



# Smith-Barbieri Progressive Fund

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## 2010 – 2019

### OVER \$3,025,000 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.*

#### **ACLU EVERY STUDENT COUNTS ALLIANCE (2014, 2016, 2018)**

Spokane Public Schools has an especially dismal record of excluding children from school, especially children of color and children with disabilities. In 2015, 16% of Spokane's African American and American Indian students were suspended or expelled, as were 27% of children with special needs. The project aims to end the routine use of school exclusion as a form of discipline, keep young people out of the criminal justice system, and create model policies for school districts across the state. It is in line with the Fund's focus of dismantling systemic injustices that lead to poverty and incarceration. ACLU of Washington, along with Spokane allies, formed the Every Student Counts Alliance (ESCA). ESCA members include Team Child, Spokane NAACP, Arc of Spokane, Northwest Justice Project, Northwest Autism Center, Spokane Regional Health District, Passages Family Support, and the ACLU of Washington. Our goals for this project are to improve the reality for students in Spokane, while ultimately creating model policies for other districts across the state. Specifically, the project aims to: 1) Reduce the over-reliance on suspension, expulsion and criminalization. 2) Address student behavior by implementing district wide positive behavioral and restorative systems. 3) Implement model training protocols developed in collaboration with the ACLU and community stakeholders. More info: <https://www.aclu-wa.org/story/kicked-out-kindergarten-why-schools-should-stop-suspending-young-children>

#### **AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTER – GOODHEART BEHAVIORAL PROGRAM (2015 & 2018)**

Startup funding for Goodheart Behavioral Program. Chronic problems among Native population documented by AICC include extreme poverty, unemployment, psychological, substance abuse or dependency, and family dysfunction. Many of these systems are related historic and cultural trauma. Goodheart Behavioral Health is a Substance Use Disorder program that will serve the Native and Non-Native population for Intensive Out-Patient, Outpatient and SUD, and DUI Assessments. Licensing is pending to also start serving Medicaid clients.

#### **BECAUSE THERE IS HOPE (2018)**

BTIH offers adult individuals battling cancer a home during treatment where they can experience hope, peace and compassion completely free of charge. This grant was to expand their lodging facility to continue to help those in need. <http://becausethereishope.org>



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### **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE INLAND NW (2014, 2017, 2019)**

MentoringU was a new addition to the BBBS menu of programs (and a new addition to the community), and a natural extension of what they're already doing: connecting at-risk youth with one- to-one mentors. Adding the new flavors of technology and career preparation, this grant will increase their ability to reach into rural Inland Northwest communities to connect their at-risk youth to college- educated mentors, corporations, and college/career preparation resources. They plan to do this in three key ways: (1) expand upon the effective educational partnerships they have established with local school districts to deliver MentoringU in trusted school settings; (2) assign each youth a mentor who shares their college and/or career interests; and (3) support the mentor-mentee pair's ongoing communication, which will involve (at minimum) weekly electronic communication over a secured application and monthly in-person meetings. In addition to start-up funding, the Fund is in its second year of granting to expand this meaningful program.

### **CENTER FOR JUSTICE WOMEN'S RELICENSING PROGRAM (2014 – 2019)**

Upon seeing that women were not participating in the Center's relicensing program, the SBPF provided funding to establish a women's program to give one-on-one legal assistance in removing the barriers that prevent them from obtaining a valid driver's license. It also provides women support and referrals for other issues that pose barriers to women's employment, health, and long-term self-sufficiency. It's designed to have the participants help one another, and in doing so, build trust and empowerment among women.

### **COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EDEN COMMUNITY GARDENS (2018)**

Covenant United Methodist Church sponsors Eden Community Gardens, sponsored by the Covenant United Methodist Church, is a garden dedicated to cultivating community in the Gleneden and Colbert regions of Spokane County. They desire to propagate good stewardship, to provide the ability for neighbors to raise healthy crops and to promote preschool children's appreciation of nature. They also are committed to growing an abundant harvest that will be shared with our neighbors through local north side food banks. <http://www.edencommunitygardens.org>

### **ELEVATIONS CHILDREN'S THERAPY RESOURCE FOUNDATION (2016 - 2019)**

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.

### **EWU COMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES EASTERN WA UNIVERSITY ACTIVIST IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM (2014 – 2016)?**

The Women's and Gender Studies Program (WGS) and the Women's Studies Center (WSC) organized the first Activist-in-Residence (AiR) Program in the 2013 academic year on the campus of Eastern Washington University. AiR supports a local or regional activist to work with WGS students and faculty, the Women's Studies Center, and numerous other student groups, programs, and units throughout the University for one quarter



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each year. The invited Activist-in-Residence receives an honorarium for their term of activities on campus. During one quarter, the Activist-in-Residence provides at least 8-10 activities, such as guest lectures or class presentations, presentations for the entire University community, workshops, activist projects, and other events. This unique combination of different disciplines from academia, different levels of students (undergraduate/graduate), community-based organizations, and an expert Activist-in-Residence provides a rich experience for all involved.

