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2022

OVER \$850,000 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.

4GE

Pronounced “Forge”, this new non-profit offers pre-eviction resources and access to critical legal aid for low-income, vulnerable, and justice involved individuals to reduce barriers to housing, employment, and successful re-entry. Target population is low-income individuals residing in Eastern Washington, with special focus on engaging vulnerable adults/seniors, refugees, and those justice-involved.

APIC Spokane

APIC promotes equitable access to culturally competent and linguistically accessible health and human services, economic development for small businesses, civil and human rights, equal access to education and other concerns of Asians and Pacific Islanders, including immigrants, refugees, and citizens. The 2022 SBPF grant contributed to new staff. <https://www.apicspokane.org/>

BITE2GO

The Bite2Go program believes that no child should go hungry. This unique partnership unites two Spokane-area nonprofits, Second Harvest and At The Core, and hundreds of generous community organizations and businesses to provide over 9,233 elementary, middle and high school students with food for the week-ends. Many of these children would otherwise face chronic food shortages at home; without Bite2Go they would not get enough to eat. Specifically, the 2022 SBPF grant provided funding for the full 2022-2023 school year for the new Yashuhara Middle School. <https://bite2go.org/>

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SPOKANE COUNTY

For support of new collaboration with Washington State OSPI and the Gonzaga University Nursing Program, Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County is piloting a Behavioral Health Wellness program geared toward building social and emotional health in Spokane’s low-income youth who are members. <https://www.bgcspokane.org/>

COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER (Pullman)

Grant funding was provided to plant in garden spaces at the Riverview Affordable Housing complex, Koppel Community Farm, and at CAC’s main office. This was a re-launch of a project that we needed to pause for COVID response focus. Garden spaces and hydroponics bays will make it possible to: (1) stock the Community Food Bank with fresh produce year-round; and (2) reinstate garden education and activities for youth, adults, and seniors with low incomes. Produce will be grown to serve to food bank customers and Mobile



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Farmstand customers. The gardens and hydroponics bays will produce food for cooking classes, food demonstrations, and taste-testing as Community Action Center opens their doors to the public again. <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. <https://catspokane.org/>

EDEN COMMUNITY GARDENS

Eden Community Gardens is the largest community garden in Spokane County. They have fifty-nine drip irrigated raised beds available for neighbors, in the Gleneden area of north Spokane County and nearby apartment complexes, to grow healthy organic vegetables. They also serve the wider community through donation of fresh organic vegetables to Mead and North County Food Banks. Recent years they have added four wheelchair accessible raised beds, an ADA accessible restroom, wheelchair accessible drinking fountains and chip-sealed garden paths to make them wheelchair accessible. Grant funding in 2022 provided for an ADA accessible green house to begin early starts and increase potential produce for food banks. <https://edencommunitygardens.org/>

ELEVATIONS, A 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/>

FEAST WORLD KITCHEN

FEAST is a nonprofit restaurant and catering company in Spokane that features a rotating group of former refugee and immigrant chef-entrepreneurs. As they share flavor and culture from their original home cultures, FEAST chef partners learn career skills, earn great income, and build community connections. The Progressive Fund once again funded a matching campaign to help FEAST raise funds to hire staff and increase capacity. <https://www.feastworldkitchen.org/>

FEED SPOKANE:

Restaurants, caterers, hotels, grocers, wholesalers, farmers and event centers donate leftover food to Feed Spokane that would otherwise be discarded. The food comes to Feed Spokane in disposable pans and sealed bags provided by supplier donors to the cause. Volunteers and coalition agencies then distribute the food to any of 55 charitable meal sites in our community who serve free meals to the food insecure in Spo-



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kane. A grant from the Progressive Fund helped Feed Spokane grow their operation from 5,000 pounds per week in 2021 to 22,500 pounds per week in 2022. <https://feedspokane.org/>

GIRL SCOUTS:

The Progressive Fund once again provided funding to ensure girls attending Title 1 schools had the same opportunity to participate in Girl Scouts as any other girl. 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. <https://www.gsewni.org/>

GIRLS ON THE RUN – Support the program’s unique curriculum taught by trained coaches to third – eighth grade girls for the season-long improvements in social, psychological, and physical behaviors as well as learning of critical life skills and social-emotional learning that go on to benefit girls in their everyday lives.

