



THE SKAGIT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*Provides a vehicle for donors
to establish charitable endowments
for good for ever in Skagit County*



Planting native tree species on Skagit Land Trust properties for the benefit of current and future generations. Photo by Peter Haase

*When a person plants a tree
under which he will never sit,
then you know that civilization
has come to that land
– Greek Philosopher*

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The Skagit Community Foundation exists to enable donors to enhance the quality of life in our local area for years into the future. The Foundation is a collection of many separate funds established by individuals, families, charitable organizations and corporations – creating a community of donors. These funds are pooled and invested and a percentage of the income is distributed as grants to a variety of local, charitable organizations. Since inception, the Skagit Community Foundation has given more than \$1,000,000.

“The Skagit Community Foundation is a resource that enables people to be charitable in a very personal way.”

– Bill Toomey, CPA / Mount Vernon WA

*We are a tax-exempt public charity
created by and for the people of Skagit County*

The Skagit Community Foundation will use entrusted resources wisely while seeking to promote philanthropic giving in the greater Skagit community by:

- Creatively supporting organizations that are fiscally sound, that have broad and inclusive objectives, and that create a positive and significant impact
- Acting as a catalyst to identify needs and opportunities, and to share information with corporations and organizations to shape effective responses to the communities’ needs
- Emphasizing care, sensitivity, and high service standards with donors and recipients.

*The Skagit Community Foundation was founded in 1992 by **Dorothy and Burl Ives** and a group of residents desiring to build a “performing arts” center in the County.*

Founding Board members soon realized the Foundation’s scope should be expanded to offer leadership and assistance to others in the County.



Basic Needs in a Healthy Community

The following organizations have been granted financial assistance:

- Friendship House
- Oasis Teen Center
- Skagit County Community Action Agency
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Skagit Adult Day Care
- Skagit County Youth & Family Services



On behalf of Community Action's Board of Directors, staff and the homeless families we serve, please accept our profound appreciation for your recent donation to support the expansion of our agency's emergency family shelter, newly named the William J. Shuler Family Development Center.

*– Bill Henkel, Executive Director
Skagit County Community Action Agency*

Health & Wellness in a Healthy Community

The following organizations have been granted financial assistance:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW Washington
- Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood
- Secret Harbor
- Skagit Valley YMCA
- La Iglesia de la Resurreccion
- SeaMar / Leadership Skagit
- Skagit Gleaners
- Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation



The Skagit Community Foundation's latest grant supports our Foster Child program's Kid's Fund. This fund provides financial assistance for educational, enrichment and recreational purpose that enhances the child's treatment plan. This child proudly displays her Life Book.

*– Al Lewandowski
CFO / Director of Development, Secret Harbor*

Education in a Healthy Community

The following organizations have been granted financial assistance:

- Anacortes Community Theatre
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Skagit County
- Children of the Valley After School Program
- Concrete School District
- Skagit / Island Head Start
- Anacortes Senior College
- Champions of Diversity
- Children's Museum of Skagit County
- Scholarships in Colleges and Universities
- Skagit Preschool and Resource Center



Partnering has meant that hundreds of children, families and educators could gain access to the museum that might not otherwise be able to afford it. We have been able to offer field trips to school districts, birthday parties for children in homeless shelters or who are functionally homeless, family memberships and passes to people identified by social service agencies as well as admission to special events.

*– Cate Melcher, Executive Director
Children's Museum of Skagit County*

We are grateful for your continuing generosity and foresight in providing scholarships to underrepresented students at Skagit Valley College. This educational assistance is vital today and will be a treasured memory for years to come. Thank you so very much.

*– Anita Ordonez, Director
Multicultural Student Services
Skagit Valley College*



Arts & Culture in a Healthy Community

The following organizations have been granted financial assistance:

- Anacortes Arts Festival
- Lincoln Theatre Foundation
- Skagit County Historical Society
- Skagit Performing Arts Council
- Skagit Symphony
- Depot Arts Center
- Museum of Northwest Art
- Skagit Opera
- Skagit River Poetry Project



I wish to thank The Skagit Community Foundation for a \$10,000 matching grant that will help raise funds for a new digital projector and headset package for the Lincoln Theatre. This package will greatly improve the effectiveness, efficiency, safety, and professionalism of the Theatre thereby perpetuating audience growth and theatre revenues for years to come.

*– Bobbi Krebs-McMullen
Development Director
Lincoln Theatre*



The financial support of community members like you is critical to our successful operation. There are so many components that go into the organization of a symphony orchestra and so many elements necessary to produce our concerts that receipts from concert admissions simply do not cover all of our expenses.

*– Linda Alvarado
Executive Director
Skagit Symphony*

Neighborhoods & Communities in a Healthy Community



The following organizations have been granted financial assistance:

- Anacortes Parks & Recreation Foundation
- Anacortes Senior Center
- Our Town, Our Park Project – Anacortes
- Anacortes Public Library
- Kiwanis Park – Mount Vernon
- Mount Vernon Library
- Sedro-Woolley Public Library
- Skagit Habitat for Humanity

I would like to express our deepest gratitude to The Skagit Community Foundation for its generous \$20,000 donation to help purchase playground equipment for the Kiwanis Park on 18th Street.

*Larry Otos, Director
Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation*

Environment in a Healthy Community



The following organizations have been granted financial assistance:

- North Cascades Institute
- Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group
- Pacific Northwest Trail Association
- Skagit Land Trust

Thank you for your very generous support of the Junior Stream Stewards program. It is charitable causes like yours that enable us to engage local students in this exciting new educational program. We will be working with 13 middle school classes in Sedro-Woolley, Concrete, Conway and Allen for a total of 400 students.

– Alison Studley, Executive Director, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group

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*Reasons donors choose to give through
The Skagit Community Foundation*

- We are a **local organization** with deep roots in our community.
- We offer maximum **tax advantage** for most gifts under federal laws.
- We partner with **professional advisors** and provide personalized service to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
- We accept a wide **variety of assets** and invest entrusted resources wisely.
- Our staff has expertise regarding community issues and can offer funds that help **invest in the causes** donors care about most.
- We are a **community leader** convening agencies and coordinating resources to create personal legacies.

“Deciding to build a legacy for your community is easier than determining how to do it and where to donate. The Skagit Community Foundation can leverage your donation and help you make a difference.”

– Stedem Wood, Publisher, Skagit Publishing



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