### **FRIENDS OF THE BLACK LENS, CARL MAXEY CENTER. (2016 - 2019)**

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.

### **GIVING BACK PACKS (2018 - 2019)**

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.

### **GLOBAL NEIGHBORHOOD EMPLOYMENT EXPANSION (2017 - 2019)**

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.

### **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 im-



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portant 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 (2017 & 2019))**

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 2019, SBPF grant provided the opportunity for HOPE to move to a larger location without cutting any of their core services. 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.

### **HOPE HOUSE (2017 - 2019)**

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 anticipated to open the end of 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.

### **INLAND NW FARMERS MARKET ASSN- INWFMA (2019)**

The Fund's grant to INWFMA expands the Kids Eating Right — Nutrition and Exercise for Life' (KERNEL) program. The INWFMA helps make quality and healthy food accessible and affordable to food insecure and low income people. The program supports local farmers, combats food insecurity and connects neighbors in a comprehensive way and kids being at the center of it is perfect for their growth both literally and figuratively.

### **KYRS (2019 – 2014)**

Underwriting weekly shows "The Science of Poverty" and "KYRS Local News". KYRS is a vital, commercial-free media resource for people to inform their lives, inspire their spirit, and activate their conscience. People need access to free and open media in order to fully participate in their community. KYRS provides a lifeline to local art, culture, music, news, and views often overlooked by other media. All 40 of our locally produced programs are hosted by volunteers. No other media outlet in the region covers as much local arts and culture as KYRS. Through inclusion and civil dialogue, KYRS radio programs foster community collaboration, growth and understanding from diverse perspectives. Their programs inform, energize and educate listeners with unprecedented diversity by providing a safe platform for ethnic minorities to tell their stories, youth to



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voice their opinions, and artists of all stripes to share their gifts with the community. <http://kyrs.org>

### **THE LANDS COUNCIL GREEN SLEEVES PROGRAM (2014)**

The SBPF was the founding sponsor of Green Sleeves, a collaboration between The Lands Council and Geiger Corrections Center that involves Spokane County Detention Services Work Crews and jail-alternative sentencing options. The project also includes educational opportunities for offenders at Geiger Corrections Center with a curriculum focused specifically on employable skills. Educational sessions for in-house offenders at Geiger will consist of a lecture and hands-on learning at the on-site native plant nursery. This education can empower the offenders with skills and knowledge required to manage their native plant nursery, provide them with basic and employable knowledge and skills, and increase environmental stewardship. Participants who successfully complete the educational component of Green Sleeves will be prepared to work for local landscaping firms. The project's first year was extremely successful and the SBPF re-upped for another year.

### **LEADERSHIP SPOKANE LIFE TRANSITIONS SCHOLARSHIPS (2014 - 2019)**

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.

### **MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEEKEND FOOD FOR KIDS (2019 – 2017)**

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.

### **THE MOCKINGBIRD SOCIETY (2015, 2017 - 2019)**

This grant funded Spokane efforts. The Mockingbird Society is an advocacy organization that thinks holistically, creatively, and passionately about meeting society's obligations to children and youth who need out-of-home care. Together with youth advocates and informed by coalitions and partner organizations, The Mockingbird Society develops an annual policy agenda with goals and priorities to reform child welfare and youth homelessness through changes in practice, policy, and budgets. While they primarily advocate at the state level, our youth advocates have led successful federal and local policy changes as well. <https://mockingbird-society.org>

### **NORTHWEST MEDIATION CENTER (2018)**

This NMC grant created a half-time staff position dedicated to producing NMC's community education proj-





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ects including Community Education Conflict 101, Intro to Restorative Practices, Showing/Discussion Seminars, Community Court NVC classes and Outreach including the benefits of Elder Mediation and the availability of Anger Management classes. <https://www.nwmediationcenter.com>

### **NORTHWEST PUBLIC TELEVISION (2018)**

This grant is to help fund KWSU's, operated by Northwest Public Television, extension of its public television signal to nearly half a million more people in Spokane and Spokane Valley. The station is already viewed and supported by Spokane residents within its current signal reach, which is limited to the southern edge of the city. The new transmitter will see enhanced signal resolution and reliability, and 420,000 additional households will be able to receive the station for the first time. <https://www.nwpb.org>

### **NORTHWEST PUBLIC TELEVISION (KWSU) (2018)**

KWSU provides a window on the world through news and entertainment programs. With the Fund's grant, a new antenna was purchased and is now installed expanding service to nearly a half a million more viewers for the first time in Lewiston/Clarkston, Pullman, Cheney and the southern fringe of Spokane. In addition, practical benefits are gained including:

- The new transmitter consuming less than a third of the current power, translating to a power bill savings of approximately \$3.5k per year
- Remote monitoring capabilities, allowing engineers to save on trips to the site.
- New transmitter is more reliable than the current, 20-year old equipment.
- Upgraded service moves KWSU to an upgraded cable channel and allows for more specific programming information instead of only "educational programming."