GIVING BACK PACKS

The Progressive Fund provided a grant to Giving Back Packs new housing program to help fill gaps in removing barriers for individuals and families obtaining housing or trying to stay housed. In addition to financial resources, GBP provides coordination and helps to guide individuals through the systems that often would otherwise be too difficult to navigate without assistance. Referrals to GBP program will be made by case managers as a last resort to meet housing needs. <https://gbpacks.org/>

GLOBAL NEIGHBORHOOD THRIFT

Global Neighborhood offers pathways to employment for our neighbors who have come to Spokane as refugees, providing work through our sustainable, accessible thrift and vintage store. Refugees receive job training, income, and a community of support to rebuild their lives in the U.S. In 2022, grant funding assisted in the expansion of the thrift store location and increase in staff levels. <https://www.global-neighborhood.org/>

GLOW CHILDREN

A SPBFG grant paid for social media internship position and two paid holidays for staff of daycare center serving parents/children of Lumen High School. Lumen High School is a public charter school that is committed to empowering two generations by providing high academic standards, a specialized early learning center and wrap around supports to meet the layered needs of teen parents. <https://glowchildren.org/>

GREATER SPOKANE PROGRESS (GSP)

The Progressive Fund provided funding to help GSP to hire a racial equity and network manager. GSP is a permanent alliance of close to 40 organizations that drives progressive change by connecting, coordinating, and supporting diverse organizations. They support organizing efforts of aligned organizations, coalitions, BIPOC and other impacted communities throughout the Spokane region. Members developed the Spokane Progress Plan (SPP) which lifts up the intersectional work of members. Goals include housing justice, police accountability, rights for immigrants and refugees, smart justice, civil rights and equity, and climate justice. <https://www.spokaneprogress.org/>

HEALTH JUSTICE & RECOVERY ALLIANCE

A new centralized staffed location for a food and clothing pantry was made possible with grant funding. Their mission is to prevent, disrupt and support restoration for individuals experiencing destabilization/crisis by



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examining the complicity of systems of oppression and exclusion that exist at all touchpoints across multiple systems. The Health and Justice Recovery Alliance provides a Peer service delivery model that centers the experience of the participant and community in crisis by supporting navigation from crisis to well-being. <https://www.healthjusticerecoveryalliance.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 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 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.

INLAND NORTHWEST FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION

The Inland Northwest Farmers Market provides our community with numerous farmers markets and an opportunity to purchase produce directly from local farmers. Grant funding provided capacity building for each market to learn more about what specific needs each neighborhood in which they have a market has, allowing for more individual needs to be met. <https://www.inwfma.org/>

JUST ONE

Extended hours of operation for after school youth program in Hillyard that provides meaningful activities and essential resources for children to create their own paths to success. Just One seeks to break the cycle that has negatively impacted the lives of their community members and collaborates with numerous community resources to assist in their efforts. <https://ifyoucouldsavejustone.org/>

LANDS COUNCIL: BIPOC focus groups to give voice on climate issues to this community

The Lands Council works to preserve and revitalize Inland Northwest forests, water, and wildlife through



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advocacy, education, effective action, and community engagement. They collaborate with a broad range of interested parties to seek smart and mutually respectful solutions to environment and health issues. The 2022 Progressive Fund grant provided funding to expand the Land Council Climate Justice Program focused on building strong and equitable relationships in the community, educating and centering voices from BIPOC, Native and those negatively impacted by the effects of climate change. The program's overall goal is for a just transition away from fossil fuels and the advancement of projects that alleviate the burden of climate change placed on disadvantaged communities in the Inland Northwest. <https://landscouncil.org/>

MAC MOVEMENT: 6 months food/supplies for council meeting Mondays - free speech

The primary community role that the MAC Movement currently fulfills is to create an inclusive, supported space for community members to participate in our Spokane City Hall public space and to engage community in decision that are formed at the location. They host a weekly event coinciding with Council meetings called "Free Food With a Side of Free Speech". The Progressive Fund provided a grant to purchase supplies needed for these weekly events and additional free speech grassroots efforts to allow for all voices to be heard.

