



WELCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR
WINTER NEWSLETTER 2018-19



Dear Friends of the Community Foundation,

I hope this newsletter finds you warm, dry, and surrounded by the love of family and friends.

We especially value the start of a new year, because it's the time of fresh beginnings, good intentions, and with each passing day, a little more light. Spring may be a little way off yet, but we know it will soon bear the gifts of bright green leaves, bees in flowers, and spiritual renewal.

We hope you will find that spirit of renewal and hope in this newsletter, which features people and organizations who embody good intentions, gratitude, sharing what we have, and celebrating the best in all of us.

We all know we need to celebrate that spirit when it's cold, wet, and dark – and when families are homeless, orcas are endangered, and students struggle to afford education.

Truly, we all need the bright light of generosity to keep improving the quality of life in our community. Sharing what we can fans the flames of hope, optimism, and opportunity.

The more we share, the more we build the assets that make our community a place we want to live – a place where all of us can celebrate the best in each and every one of us every day of 2019.

With best wishes for a wonderful new year,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Norma Schuiteman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'N'.

Norma Schuiteman, President & CEO





Ray T. McLane Family Fund

Janet McLane established a donor advised fund to honor her father

Ray T. McLane grew up in rural Missouri during the 1920's. At 13, he left school to work on neighboring farms to help support his family. After World War II, he found a job working for Sears-Roebuck, married, and started a family.

His daughter, Janet McLane, remembers that when he came home from work at the end of the week, he would open his pay envelope and divide its contents by category: groceries, mortgage, other expenses, and, unfailingly, sharing. "This was the routine way he used money," Janet says. "He was generous in a consistent and regular way, even though the amounts were small. He didn't think of it as giving money to charity; to him it was just about sharing what he had."

Ray was "an environmentalist before there were environmentalists," Janet says. He was a fisherman and bird hunter, so he understood the value of good

habitat for wildlife and developed a passion for protecting it.

Neighbors laughed at him when he started collecting all their aluminum cans and taking them across town to be recycled well before others were doing it. He also collected food for a food bank, and delivered meals on wheels.

"He showed us what a generous spirit is like," Janet says. "He just believed we are all in this together."

Her father's example – and his excellent planning, which resulted in an inheritance for his children – are what led Janet to start the Ray T. McLane Family Fund at the Community Foundation two years ago. The Fund is devoted to her father's passion for environmental stewardship and habitat protection. The fund is a donor advised fund, which means Janet recommends its beneficiaries, but this year, Janet also made an unrestricted gift

to the Community Foundation to augment the organization's 2018 Community Grants.

Janet values the Community Foundation for several reasons. "There are scores of nonprofit agencies in our community. The Foundation has developed relationships with many of them and has deep knowledge about their diverse missions and capabilities. Donors like me can feel confident about how our dollars are being used."

She also respects the Foundation's lean and efficient structure and effectiveness – so much, in fact, that she's become a member of its volunteer Board of Directors.

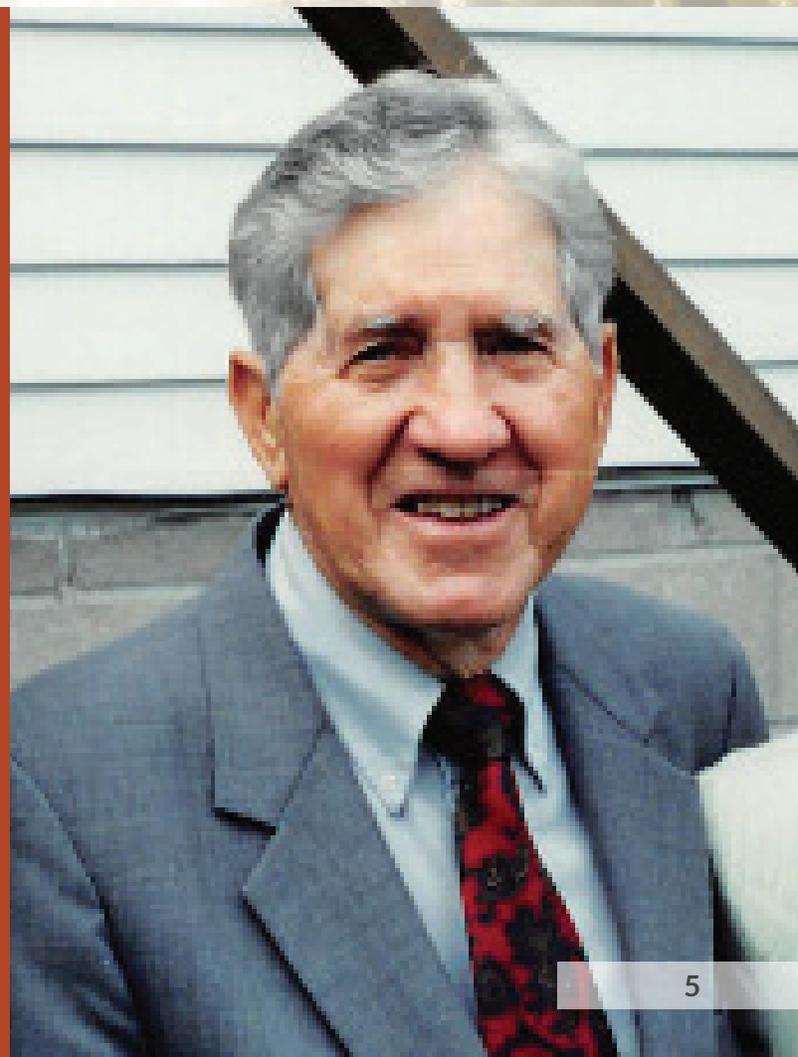
Most of all, she appreciates that the Foundation, like her father, understands that anyone who simply believes in sharing what we have can be considered a philanthropist. Her conclusion echoes what her father demonstrated: "At any age, we all have assets to share. Small amounts make a difference. And we really are all in this together." Acting on that knowledge is what defines philanthropy.