### **ODYSSEY YOUTH MOVEMENT (2017)**

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 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/>

### **PAGE AHEAD (2018)**

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 partner-



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ships 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! [http://pageahead.org/about\\_our-programs.php](http://pageahead.org/about_our-programs.php)

### **PANHANDLE HEALTH DISTRICT NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP (2017 - 2018)**

Support expansion of Nurse-Family Partnership program which provides home visits supplying care, education and resources to vulnerable new mothers and children. A dynamic team of nurses in the Nurse-Family Partnership program at Panhandle Health District in Hayden, Idaho, provide education, resources, and support to low-income, vulnerable first-time mothers from pregnancy through the child’s 2nd birthday. Nurse-Family Partnership is an evidence-based home-visiting model that is voluntary and provided at no cost to the mothers. The primary goals of the program are to improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women improve their prenatal health, improve child health and development by helping parents provide more sensitive and competent care and making referrals to community agencies when needed, and promote parental life-course of achieving economic self-sufficiency, responsibility and accountability through strengths-based goal-setting and follow-up by helping parents plan future pregnancies, complete their educations, and find work. <https://www.nursefamilypartnership.org/locations/idaho/>

### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD GREATER WA & NORTH ID NEW SOKANE HEALTH & COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (2014 - 2019)**

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.

### **REFUGEE CONNECTIONS REFUGEES’ HARVEST PROGRAM (2015, 2017 – 2019)**

In the Refugees’ Harvest Program, refugees from various backgrounds harvest donated produce and distribute it free of charge at the East Central Community Center. 8,584 lbs were harvested in the 2014 season, 56 refugee harvesters participated in the program, and 3,202 people benefited from the donated produce. SBPF continues to fund this program annually.

### **SAFE PASSAGE VIOLENCE PROTECTION CENTER (2016, 2018 - 2019)**

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



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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>

### **SMART JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM (2016)**

It's time to reform our expensive, ineffective, and unfair criminal justice system. Instead of warehousing an unreasonably high percentage of our community in jail, people who pose no danger to our neighborhoods, the dedicated Smart Justice team are urging our elected officials to spend our tax dollars on proven programs that are fiscally responsible, reduce crime, and create a strong and healthy community. This symposium brought together hundreds of community citizens and leaders from the public and private sectors to hear from and engage with national & local experts about successful programs & share information & tools to create smart justice in Spokane.

### **SPARK CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH (2017 - 2020)**

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 imaginative 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.

**SPOKANE ALLIANCE CIVIC LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT (2014 – 2019).** 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.

### **SPOKANE EDIBLE TREE PROJECT (2018)**

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





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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.

### **SOUTH PERRY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKS SUMMER TEEN PROGRAM (2016 – 2019)**

The Summer Teen Program is for low-income and primarily minority race students grade 7-12 based at the Emmanuel Family Life Center, located in a low-income and racially diverse neighborhood of Spokane. The program is filled with educational, inspirational, and motivational activities geared to increase school performance, prevent school drop-out, and counteract the loss of learning by youth during summer vacation, particularly the greater loss research has shown suffered by youth in low-income homes. The 6 week, 5 days per week, 6 hours per day program serves daily breakfast, lunch, and snack. The Fund's grant pays for transportation for off-site activities including college awareness visits to local universities and technical schools.

### **TEAM CHILD JUVENILE COURT RECORDS ASSISTANCE (2014 – 2017)**

Washington is one of the few states that allows public access to juvenile criminal court histories even when that youth never commits another crime. Collateral consequences of a juvenile criminal record may include ineligibility for loans, financing, or public benefits; denial of housing; and difficulties access education and employment. The Fund's grant will expand help to young adults to obtain record sealing, follow-up after record sealing clinics, create self-help materials that include recent changes to the law customized for Spokane County and assist with relief from registration, a requirement for young adults who want to seal records related to a juvenile sex offense.

### **TERRAIN SNAPSHOT SPOKANE (2016 - 2017)**

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.

### **TRANSITIONS RENTER WORKSHOP (2019)**

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 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>



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### **TREEHOUSE (2018 - 2019)**

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.

