



# Smith-Barbieri Progressive Fund

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## 2020

### OVER \$945,000 IN GRANT AWARDS

*We are grateful to be in a position to do our part by helping small non-profits through our granting efforts, but know that the real heroes are the non-profits themselves. We are pleased to feature the incredible work being done in our region by non-profits who have received a grant from us and are committed to serving our region with tireless efforts and compassionate care. Our sincere gratitude to each of them for making our world a better place.*

#### **COMPASSIONATE ADDICTION TREATMENT**

CAT is a program that involves a Recovery Community and services for people who suffer from a substance use disorder(s). The focus is on street outreach to people in the downtown corridor and periphery who suffer from substance use disorders, a life-threatening disease by offering community and connection with peer support from those who are successfully walking in recovery is key to this vision. Also offered will be Intensive Outpatient services as well as Medication for Addiction Treatment, and case management. Another intended outcome is not only to improve the health and lives of those with substance use disorders, but also to support downtown Spokane in becoming a healthier, stronger community. The Fund acts as Compassionate Addiction Treatment's fiscal sponsor as part of our mission to promote other dynamic philanthropic work and projects in the region to help strengthen the non-profit community and partner with businesses on non-profit projects that advance the Inland Northwest economy and quality of life. <https://catspokane.org/>

#### **ELEVATIONS CHILDREN'S THERAPY RESOURCE FOUNDATION**

Elevating children with special needs reach their full potential by providing access to the resources and support they need to improve their families' overall quality of life. Families with one or more children with special needs who receive one or more therapy services per week quickly exhaust insurance benefits and spend \$20- \$200 per week on insurance co-pays. Parents take extraordinary measures to ensure their children get the care they need, however, the financial burden is often too much to bear. Elevations contracts with licensed professionals in Spokane who provide speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, dietician services, mental and behavioral health services so children receive funding for the therapy services they need most to thrive within their families and communities. <https://elevationsspokane.org/>

#### **EMERGENCY SHELTER RELIEF. COVID-19 emergency response**

This effort provides direct support to shelters who are struggling to keep up with demand during the COVID-19 crisis. The Shelter Relief Fund is founded and administered by Ben Stuckart with the Progressive Fund as its host foundation. Our shelter system is the last net of safety for vulnerable people in Spokane. Thank you for helping keep our shelters as safe and as secure as possible.

#### **FRIENDS OF THE BLACK LENS, CARL MAXEY CENTER**

Friends of the Black Lens has launched a capital campaign to develop The Carl Maxey Center which will be a



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sustainable/green and technologically forward hub on 5th Avenue in the East Central neighborhood that will focus on Cultural Enrichment, Economic Development and Social & Racial Justice. The goal of the center is to uplift, empower and transform the African American community from the inside out. Friends of The Black Lens works to improve the well-being of the African American community in Spokane County. Besides being great community organizers, advocates and activists for people of color, they publish “The Black Lens”, a newspaper published monthly focusing on news, events, people, issues and information important to the black community. The Fund acts as Friends of The Black Lens fiscal sponsor as part of our mission to promote other dynamic philanthropic work and projects in the region to help strengthen the non-profit community and partner with businesses on non-profit projects that advance the Inland Northwest economy and quality of life. <https://www.carlmaxeycenter.org/>

### **GIVING BACK PACKS**

What was once a backpack to help get folks through the night, now has become backpacks full of resources and hope to help people find the help they need to get off the streets forever. The core of this program will always be “connecting people” by showing them that people care and by bringing them into a society that they do not feel a part of. The backpacks and the items inside are nice, but the conversations and the giving of the backpacks is where love and hope collide. The Fund served for one year as Giving Back Packs fiscal sponsor as part of our mission to promote other dynamic philanthropic work and projects in the region to help strengthen the non-profit community and partner with businesses on non-profit projects that advance the Inland Northwest economy and quality of life. <https://gbpacks.org/>

