

Let's Bring #BainbridgeTogether, continued

To learn more about how our nonprofits support us, please follow **#BainbridgeTogether** on Facebook and Instagram, and follow Bainbridge Community Foundation on social media. You can also stay tuned on our website at www.BainbridgeCF.org or keep an eye on the local newspapers for announcements.



Bainbridge Island Senior Community Center's Meals on Wheels

Scholarship Recipients, continued

List of Scholarships

All of BCF's scholarships are for 1 year with the exception of Wendy Jackson Hall, which is a 2-year scholarship

Bainbridge High School Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund: Established by the BHS graduating class of 1961 to support graduates in vocational or academic programs.

Bainbridge High School Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund: Established by the BHS graduating class of 1962 to support graduating students from Bainbridge High School.

Bainbridge Music & Arts Legacy Scholarship Fund: Supports high school graduates majoring in visual arts, music, performing arts, or dance. It is awarded based on excellence in one of these areas to a student in good academic standing.

Erin O'Brien Mead Scholarship Fund: Established in memory of Erin O'Brien Mead to support Bainbridge High School students engaged in community leadership and

Theme	Dates
Caring for our kids	September 14-18
Providing support for adults and families	September 21-25 & September 28-October 2
Healthy living for our seniors	October 5-9
Enriching our lives through arts, music and culture	October 12-16
Protecting our outdoors	October 19-23
Nurturing our animals	October 26-30

in post-secondary education. This fund supports five one-year scholarships.

George and Betty Munro Scholarship Fund: Supports high school graduates enrolled in a four-year college program with consideration given to students in a two-year program. Strong preference for students with an interest in elementary education.

Vincent F. Petrie Memorial Scholarship Fund: Supports two one-year scholarships, one to a girl and one to a boy. The recipients will be graduating seniors continuing on to pursue college or university studies in one of the STEM fields.

Wendy Jackson Hall Memorial Scholarship: Established in Wendy Jackson Hall's memory to support others whose creativity and love of the arts leads them to pursue an education in the visual arts and to share this love with the larger community. This scholarship is given to graduating high school seniors across Washington State.

For more information on BCF's scholarships, visit bainbridgecf.org/scholarships



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

FALL 2020



Let's Bring #BainbridgeTogether

When articles about COVID-19 first hit the newspapers, many of us could not have predicted that the virus would become a pandemic and shut down our entire community. As weeks passed and it became clear that it would be a global emergency, local leaders mandated shelter-in-place orders around the country and operations stopped for many local businesses and nonprofits.

Since the early days of the pandemic, Bainbridge Community Foundation (BCF) has been holding weekly sector calls to connect nonprofit leaders and discuss possible ways of collaboration. Through these conversations, in addition to two surveys analyzing the needs of nonprofits, it became clear that nonprofits would be hit hard—most had to cancel fundraisers and revise programs that are significant sources of revenue. According to the second survey conducted in May, 59% of organizations were planning to reopen during Phase 2 but without the ability to hold annual fundraisers or conduct programs normally, most are expecting an average of a 45% decline in overall revenue for the year. Many nonprofits had to furlough or lay off staff in order to handle the financial impact of stopping operations. Others maintained or even increased activities in response to the public emergency, and were in dire need of additional support to respond to the increased demand for human services. These needs may become even more potent as social distancing becomes the norm for the foreseeable future.

This fall, BCF is launching an awareness campaign called **#BainbridgeTogether** to help our community learn about the essential services our nonprofits provide to our community. "It's possible that some people in our community may not know that many of our childcare or senior citizen support organizations are nonprofits, or that many of our hiking trails are built and maintained by nonprofits," said Jim Hopper, Executive Director of BCF. "No matter what our needs or interests, there is always a nonprofit here on the island that will be there to help. They have always supported us, and now is a great time for us to support them as they continue to help us through this crisis."

The campaign will start September 14th and run through the end of October. Each week, BCF will highlight the work of the nonprofits by theme from Caring for Our Kids to Healthy Living for Our Seniors. The foundation will release videos, articles and details on each nonprofit to showcase how their work supports our community's needs, culture, and values.

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Congratulations to Our Scholarship Recipients!