### **VETERANS FOR PEACE SPOKANE (2018)**

Made up of military veterans, military family members, and allies, they believe in the greater responsibility to serve the cause of world peace. To this end they work locally, nationally and internationally (1) To increase public awareness of the causes and costs of war (2) To restrain our governments from intervening, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations (3) To end the arms race and to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons (4) To seek justice for veterans and victims of war (5) To abolish war as an instrument of national policy. To achieve these goals, members of Veterans For Peace pledge to use non-violent means and to maintain an organization that is both democratic and open with the understanding that all members are trusted to act in the best interests of the group for the larger purpose of world peace. <https://spokaneveteransforpeace.org>

### **VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CROSSWALK SPOKANE SIDEWALK GAMES (2016)**

Cultivating a healthier community in Spokane this project brings GIANT board games to the sidewalks, parks, and public spaces in downtown Spokane to facilitate connections, get people talking, spark laughter, and create a vibrant and healthier community for all who live, work, and play here. "A community that plays together, stays together!" Local artists are hired to transform the games and make them uniquely Spokane and, through a partnership with Crosswalk Teen Shelter, at-risk youth are employed and trained to staff the games. Over 25,000 individuals played during the 2016 inaugural year. Eight Crosswalk youth were employed, additional employment was found for four and housing were found for three.

### **WELLPINIT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB (2019)**

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



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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.

### **WIN/WIN NETWORK CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TRAINING FOR NONPROFIT DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS (2014 – 2016)**

Direct service providers see a tremendous amount of people every single day and have earned the trust among individuals often underrepresented in the political process. This program gave nonprofits in Eastern WA training regarding the role they can serve, the rules and regulations for nonpartisan voter engagement work and how to incorporate voter registration and civic engagement activities into their programs. Nonprofits engaged in voter registration and turnout efforts throughout the election cycle.

### **WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S FREE RESTAURANT & COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEW BUILDING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (2015 – 2014)**

By serving nutritious meals in a safe environment, The Women and Children's Free Restaurant & Community Kitchen builds a supportive community for women and children in need. Having grown in outreach over the past 20 years, they have secured a new facility to meet the expanding needs in one of Spokane's poorest neighborhoods.

### **WOMAN'S CLUB OF SPOKANE COMMUNITY GARDEN ALLIANCE (2019 – 2018)**

The Spokane Woman's Club Community Garden Alliance is to facilitate donations of produce grown at local community gardens with transitional housing residences for at risk women and children. This year they are coordinating with Miryam's House, a residence facility for at risk women coming out of homelessness. Facilitation of their goals includes the growing of produce specifically for donation purposes by Woman's Club members at designated garden beds and plots as well as the coordination of excess produce from other community gardeners in the area. <https://www.womansclubspokane.org/community-garden-alliance>

### **YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES (Y.E.S.) 3-COUNTY EXPANSION (2017 – 2018)**

Youth Emergency Services (Y.E.S.) is a nonprofit organization located in rural Pend Oreille County, Washington. Our mission is to support children in making choices that will help them find and keep safe living conditions. The nature of this request is to secure the funding necessary to expand our program services into neighboring Stevens, Ferry and Lincoln Counties. Our program services include, but are not limited to: Basic Needs: clothing, food, personal hygiene items, school supplies, educational support and court advocacy assistance, Health Services: access to medical, dental, mental health and vision care, over the counter medications/medical supplies and prescription glasses, assistance applying for coverage, contacting providers and arranging transportation, Housing and Support: Y.E.S. offers safe, emergency, short and long term housing assistance, access to therapeutic counseling services, support groups and case management services.

### **YWCA OF SPOKANE STRONG FUTURE CAMPAIGN (2014 – 2016)**

The YWCA of Spokane is the go-to place in the region for services that empower women and children: child-care, early childhood education, work readiness resources, support for victims of domestic violence and



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support for homeless youth and families. At the same time, the organization is becoming one of the primary community resources for issues of racial and social justice. In its racial and social justice efforts, the organization is collaborating with Gonzaga University, Whitworth University and Washington State University Spokane, along with others in the community. This is a 3-year commitment.

### **THE ZONE SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM (2017)**

The Zone Mobile Market aims to simultaneously strengthen the economy, education, health, housing, safety, and resident engagement of the Northeast Spokane community. The joint goal of Second Harvest and The Zone is to increase access of high-quality, nutritious foods, produce, and other wrap-around services, such as providing recipes, cooking demonstrations, nutrition education, SNAP sign-up, health care interventions, behavioral health support, job training opportunities, housing information, and more to low-income families and individuals in our community. The Mobile Market will begin by making 1-2 distributions per week at targeted high-need locations in The Zone. The Market will be open to any person in need of basic food assistance and will be offered at no-cost for people in need.

### **THE ZONE SPOKANE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GREEN SCHOOLYARDS (2015 – 2016)**

Green Schoolyards in THE ZONE will create schoolyard gardens and greenhouses to grow fresh foods for school kitchens. Staff, students, and community members will learn about gardening as well as food prep and nutrition. The gardens also will provide a summer employment opportunity for students via a partnership with Project Hope. Green Schoolyards anticipates opening in the 2017/2018 school year.