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/>

MOCKINGBIRD SOCIETY

A SBPF grant provided much needed support for re-establishing programs renew recruitments in a hybrid setting for E. Washington participants. The Mockingbird Society is an advocacy organization founded in 2000 by Jim Theofelis to provide meaningful opportunities for youth across Washington state to participate in the social justice effort to improve the foster care system. It's first project was The Mockingbird Times, then a monthly newspaper written by young people who have experienced foster care that aims to have a positive impact on the public perception of young people experiencing foster care and/or homelessness. Since then, our work has expanded to include working with foster families and child-placing agencies to improve outcomes for both young people and their caregivers. Recognizing a clear link between experience in the child welfare system and homelessness, Mockingbird also began addressing issues around youth homelessness in 2013. <https://mockingbirdsociety.org/>

NAACP/Spokane:

The NAACP Spokane Branch has been protecting and expanding the rights of marginalized people for over 100 years. By prioritizing education, criminal justice needs, civil engagement, and much more, the NAACP stays on top of issues that affect this region the most. The Spokane NAACP Healthcare Committee proposed to start by building a bridge between BIPOC high school students and healthcare careers, and SBPF agreed to support with a grant for the program. With the cooperation of CHAS, local healthcare programs/colleges and high schools the NAACP recruits BIPOC healthcare students and young healthcare professionals to visit high school classrooms and BIPOC student unions to share health care opportunities and hands on training experience as a pathway to a potential healthcare career. <https://naacpspokane.com/>



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NAMI/Spokane

The state of mental health care access in Spokane is a crisis. People do not know how to navigate systems to get the care they or family members need and give up when faced with long wait times for care. When mental health conditions go untreated, people face catastrophic consequences that could have been prevented. Funding helped NAMI to hire a Mental Health Navigator who will work with people at no cost to them to improve access to care, ultimately preventing hospitalization, justice involvement, homelessness, and other negative outcomes. <https://namispokane.org/>

NE COMMUNITY CENTER

NE Community Center improves the quality of life of residents in northeast Spokane, with emphasis on social, health, economic, educational and recreational needs. A new youth workforce development/basic employment skills program transformed the lobby area of the Northeast Community Center into a classroom/coffee shop to provide hands-on training to students aged 16–24 from northeast neighborhoods seeking a GED and career pathway development. Wrap-around services through staff and partners at NECC is included for program participants. The Progressive Fund provided a grant to help purchase equipment for the coffee shop prior to opening. <https://www.necommunitycenter.com/wp/>

NEW HOPE RESOURCE CENTER (North Spokane)

The New Hope Resource Center is a faith-based ecumenical social service organization. Supported by local churches and by generous community contributions, their mission is to serve basic human needs in North Spokane County including the communities of Riverside, Elk, Chattaroy, Colbert, and Mead without prejudice or discrimination. In addition, they provide emergency food through the services of North County Food Pantry located in Elk, Washington. Grant funding helped to provide resource supplies. <https://www.newhoperesource.org/home>

NE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Support for new nonprofit focusing on food security and nutrition programs, before and after school programs, financial literacy, mental health counseling, wellness clinics for children, education programs for youth and adults, and other programs designed to empower families. <https://www.neyfs.org/>

NISSA - NORTHWEST INFANT SURVIVAL AND SIDS ALLIANCE (Coeur d'Alene, ID)

Rural Education Outreach grant for their program that visits 30 rural North Idaho and Eastern Washington communities to educate families about safe sleep and transportation for infants and young children. In addition to education, the program provides new cribs and car seats for families in need.

