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2021

OVER \$1,075,000 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.

COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER (Pullman) – playground equipment

Riverview Apartments, the newest affordable housing complex in CAC's housing portfolio was granted to develop a community gathering space and play structure. Riverview Apartments, located south and east of Pullman Regional Hospital, offers 56 units of affordable housing for people with low- to very low incomes (up to 50% of the area median income). The play area is a new, one-time project that will enhance the quality of life for Riverview residents for years to come. Riverview is intended primarily as permanent housing for families transitioning out of homelessness. <https://www.cacwhitman.org/>

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 is Intensive Outpatient services as well as Medication for Addiction Treatment, and case management. A new program began in 2022 to provide a work experience program which this grant funded. Participants in the program worked on a local farm caring for animals, helping with upkeep of the ranch, cleaning, etc. The experience provided an opportunity for participants to add to their resume and build on their recovery through a work experience. The Fund concluded their fiscal sponsorship with CAT in 2021. <https://catspokane.org/>

ELEVATIONS CHILDREN'S THERAPY RESOURCE FOUNDATION

Expansion of services. 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/>



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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 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/>

GIRL SCOUTS

The traditional Girl Scout experience relies heavily on parent involvement and financial obligation. As a result, troupes are not found as often in lower income areas where parents may not have the time, money or transportation necessary for their daughter to participate. The Girl Scout outreach program called Pathfinders, works to eliminate those barriers by covering all costs, uniforms, badges and transportation for troupes in Title 1 schools. A 2021 Progressive Fund grant helped to fund the Pathfinder program and expand from 3 troupes to 11. <https://www.gsewni.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/>

HARVEST AGAINST HUNGER

Located in Walla Walla, WA, Blue Mountain Action Council will receive a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA position with the help of a SBPF grant. The position will focus on enhancing community support with a goal of creating a stronger and more resilient food security system for the region. Individuals receiving support from BMAC are all poverty/low/moderate income individuals who need assistance to have enough to each month. Many are seniors and children and or persons with disabilities. <https://www.harvestagainsthunger.org/tag/walla-walla-valley-food-coalition/>

HEALTH AND JUSTICE RECOVERY ALLIANCE

This organization is a community driven justice collaborative. Serving as a growing peer-led non-profit organization, Health and Justice Recovery Alliance seeks to support individuals who have experienced the impact of the justice system by providing crisis management, employment services, addressing the root of addiction, cycles of violence in a client centered approach that builds foundational skills supporting the unique success of each participant. The Health and Justice Recovery Alliance offers Peer-to-Peer services, stabilization



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resources, case management, community resource navigation, rental support services, and client advocacy individuals enrolled in the program receive training and support in becoming Peer Navigators/Community Health Workers, on the job training upon the completion of the 12-week cohort. <https://www.healthjusticerecoveryalliance.org/>

HISPANIC BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

In March of 2020, HBPA responded to the social and human service needs of the Latinx/Hispanic community in Spokane and Spokane Valley by establishing the first Hispanic Food pantry that runs weekly and assist client's needs. HBPA is a Hispanic lead organization that has been serving the Spokane area for the past 26 years and has responded to the changes needed in our community. The mission of helping individuals to become economically and politically empowered, has lead HBPA to become a provider that advocates and ensures that the people served have access to social service programs including economic help for undocumented and small businesses. Our community needs a social service program that specializes in guidance, advocacy and community referrals for individuals seeking assistance to apply for social and state programs, receive short-term case management and coordinate with health care providers to provide healthcare and behavioral health referrals. A grant from SBPF will help HBPA in this endeavor. <https://www.hbpaofspokane.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 (Hearing Oral Program of Excellence)