### **GLOBAL NEIGHBORHOOD - EMPLOYMENT EXPANSION**

Global Neighborhood uses business to provide former refugees with opportunities for development so they can thrive and contribute as equal members of our community. The Fund’s grant will go to employ and train 12 additional refugees per year in their job training program and expand the capacity of their business, making the new positions self-sustaining. In the world of recycling, redistributing, and thrift stores, acquiring and processing donations is the fuel that keeps the engine running. This funding allows them to double their donation pickup capacity by purchasing a second box truck, while also vastly expanding their capacity to process those donations through various sales channels by building out their new warehouse space. With their current rate of placement success, this expansion would mean that 11 refugees per year would transition from “un-employable” status to working, earning an income, and supporting their families. <https://www.global-neighborhood.org/>

### **HOMELESS SUPPORT (annual giving)**

The Progressive Fund remains focused on supporting persons experiencing housing insecurity. The Fund has provided and continues to provide funding for critical resources such as food, mobile showers, and other important supplies to stay safe and warm. The Progressive Fund has developed an abundance of relationships with volunteer groups who’ve served hundreds of thousands of meals and provided other life-saving services meeting people where they are. There is no doubt that people were saved from life-threatening illnesses and even death by these services.

### **HOPE HOUSE**

There are more than 1,800 homeless single women in Spokane, many with mental health or chemical dependency issues—all with nowhere else to go. Named for the refuge it provides, Hope House offers refuge from the dangerous streets to any woman regardless of her mental health status, chemical dependency issues or



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lifestyle. Hope House offers an environment of dignity, respect and compassion that honors the intrinsic value and unique experience of every woman. The Fund is one of a handful of significant donors including government and other private persons/foundations to expand the existing 34 shelter beds through a new larger women's shelter anticipated to open the end of 2020. Just like always, included will be nutritious food, a hot shower, clean, dry clothing, hygiene items, a warm bed, onsite case management, resource information referrals to community resources as well as permanent supportive housing through individual case management and their relationship with dozens of apartments for low-income people. <https://www.voaspokane.org/hope-house>

### **IMPANDA**

Located in the South Perry neighborhood of Spokane, the pillars of Impanda are community and youth development through arts and music, promotion and preservation of BIPOC voices, and collaboration and integration with the 5th Avenue Initiative. Through holding space for creative expression, community healing and positive growth is possible. IMPANDA seeks to work through the pillars to be an additional catalyst for healing and creative expression in the East Central Neighborhood. The SBPF has provided grants to offset rental of their new location.

### **LEADERSHIP SPOKANE LIFE TRANSITIONS SCHOLARSHIPS**

This scholarship is awarded to an incoming member of the adult Leadership Spokane program who demonstrates a passion for his/her community, who is making a lasting life transition and who has a desire to step up to leadership. The candidate awarded has financial need that otherwise makes Leadership Spokane tuition a barrier to participation in the program. An additional scholarship is awarded to a non-profit employee to mentor the Life Transitions recipient. <https://leadershipspokane.org/>

### **PAGE AHEAD**

This grant is for Spokane programs. Page Ahead's Book Up Summer program gives young students the tools and incentive they need to read during summer vacation. Grounded in current literacy research, this evidence-based reading program is offered to high-poverty elementary schools through Page Ahead's partnerships with school districts across Washington State. Book Up Summer gives students in kindergarten through second grade their choice of summer reading materials at no cost to the student. At book fairs in April – June, students shop for their own books. Each student receives their choice of 12 new books that are theirs to keep and read over summer vacation and beyond. What's the trick to "making" the kids read the books? Give them books they want to read! Students make their own choices from a wide variety of fun, fiction, nonfiction, series, science related and kid-culture books. There is something to interest even the most reluctant reader! <https://pageahead.org/>

### **PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION COALITION OF SPOKANE (PHACTS)**

This coalition of community members was created in response to the firing of Dr. Bob Lutz and subsequent actions taken by the Spokane Regional Health District. The purpose of the coalition, *Public Health Action Coalition Team of Spokane (P.H.A.C.T.S.)*, is to harness the community outrage and concern into a united effort to enact short-term changes and systemic reforms that promote public health for all populations in Spokane. Significantly, PHACTS is actively involved in supporting 2021 legislation to reform the makeup of public health board structure as well as holding accountable for the illegal and dangerous actions at the Spokane Regional



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Health District.

### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD GREATER WA & NORTH ID NEW SOKANE HEALTH & COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**

Planned Parenthood is building a new, state-of-the-art Health and Community Education Center in Spokane, replacing the current facility on Indiana Avenue. The Fund and the Harriet Cheney Cowles Foundation are providing the two lead gifts toward the new building. The 16,000-square-foot facility will feature nine exam rooms for comprehensive reproductive health services, family planning and complementary medical services., two surgical suites for a full range of procedures, including cervical cancer screening and treatment, colposcopy, ultrasound, abortion, and sterilization, an education center, community classroom, public affairs center, customer care center, and more. The new center will also include features to ensure a positive and empowering patient experience, including significant measures to protect patient privacy and dignity. <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-greater-washington-north-idaho>

### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD GREATER WA & NORTH ID UNIVERSITIES MATCHING CAMPAIGN TO RE-BUILD PULLMAN CLINIC**

Maintaining good health and responsible family planning are critical challenges for and worries of those living in poverty as well as the middle class. In September 2015, the Planned Parenthood Pullman clinic was fire-bombed and out of pocket costs to rebuild estimated at \$250,000. Since so many of Planned Parenthood's patients are young and low income people and the Pullman clinic sits just a stone's throw from one of Washington's great public universities, the Fund tied it all together and led a matching funds campaign! Every dollar donated by any WA or ID university student, faculty, staff member, regent/trustee or alum was matched. <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-greater-washington-north-idaho>

### **SAFE PASSAGE VIOLENCE PROTECTION CENTER**

Support expansion of Safe Passage's Children's Advocacy Center which provides forensic interviews for children who have alleged sexual or physical abuse, and advocacy for their non-offending caregivers. The North Idaho Children's Advocacy Center provides an unduplicated service to children and non-offending caregivers, serving all 5 northern counties in Idaho and beyond. At the Children's Advocacy Center, our objective is three-fold: (1) provide child-centered, evidentiary interviews to determine if a child has been abused or has witnessed violence; (2) give non-offending caregivers guidance on how to best care for their children following allegations of abuse; and (3) increase the likelihood that offenders are held accountable by providing high quality interviews and by working with a multi-disciplinary team. <http://www.safepassageid.org>

### **SPARK CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH**

Spark Central carries out their mission through structured programming and open center drop-in hours, which is a program that runs all the time. Their work responds to the data that by 6th grade, youth born into poverty suffer a 6,000-hour learning gap compared with their more affluent peers. All these hours come from extra-curricular enrichment activities – a “pay to play” trend that perpetuates privilege and widens the achievement gap. With one-third of West Central residents living in poverty and 86% of Holmes Elementary students on free and reduced meals, West Central residents disproportionately miss out on the enrichment activities that lead to a better future. Spark's mission builds on our core belief that everyone deserves access to imagina-



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tive and innovative educational programming that fills the opportunity gap for low-income youth and equips people with high-demand skills. The Fund's grant underwrites for two years their new Neighborhood Outreach Program designed to increase West Central residents' participation in Spark's creative learning opportunities by bringing their programming into key neighborhood locations and clearing pathways to bring more residents into Spark Central. Their goal is to engage more than 1,500 West Central youth and adults with at least 250 hours of programming over the next two years. <https://spark-central.org/>

### **SPOKANE ALLIANCE CIVIC LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT**

The Spokane Alliance, a non-profit member organization of everyday people bringing power to the people in government and lawmaking, the economy, public safety, the environment, social justice, and a host of other arenas. They identify and create a shared vision for the future of the city and state, and build the future we want by changing policies and rules, and funding the programs and services that we need the most. In addition, funding supported the Spokane Alliance's Quality Jobs Criteria Ordinance that passed in 2015(!), implementing a paid sick leave ordinance in Spokane that passed 2017 and moving forward a mental health stabilization center (jail diversion facility) that received initial stakeholder approval 2017. Funding for the diversion facility remains but has been stalled for a number of reasons including the County's desire for a new jail. <https://www.spokanealliance.org/>