NORTH IDAHO CASA (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho)

The development of CASA's Project Permanency grew out of a need to provide basic household essentials for reunified families. Furniture to help instill family activities and normalcy, such as a kitchen table to share a family meal or a refrigerator to store perishables when there is money to buy groceries. Beds for every child to feel like they are worthy of their own safe space and have something to call their own or a set of snow tires for a family that relies on a single vehicle. Grant funding helped to provide resources for this much needed program. <https://www.northidahocasa.org/projectpermanency.html>

ODYSSEY YOUTH MOVEMENT: LGBTQ+ Safer Schools Program

Financial support was provided to assist in the expansion and reimplementing of Odyssey's Safer Schools Program as connections are redrawn to school systems, student led clubs, and other student supports. The Safer Schools Program is designed to have multiple branches including direct student connection usual-



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ly through GSAs (Gender and Sexuality Alliances), the education of trusted adults such as counselors and teachers, as well as the promotion of equity for LGBTQ+ students from a policy perspective. Many GSAs serve as a primary source of connection and belonging for LGBTQ+ youth, and with virtual schooling or strict distancing precautions in place for student safety during COVID, these groups have been extremely limited in what they can offer to their youth peers. Odyssey is expecting a large upswing in youth accessing and looking for resources and a sense of community within their schools, this is the perfect time to enhance what these students and the supportive adults in their schools are able to find. <https://www.odysseyyouth.org/>

PAGE AHEAD:

This grant helped expand Page Ahead's Book Up Summer program to six more schools (Cheney, Mead & four schools in Spokane). This special 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/](https://pageahead.org/)

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER SPOKANE AND NORTH IDAHO – RAIZ Health Fair

Planned Parenthood fights to ensure that all people have access to high-quality and affordable health care, regardless of race, income, geography, immigration status or gender identity — no matter what. That is why Planned Parenthood's Raíz program is committed to breaking down barriers in accessing health care in the Latinx community. The Raíz program is about more than just health. It's about justice, knowledge, and power. Grant funding provided specifically for the RAIZ health fair. <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-greater-washington-north-idaho>

PRO-CHOICE WASHINGTON, COUGS FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM (WSU, Pullman, WA)

Pro-Choice Washington recognizes the power and importance of young people's voices in the reproductive freedom movement. The Progressive Fund provided a grant to support Cougs for Reproductive Freedom at Washington State University Pullman. This organization brings together students to take local action for reproductive freedom in their own community. Their activities include organizing events to educate their peers, activating voters, hosting lawmakers and local leaders on campus, and advocating to increase access to health services like contraception and abortion. <https://prochoicewashington.org/activism/join-or-start-an-activist-chapter/>

R.I.S.E CAMP COPE

A new program opened with the help of a Progressive Fund grant, R.I.S.E's mission is to foster resilience, strength and endurance in children who have experienced the death of a parent. They pledge to provide free services through mentoring and peer groups to help grieving children navigate their lives, in childhood and beyond. They are committed to meet children where they are in the grieving and healing process, rally around them and provide a safe space to grieve and heal. <https://www.risenorthwest.org/>



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REACH WEST CENTRAL

REACH is organized exclusively for charitable purposes to revitalize and promote economic development in neighborhoods which have been subject to underinvestment; to lessen neighborhood tensions and combat community deterioration; to aid and support programs and projects targeting arts, culture, safety, education, and sustainable housing. In 2022, grant funding from the Progressive Fund provided for 250 fans/filter systems for homes in the West Central Neighborhood to help mitigate health challenges during the annual fire season. <https://www.reachwestcentral.org/>

REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT CONNECTIONS

Refugee and Immigrant Connections Spokane supports and empowers refugee and immigrant communities by providing services, fostering community bonds, and advocating for refugee and immigrant rights in the Inland Northwest. SBPF provided a grant to support the new “Welcome to Spokane Program”. The program has two parts: a local resource and family activity guide and a city tour. Both the guide and the city tour will connect participating families to relevant, essential resources as well as accessible and affordable places for families, teens, and young adults to connect with their new community. <https://www.ricspokane.org/>

RIVER CITY YOUTH OPS

RCYO is an urban farm network located in the West Central neighborhood of Spokane with the mission to create opportunities for youth enrichment through community engagement, job training, and education. They are a diverse community with empowered, skilled and capable youth, working to strengthen our local environment. Funding assisted their Farm-to-Market summer program which serves youth ages 12 – 18 (at no cost to them or their families). Youth participate in planting, cultivating, harvesting and distributing fresh produce throughout the community via farmers markets and through produce donations to local food banks. <https://www.youthops.org/>

