews with nonprofit staff. This year, 50 volunteers vetted and approved 61 applications to the CGC, and 60 of those were funded. BCF provided \$50,000 in initial funding, and the rest of the support came from generous donors who gave at all levels.

This year's IDEAS Award went to organizations that made extra efforts to make their programs and services more accessible. While 32 of the 61 applications this year identified their applications as related to IDEAS work, only five organizations were given the award—recognizing nonprofits 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 **WEAVE Presents**. Their applications included supporting affordable access to childcare for low-income families, expanding access to programs for neurodiverse

adults and teens, and creating awareness of social and cultural diversity through the arts. Each nonprofit received \$2,000 as part of their grant award for their IDEAS efforts, with a total distribution of \$10,000 in BCF IDEAS awards.

BCF also awarded its inaugural Catalyst Award to **Bainbridge Youth Services (BYS)**,

or an additional \$11,000 to nearly double their grant for a 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 due to the pandemic have deemed their work as critical to our community. In the words of Courtney Oliver, the Executive Director of BYS, "BYS feels honored to receive this award. We continue to see an increase in counseling needs from our community youth, and the Catalyst Award will provide us the opportunity to expand our mental health program as well as increase the number of hours dedicated to counseling."

Finally, BCF's Klasky (Trustees') Award is presented to a nonprofit with an application promoting collaboration or innovation in its request. BCF awarded \$10,000 from this fund to **Bainbridge Prepares** to support their request for 13 Disaster Hubs in strategic locations around Bainbridge Island to ensure emergency supplies are



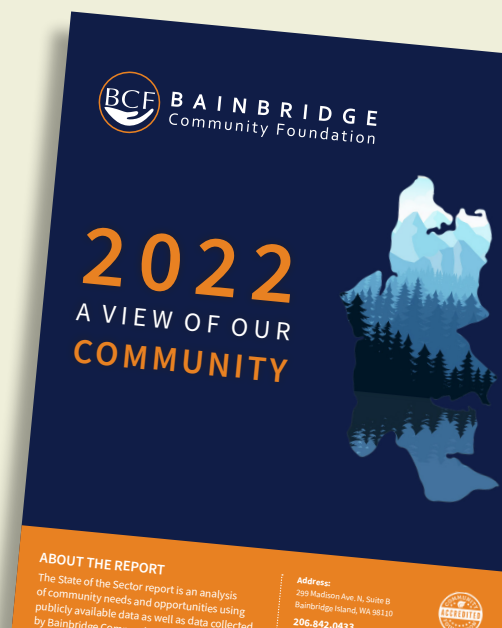
WEAVE Presents aims to provide affordable access to multicultural performing arts programming for all ages

## 2022 State of the Sector is Here!

BCF's State of the Sector Report: A View of Our Community is finally here! In this report, you will find:

- **An analysis of our community** highlighting recent statistics on affordability and mental health
- **Results from BCF's Annual Nonprofit Survey**, how local nonprofits support our community, and the state of these organizations
- **The role of BCF** in supporting local nonprofits and the broader public

If you would like a hard copy of the report, please email [media@bainbridgecf.org](mailto:media@bainbridgecf.org), or you can also read the report on our website at [www.BainbridgeCF.org](http://www.BainbridgeCF.org). Please contact us with any questions or comments - we love to hear from you!



## The Month to Make a Will

August was national Make a Will Month, but it's never too late to get started. Despite the many cautionary tales arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, most Americans still do not have a will or trust, and many have not left a percentage to their favorite nonprofit. In fact, a 2017 survey from Caring.com found that only 4 in 10 American adults have a will or living trust. When broken down by age, a whopping 78 percent of millennials (ages 18-36) and 64 percent of Generation Xers (ages 37-52) do not have a will.



Nonetheless, for those who have participated in legacy giving, there has been significant generosity. Of the \$485 billion given to charity by Americans in 2021, according to *Giving USA*, 9.5% of that giving came from bequests. That's \$46 billion, which is a lot of money focused on supporting nonprofit organizations. Become part of the movement! Contact us today to learn more about Legacy Giving at [info@bainbridgecf.org](mailto:info@bainbridgecf.org).

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