If we are looking for inspiration, we don't have to look much further than our high school students. This year's BCF scholarship recipients showed exemplary work and ambition. Some students have lived here their whole lives, and some traveled while always coming back to Bainbridge for its sense of community. Many of them expressed their gratitude towards our community for the support and encouragement they received over the years. According to one student who left the island when she was eight years old and moved back when she was ten, "We stayed there for almost two years before we became homesick for the community we found on the island... all my teachers have supported me along the way. On Bainbridge, I have found a community that has helped me at my lows and celebrated with me in my highs." Another student wrote about the scholarships, "Thank you so much! This is such blessing to me and my family! What an amazing community I have gotten to grow up in."

While most scholarship recipients attended Bainbridge High School this year, the Wendy Jackson Hall Memorial Scholarship for the arts offers funding for students statewide. It was also the first year of the Erin O'Brien Mead Scholarship, which honors the life of Bainbridge Island resident Erin O'Brien Mead. She was a dedicated volunteer with numerous community, school, and service organizations in the area.

There is no better investment than in the education of our children. Scholarship recipients have a range of passions and life goals from traveling the world, to becoming a nurse, to studying artificial intelligence,

to training to be a nuclear engineer. One student claimed "I'm inspired by those who dedicate themselves to serving their communities and my goal... is to find meaningful ways to contribute to society." These ambitions reflect the values of our community, and we are proud to help support the next generation.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients and to all of our seniors! We can't wait to see what you do next.



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Scholarship	Name and School
Vincent F. Petrie Scholarship	Liam Kratzer University of Washington Annie Walsh University of Portland
Bainbridge Music & Art Legacy Scholarship	Natalia Stearns-Clemons Point Park University
George & Betty Munro Scholarship	Charlotte Alnwick University of Victoria
BHS Class of '61 Scholarship	Elizabeth Rentz Western Washington University
BHS Class of '62 Scholarship	Grant Shinohara Arizona State University Calvin Schmidt Olympic College
Erin O'Brien Mead Memorial Scholarship	McKenzie Burkard University of Washington Clay Jablonski Oregon State University Julia Jakubik Gonzaga University Emma Russell Brigham Young University Isabel Thompson Smith College
Wendy Jackson Hall Memorial Scholarship	Alison Brown Oregon State University Freyja Baileykaze School of Visual Arts (NYC) Taylor Berberich California State University-Northridge

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Responding to a Crisis

Without being able to predict a global pandemic, an earthquake, a recession, or another emergency, most of us like to know that there is support when we face a crisis. Bainbridge Community Foundation recognized the need for emergency funds after the economic downturn in 2008, and created the **Community Response Fund (CRF)**. The CRF was activated at the start of the COVID pandemic, and as of August 2020, \$120,955 in grants have been awarded to health and human service nonprofits. The funds have supported nutritious food programs for kids, childcare, services for immigrants, financial support for housing costs, purchase of PPE for care of senior citizens, online activities to promote health for cancer survivors, and much more. Including both the CRF and other forms of emergency funds, BCF has awarded over \$663,545 thus far in emergency grants to local nonprofits in 2020. We really appreciate all of the support from our generous community members!



Food Drive at Helpline House

How to Get Involved

Whether you have lived on the island for generations or moved here more recently for the quality of life, it's clear that Bainbridge Island has a strong and unique sense of community. Island residents are able to maintain a high quality of life primarily because of its vibrant nonprofit sector.

Bainbridge Community Foundation plays an integral role in supporting our local nonprofits by analyzing community needs, awarding grants to meet those needs, connecting donors to nonprofits, and promoting collaboration. We respond to the changes in our community as it grows, and remain flexible in times of need. Through the support of donors at all levels—from \$10 to \$10,000 or more—by the time of printing BCF has been able to award a total of \$1,387,603 in grants so far in 2020. The impact of the work of our grantees is truly inspiring—and the need for support is only increasing each year. It is never too late to get involved.

When you give through BCF, you become our partner in funding critical efforts to create and maintain a healthy future for the people we love and for the island we call home. Through direct contributions to our work, by opening a Donor Advised Fund, by participating in campaign drives, or by leaving Bainbridge Community Foundation in your will or estate plan, you help maintain Bainbridge Island as a place our children and grandchildren will be proud to call home.



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