SAFE PASSAGE

Sustain General Advocacy, which ensures that Safe Passage always has trained advocates available to staff crisis line calls, help a domestic violence survivor and their children relocate to a confidential shelter or a safe hotel, and respond to sexual assault survivors at the hospital. In addition, the SBPF grant will help to expand the Safe Passage Outreach program, which includes disseminating information about Safe Passage services to the community using print materials, radio communication, online ads, and other outreach platforms. <https://www.safepassageid.org/>

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grant provided funding to purchase secular books and materials (workbooks, audiobooks) for library that address race, disability, and sexuality. Books available for community use. <https://salemlutheranspokane.com/>

SANDPOINT AREA SENIORS (Sandpoint, ID)

The Sandpoint Area Seniors, Inc. strives to address food insecurity and social isolation among the most vulnerable members of the senior community in Bonner County. They do this by providing nutritious meals both on-site and through home delivery as well as providing a gathering place and informational site for social, recreational, and wellness programs. The Progressive Fund once again provided a grant to help provide food and resources for this organization. <https://www.sandpointareaseniors.org/>

SELKIRK CONSERVATION ALLIANCE (North Idaho)

SCA is one of north Idaho’s oldest environmental nonprofits and has been working to protect the land, air, forests, wetlands, wildlife and WATER of the lower Selkirk Mountains and Priest Lake Watershed for the past



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35 years (est. 1987). Through a strategic planning effort, a Progressive Fund grant and development of a five year Strategic Plan, SCA is able to focus their limited staff time and funding on WATER quality conservation and protection work in the watershed. <https://scawild.org/>

SHADES OF MOTHERHOOD

New nonprofit that strives to create healthy, equitable relationships between women of color and reproductive health through immersive, community-driven experiences that catalyze the physical, mental, and spiritual health of children, and families in underrepresented communities. Shades of Motherhood is one of the Progressive Fund's newest fiscal sponsees! <https://www.theshadesofmotherhoodnetwork.org/>

SHALOM MINISTRIES

The purchase of tables with attached stools and casters that will provide seating for daily meals provided to food insecure folks in our community was made possible through an SBPF grant. Shalom provides over 50,000 meals annually. <https://shalommeal.org/>

SIMBA: Business Against Bigotry program

SIMBA is the independent business alliance of the Spokane-Coeur d'Alene metro region. Their mission is to build a prosperous, equitable, and local economy by organizing and educating regional businesses, consumers, and partners. The Progressive Fund provided a grant to help SIMBA's "Business Against Bigotry," a campaign helping independent businesses thwart bigotry and discrimination in their communities. <https://spokaneindependent.org/>

SPARK CENTRAL Level Up program: Holmes & Audubon Elementary Schools

Grant funding provided support to grow the capacity of Level Up program for 3rd-6th graders. Level Up integrates a focus on academic achievement, creativity and imagination, and social-emotional learning for healthy youth development. Working closely with Spokane Public Schools (SPS), Spark Central launched Level Up in the fall of 2020 at Title I Holmes and Audubon Elementary Schools. Teachers from these schools refer students who would most benefit from participation, including students of color impacted by the inequitable distribution of educational resources and students who have fallen even further behind their peers during the pandemic. Each cohort of students will attend Level Up immediately after school two days per week. Key Level Up strategies include mentoring, academic support, social-emotional learning, and STEAM based enrichment clubs. <https://spark-central.org/>

SAN (formerly SPOKANE AIDS NETWORK)

To empower people at risk of, or affected by, HIV/AIDS through education, outreach and advocacy. SAN also works in close partnership with community stakeholders to serve as a bridge for resources for people living with and impacted by HIV and AIDS, and grant funding from the Progressive Fund helped to expand pantry resources. <https://www.sannw.org/>

SPOKANE COMMUNITY COURT

The mission of the Spokane Municipal Community Court is to build stronger and safer neighborhoods by providing accountability with help for individuals involved in the criminal justice system to reduce and properly address quality-of-life offenses by utilizing a collaborative, problem-solving approach to crime. Grant funding will provide for basic needs including transportation for appointments, warm weather clothing, haircuts, food, etc.