HOPE helps deaf and hard of hearing children learn to listen and talk so they can communicate with the hearing world around them and is the only Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) early learning program in the Inland NW. In 2021 SBPF has provided a grant to assist HOPE in hiring an additional staff member to travel to rural areas and teach children in their homes. Core services include (1) Early Intervention Program for children ages birth to 3. These children are referred by the Spokane Regional Health District's Infant Toddler Network and early intervention providers. (2) Toddler Group is designed for children ages 18 months to 3 years to attend with a parent or caregiver. This classroom experience serves the dual purpose of practicing Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) in the community while engaging with families on a similar journey. (3) LSL Early Learning Program, serving children 3-5, offers in-depth LSL instruction and daily speech-language therapy in a half-day preschool setting. <https://spokanehope.org/>

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 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 that opened in 2020. Hope House will provide nutritious food, a hot shower, clean, dry clothing, hygiene items, a warm bed, onsite case management, resource information referrals to community



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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 grant funding to offset rental of their new location.

LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

In an effort to leverage classroom practice to impart inclusive values and improve equity, Lakeside High School developed a summer reading program. The program is designed to foster conversations through which participants may develop confidence when or unknown topics impede inclusivity and equity. Staff, colleagues, students and the entire community are welcome to participate. A grant from the SBPF provided funding to purchase the 2021 featured book, James McBride's "The Color of Water", a memoir by the black author about his life as a minority person. After the reading, participants are welcome to join various opportunities for discussion and interactive activity pertaining to the content of the book.

MiA (Mujeres in Action)

Mujeres in Action is the only organization in the Spokane region providing culturally responsive intervention services primarily to Latinx survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault (DV/SA), and conducting prevention efforts in Spanish. Since fall of 2018, MiA has been helping Latinx families find safety, stability and independence as well as forming key partnerships with other agencies to expand services to the Latinx community. A SBPF grant help MiA to hire additional staff and meet their growth in services need. <https://en.miaspokane.org/>

NAMI – Spokane

NAMI Spokane is dedicated to empowering all who have been affected by mental illness, through advocacy, awareness, education, and support. NAMI Spokane envisions a world where all those impacted by mental health conditions know they are not alone and are empowered to live their most fulfilling lives. NAMI Spokane offers hope and health for people who are experiencing mental health concerns and their families today, as we work to build a stigma- free tomorrow. Funding provided support for education programs, support groups, and advocacy which are offered at no cost to participants. <https://namispokane.org/>

NISSA (NORTHWEST INFANT SURVIVAL AND SIDS ALLIANCE)

In order to expand critical evidence-based prevention education to rural areas of North Idaho, NISSA needed funding to purchase a trailer to convert to a "mobile education station". SBPF provided a grant to assist with these efforts, and is proud to help provide the opportunity for families in rural areas to receive critical education for safe infant sleep and child passenger safety education, services and resources.

ODYSSEY YOUTH MOVEMENT

Odyssey Youth Movement has facilitated youth-driven programs, community education, and basic needs supplies to LGBTQ+ youth throughout the region for nearly thirty years. While they work directly alongside youth ages 13-18 and young adults ages 18-24, their Basic Needs Program also serves those in the household with support such as food bags. Odyssey participants live in cities across the community stretching from



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Cheney to Deer Park and east Spokane Valley. While their journeys and identities are as beautifully diverse as the LGBTQ+ community itself, more than half (about 60%) of Odyssey youth identify as Transgender or Non-Binary. This is of note for the Basic Needs Program because youth who may be transitioning or changing how they express their gender, are in even greater need of affirming clothing and hygiene supplies. When parents or guardians hold the purse strings, youth may not be able to shop for the clothing that fits who they know themselves to be, and greatly supports the mental health of these young people. Even when a household is affirming of a young person, it can be expensive to change a wardrobe from one gender expression to another. The SBPF is proud to have provided a grant to assist with building supplies for the Basic Needs Program. <https://www.odysseyyouth.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 Health District.

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>

SELKIRK CONSERVATION ALLIANCE – NORTH IDAHO

Funding from The Smith-Barbieri Progressive Fund supported Selkirk Conservation Alliance's new youth environmental education projects. SCA works with low income regional public schools (5th-12th grades) & Tribal schools (Kalispel Tribe, Spokane Tribe, and Colville Tribe) to provide supplementary environmental education in the form of hands on activities and projects within the Priest Lake Watershed. SCA seeks to get kids out in their "own back yard" educating them about critical natural resources protection & conservation issues such as biodiversity conservation & water quality protection (to name a few). <https://scawild.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.