### **SPOKANE EDIBLE TREE PROJECT**

The mission is to bring produce to hungry people utilizing food banks, while simultaneously reducing food waste. The project is a produce-recovery and gleaning program that helps local hunger-relief agencies become more self-reliant in sourcing local surplus produce for their clients. Produce is the most requested food item at food banks, yet it is often the most difficult to secure due to its relatively higher cost and short shelf life. Rotary First works to help food banks with on-going need by both securing large-scale donations of surplus produce to be distributed at food banks around the state and by bringing the Harvest Against Hunger program into local hunger-relief agencies to help start and maintain their own produce-recovery programs. 35,000 pounds of fruit were gleaned in Spokane's first season and it continues to grow. <https://spokaneedibletreeproject.org/>

### **TERRAIN SNAPSHOT SPOKANE**

A gallery show that will adapt and grow to show multiple perspectives of Spokane as it is right now involving certain groups to adapt the show to allow for those silent voices to be heard that are in our community. Working with Volunteers of America's Crosswalk program, teens that use the program are given digital disposable cameras to show the Spokane they see every day. They will receive free photography lessons from a professional so they feel empowered and confident in their ability to capture their perspective. These photos will then be featured in our gallery and we will be holding celebration for them in September. The program hopes to also include local area refugees for their perspectives. <https://www.terrainspokane.com/>

### **TRANSITIONS RENTER WORKSHOP**

The two-year grant will provide a staff person at Transitions' Women's Hearth. This staff member teaches the curriculum, trains other trainers, and updates the curriculum to keep it timely and legally accurate. The curriculum covers many areas of life stability including: Money Management, Debt Management, Tenant Rights and



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Responsibilities, and Finding a Home. Participants are awarded certificates for each section they complete which can be used to increase their chances of finding housing. <http://www.help4women.org>

### **WELLPINIT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

The WBGC was established in 2016 to provide dedicated youth development programs for the tribal youth on the Spokane Indian Reservation, in the Wellpinit district. In partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Snohomish County and the Fund's grant, WBGC is establishing a program that provides more effective enrichment services for their tribal youth. Since the initial 50 youth enrolled in 2016, participation grew to 338 tribal youth. Tribal youth now benefit from enhanced activities in the areas of Education & Career Development, Good Character & Citizenship and Health & Wellness. These include programs such as project Learn, SMART Moves, Triple Play Healthy Habits and a variety of cultural enrichment activities. Knowing that many of the youth are from low income, food insecure families, the Club provided over 10,000 healthy meals and snacks last year. As their Club programs continue to expand, community partners such as the Spokane Health & Human Services, Wellpinit Senior Center, Tribal Elders, the Department of Justice (CTAS Program) and Buffalo Wild Wings have provided expertise, resources and critical collaboration to support our tribal youth. <https://bgcsc.org/clubs/wellpinit-club/>

### **WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

The Progressive Fund began fiscal sponsor for the West Central Community Development Fund in 2020. The West Central Development Project seeks to move the needle on poverty with a focus on building long-term capacity for change rather than providing short-term alleviation of need through charity. They engage people and concerned organizations in the West Central neighborhood, identifying the assets of the neighbors themselves, their stories and skills. At the heart of this work are people in poverty developing leadership skills to improve their community together. The tools focus on building and strengthening relationships. Building a relational framework within the community connects these assets to actions for the common good and improving the West Central quality of life. We focus on using the skills of Asset Based Community Development and community organizing. For instance, community residents identified affordable housing as a vital component of quality of life and, with the help of The Spokane Alliance, they have acted to return derelict houses to the market and move relevant legislation forward. The point is for the residents of the community to use their own assets and leadership capabilities to effect positive change for themselves and their neighbors over the long term.