SPOKANE EDIBLE TREE PROJECT

The mission is to bring produce to hungry people utilizing food banks, while simultaneously reducing food



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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://spokaneidib-letreeproject.org/>

SPOKANE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

The Spokane Food Policy Council is comprised of local stakeholders including representation from Spokane Regional Health District, Second Harvest, Catholic Charities, Washington State University Extension, SNAP-Ed, farmers, ranchers, regenerative agriculturists, academia, local business owners and food service workers. Members volunteer and bring expertise from various areas of the regional food system and collaborate to improve our local food system for all.

Financial support was provided to initiate increased communication with community partners in line with food system priorities identified in the Spokane Regional Food Action Plan. Priority focus areas include Farmland Preservation, Increasing Local Food Processing, Healthy Food for All and Reduction of Food Waste. The initiatives proposed will foster synergies across our entire food system and specific changes will enhance healthy food access and improve food security for all residents of Spokane and the surrounding area (food-shed). General operating support funding will allow us to continue this work by covering critical overhead expenses, including insurance, professional services and contract staff expenses. <https://www.spokanefood-policy.org/>

SPOKANE HOPE, CENTER FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN

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 2022 SBPF once again provided a grant to assist HOPE staff member expenses 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/>

SPOKANE LOW INCOME HOUSING CONSORTIUM: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion position

To help ensure SLIHC was growing diversity, equity and inclusion in all functions, the Progressive Fund provided a grant to help support a DEI position. The Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium (SLIHC) is a membership association that promotes the long-term availability of affordable housing in Greater Spokane. Everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, affordable home. SLIHC provides a collective voice for the long-term availability of affordable housing for our Spokane community residents of low income. <http://www.slihc.org/>

SPOKANE LOW INCOME HOUSING CONSORTIUM – “HOUSING & HELP” web series

“Housing and Help” was formed by the Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium (SLIHC) to provide an on-going educational web series about Spokane's unhoused population. Produced by Corner Booth Media, the



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goal of this web series is to provide the community with factual information about how the unhoused population has grown to the size it is today and evidence-based solutions to reduce the number of our neighbors living on the streets. SBPF was the primary funder for this web series and participated in the development as an executive producer. <https://housingandhelp.org/>

SPOKANE RIVER KEEPER

Spokane Riverkeeper is a vigilant guardian and advocate for the Spokane River and its watershed. The mission of the Spokane Riverkeeper is to protect the river's ecological health, vibrancy, and aesthetic integrity, as well as the healthy connections that communities have to the river now and into the future. Through a grant from the Progressive Fund, SRK continued to partner with our local native language school, the Salish School of Spokane, to provide exploration and field work in local waters, including rafting, watershed tours, and scientific investigations. The Salish School of Spokane is a school that specializes in recovering the native interior Salish language that was spoken in the Pacific Northwest for thousands of years. Most of the students are of Native American descent. In many cases these students have not had access to the River that sustained indigenous communities in our area for time immemorial. We would like to maintain our partnership with the Salish School of Spokane and the community they serve by developing and leading weekly field lessons with the potential to expand the project by implementing a Indigenous Student Waterkeeper Program. <https://www.spokaneriverkeeper.org/>

SPOKANE SYMPHONY

One of the Spokane Symphony's longest standing programs, the Young Musicians Education Program (YMEP) has historically brought Symphony members into all 10 secondary schools in Spokane Public Schools throughout the school year. Due to COVID-19, the program was cut short in 2019-2020, cancelled for 2020-2022 and began again in 2022-23. The Progressive Fund provided a grant that prioritized Title 1 high schools in order to reach the highest concentration of underserved situation during the relaunch of this wonderful program. <https://foxtheaterspokane.org/education-programs/>

SPOKANE VALLEY COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: Valley poverty resources (new) - basic needs, rental assistance programs, resource guidance, etc.

From Bigelow Gulch to Valleyford and from east of the City of Spokane to the state line, SVCA endeavors to address the issues of Community members in the Spokane Valley. Resource navigation, self-advocacy education and responding to acute essential needs were all supported by funding from SBPF. <https://s-v-c-a.org/>

SPOKANE VETERANS COURT

This court provides an interagency, collaborative, non-adversarial treatment strategy for veterans involved in the criminal justice system while holding them accountable and reintegrating veterans into the community. Grant funding will provide basic need items including transportation for appointments, warm weather clothing, haircuts, food, etc.