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<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/>

SPOKESMAN REVIEW RACE EQUITY REPORTER

In collaboration with other community minded partners, the Progressive Fund help to fund a new reporter position that will raise awareness on the important issues around racial equity and systemic racism in our community, providing coverage for both the Spokesman Review and the Black Lens. The work of the journalist isn't owned by The Spokesman-Review or the Black Lens, nor is it exclusive to this newspaper. Stories by these reporters do not fall under The Spokesman- Review's copyright and instead carry a Creative Commons license, meaning they can be published by any organization and are not behind any sort of online paywall. The work by these journalists is essentially owned by this community.

SPOKESMAN REVIEW TEEN JOURNALISM INSTITUTE

Quality news sources are critical to a community's collective knowledge, and we believe growing the next generation of journalists is an important part of building our community's future. This nine-week internship provides four local teens (ages 16 – 18) with one of the only paid high school journalism internships in the nation. Teens experience working in various departments of the newsroom – photo, news, features, and sports. In addition, to make it more community-service oriented, each teen will also focus on a couple of specific topics including teens and mental health in the wake of COVID, news literacy/civics, teens and the economy or education post-pandemic. At the end of the nine weeks, the newspaper will publish a four-page section highlighting the students' work on these topics.

STEVENS ELEMENTARY – CULTURAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Stevens Elementary, a Title 1 school in Spokane, works diligently to build bridges between the multiple cultures and people in their building. To that effort, the music program has several ensembles that are cultural music groups aimed at performing music from other cultures in a respectful and accurate way in order to celebrate and showcase music from around the world. Grant funding allowed the music department to add a Taiko drumming group called "Konki"(which means perseverance in Japanese) which will study Japanese culture and drumming. The ensemble expands the cultural offerings to celebrate the Asian community at Stevens and generate excitement for Asian music and culture.

TREEHOUSE

Treehouse's Graduation Success program began in King County expanding to Spokane with the Fund's support. The program is designed to meet the unique academic needs of youth in foster care. Youth in care face an uphill battle academically. When youth are placed in foster care they experience disruptions to their education through school and home placement changes. They live with uncertainty, loss, and the lasting impact of trauma. As a result, they have the lowest academic outcomes of any demographic group in the state, and



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fewer than half graduate from high school. Without the foundation of an education their future options are limited, and they are at significantly higher risk of poverty, incarceration, early parenting, and homelessness. In 2018, Treehouse served 67 youth in Spokane high schools, growing to 129 youth in the Spokane region in 2019. Treehouse's other lead priorities include preparing youth in foster care for adulthood by establishing dedicated transition leads within DCYF to support planning for adulthood starting at age 14; Funding otherwise out-of-reach new driver education; Ending youth detention for non-criminal offenses like truancy and running away, and expanding alternatives to detention; Reducing foster care caseload size, which will increase caseworker capacity, reduce caseworker turnover, and reduce the length of stay in foster care; Increase foster parent recruitment and retention. <https://www.treehouseforkids.org/>

THE WAY TO JUSTICE

The Progressive Fund made an early commitment to the newly formed legal clinic, The Way To Justice for multi-year support. The Way to Justice is a community law firm led and created by women of color. Through direct representation, impact litigation, policy reform, and advocacy work, they address the barriers facing individuals who have been negatively impacted by our justice system. The Way to Justice clients and their loved ones have been unjustly impacted by our legal system. Too often, access to justice is denied due to poverty and structural bias. The team at The Way to Justice focus on addressing systemic racism, removing barriers, empowering the most vulnerable, and amplifying the voices of the impacted community to create a more just system. <https://www.thewaytojustice.com/>

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 has been fiscal sponsor for the West Central Community Development Fund since 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



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use their own assets and leadership capabilities to effect positive change for themselves and their neighbors over the long term.