

Message from the CEO: A Community Foundation for the People

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At the Skagit Community Foundation, we share your love for this community. We do our work of community building by developing on-going working relationships with the nonprofit organization leaders, by offering professional trainings, and by connecting donors to emerging community needs. Because we have no ties to institutions, the Skagit Community Foundation can operate independently and locally. We learn from our conversations with local leaders on pressing topics such as housing, hunger, employment, public health, farmland preservation, wildlife habitat, and education. We listen, and respond.

As you read the 2017 Annual Report, consider that every dollar donated was like a life giving drop of water that nourished the community in one way or another. The Foundation creates a continuous learning environment for the people who donate money, the people who spend the money, and the beneficiaries who receive the money. It is like plowing a field; turning over the soil, and planting seeds of hope, growth, and opportunity. You are an integral part of creating a thriving community in one of the most naturally beautiful and fertile places in the world. Our inner-connectedness is strengthened by our outer connectedness through grantmaking.

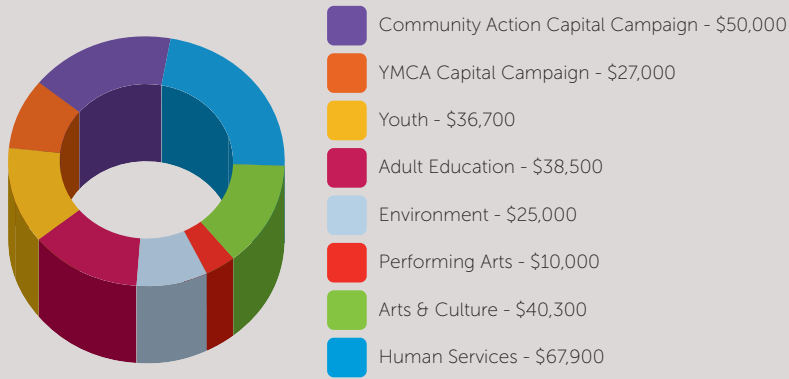
We acknowledge with gratitude our community volunteers who serve on the scholarship committee, investment committee, and Board of Directors. We are a community foundation of the people, by the people and for the people!

Spotlight on New Earth Recovery

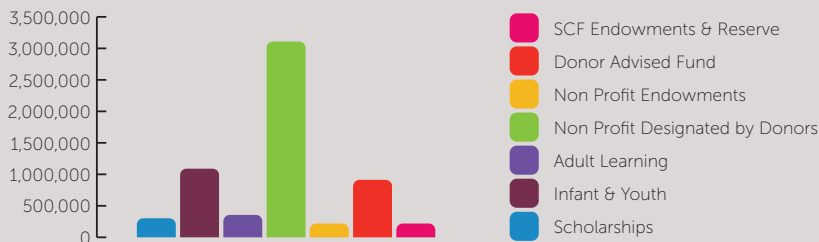
We are pleased to support a nonprofit organization like New Earth Recovery. The Executive Directors, Amy and Alan Muia, understand that to get to the root of social problems, deep healing needs to occur at the individual level. They take the long view and invest time, energy and resources in restoring their clients to mental, physical, and spiritual health. This investment pays off for society in numerous ways: reduced recidivism, re-united families, and employment readiness. We believe nonprofit organizations like New Earth Recovery simultaneously address a present crisis while interrupting a socially destructive cycle and this sets a client on a new trajectory. Clients learn to engage with the wider community where their positive choices are reinforced and a new healthier cycle of personal growth emerges to the benefit of everyone.



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