TEAMCHILD: Expand emphasis in Yakima & Spokane (staffing)

TeamChild's legal work for court involved youth reveals the many ways that laws, policies, and practices can prevent young people from accessing support and realizing their potential. They apply unique expertise and experience as lawyers to help young people and the supportive adults in their lives understand their legal rights and navigate around and through barriers. TeamChild also identifies ways that systems can change to better meet the needs of young people to reduce the harm caused by incarceration and other forms of punishment. SBPF provided a grant that allowed TeamChild to deepen Eastern and Central Washington com-



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munity connections to make sure policy work in Olympia reflects the needs of youth in all areas of the state. <https://teamchild.org/>

TERRAIN EAST CENTRAL ART

Terrain is launching a community-wide art and storytelling project called “This is East Central.” Part public art piece, part digital archive, This is East Central is a celebration of the people and places that make up one of Spokane’s most resilient neighborhoods. This is East Central will consist of a 100’ wide mural on the Carl Maxey Center, and a story-corps style website highlighting both individual and neighborhood stories. Additionally, through AR technology, people standing in front of the mural will be able to connect to the website hearing these stories on site. <https://www.terrainspokane.com/>

THRIVE INTERNATIONAL

The Progressive Fund was one of the initial funders of Thrive International. Thrive International is innovating how local communities respond to the refugee crisis in America. Thrive International moves refugees and immigrants from surviving to thriving by providing transitional housing and programming. Located in Spokane, Washington, Thrive Center is an example of what’s possible when cities can come together with local and state governments, community partners, and faith organizations and provide local solutions to a global crisis. <https://thriveint.org/>

TRANSITIONS

Transitions works to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane. They operate six programs designed to support our community by providing childcare, housing, job training, and friendly, safe spaces for women and children to visit. A grant from the Progressive Fund helped Transition create a new participant advisory panel. Each participant was paid for their time to help advise Transition on programming, operations, etc. SBPF has a firm belief that those with lived experience should have a seat at the table, especially for decisions that will be made about/for their community, and we were happy to support Transitions develop an entire advisory panel for this purpose. <https://help4women.org/>

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 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/>

VALLEY COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER (Clarkston, WA)

Grant funded helped to purchase supplies for Valley Community Center. This organization offers low-cost meals, frozen meals, home delivery meals, health care services, a beauty shop, a barbershop, and a full range



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of social activities, including a yoga class, pinochle, bridge and art and painting classes. <http://www.valleycntr.org/>

WEEKEND FOOD FOR KIDS

Weekend Food for Kids is to supplement the Moscow School District's free summertime lunch program by providing bags of food for weekends during summer to children living in food-insecure circumstances. Volunteers pack grocery bags with mostly nonperishable food items that are easy for a child to prepare with minimal or no adult help. Each bag contains a variety of food and beverages for breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and snacks, and at least two kinds of fresh fruit. The bags are distributed on Fridays at the site where the school district distributes lunches under the Summer Food Program.

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

WeX VOTER OUTREACH

We X Voter Outreach Grassroots Group is a POC (people of color) lead and centered, nonpartisan voter education project. They engage underrepresented POC adults and youth including Native, Latinx and others in Eastern Washington rural areas including small towns within the Colville Reservation through events, distributing materials, and voter education. This is a new service in Eastern Washington. The Progressive Fund provided a grant for WeX to purchase much needed supplies for grassroots efforts.



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YOYOT SP'Q'N'I

Pronounced “Yo-Yote Spoke-Knee”, Yoyot means “strong” and Sp’q’n’l means Spokane in Salish language. The meaning of Spokane is “children of the sun”. Yoyot Sp’q’n’i means “Strong Children of the Sun”. This new nonprofit provides advocacy, outreach and case management serving the Indigenous community, primarily Indigenous women experiencing domestic violence. Future plans include procurement of a safe house featuring services for residents that focus on Indigenous culture as a form of healing, using cultural and traditional practices or culturally tailored treatments such as native wellness and wellbriety. <https://yoyotspqni.org/>