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Right: Ray T. McLane

Top Left: Janet McLane



Give Local

SOUTH PUGET SOUND 2018

Thank you for your support!

We are pleased to share the results of 2018's Give Local campaign. Give Local demonstrates the power of collective giving and the strength of our community's generosity. Including the generous \$100,000 Incentive Fund from Dawkin's Charitable Trust, we raised \$310,464 in just three weeks for 75 participating local non profits. Many of the individual gifts were under \$200, proving that even small gifts can make a lasting impact in our community programs for the year to come.

Thank you to our donors, generous sponsors, and to our community partners for another successful Give Local season of giving.



837
\$200 OR LESS



140
\$201-\$500 GIFTS



45
\$501-\$2500 GIFTS



11
\$2501-\$5000 GIFTS

Our Community Grants

Your Charitable Giving

Strong South Puget Sound Communities

Let's Talk Numbers!

Our impact is greater when we give together.
Give Local 2018 inspired local giving and highlighted
the great work done by local nonprofits.



75

LOCAL NONPROFITS



763

TOTAL DONORS



1033

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

\$468,850

OUR COMMUNITY
GRANTS

\$210,463

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

\$100,000

INCENTIVE FUND



Professional Advisor Spotlight

A trusted Professional Advisor can help you realize your charitable goals

Writing a will can seem daunting, perhaps even intimidating. But shifting those concerns to thinking about the legacy we leave can also be inspiring and uplifting. This is especially true when we look around at the legacies so many others have left for us: the legacies of great art collections, scholarships for talented youth, or land trusts that protect our natural spaces.

But legacies – large or small – require careful planning, and that usually means consulting a professional advisor, such as an attorney, accountant, or other professional.

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make your philanthropic legacy an expression of what you value most. A thoughtful exploration of that question is a vital first step.

John Clees and Cynthia Worth, of the Worth Law Group, have helped many clients think through that question, and explore how best to meet the goals they identify. They often connect their clients with the Community Foundation for several reasons.

John Clees points out that “Sometimes we find that a client does not have a relationship with a specific charity, but would like to leave a bequest to benefit, for example, the arts, or youth in the community. The Community Foundation is a perfect fit for this client. The client can designate certain organizations as future recipients or allow the Community Foundation to do the selection.” Because the Community Foundation

has relationships with an array of local nonprofit organizations in every field, it has the expertise to ensure that donations are effectively used for the specific purpose intended.

Cynthia adds that “Another common situation is a client who wants to leave a significant bequest to a charity, but not in a lump sum. By creating a fund at the Community Foundation a client can specify the rate at which a bequest is distributed to the charity.”

There are so many ways to give, and choosing the right strategy can be critical to leaving the philanthropic legacy that matters most to you. But truly, where there’s a will, there’s a way.



Give Later: Making a Gift of Retirement Assets

Donating part or all of your unused retirement assets, such as your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), pension, or other tax-deferred plan is an excellent way to make a gift to the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound. If you are like many people, you probably will not use all of your retirement assets during your lifetime. Retirement assets directed to charity are not subject to income or estate taxes, providing significant tax advantages to the giver.

If you name the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, your unused benefits will be distributed upon your death to the Foundation, free of both estate and income taxes. Your gift can be added to one of the more than 90 funds at the Community Foundation or it can be used to create a permanent, named charitable fund that makes gifts according to your wishes. As always, we encourage you to consult with your professional advisor.

In 2018, we awarded \$468,850 in Community Grants to exceptional organizations throughout our community.

In the fall of 2018, the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound awarded \$468,850 to 87 nonprofit organizations through our Community Grants program. The program is made possible by generous donors who have contributed unrestricted and broadly defined area of interest gifts which allow the Community Foundation to respond to our communities' changing opportunities and challenges over time. This year, several generous individuals made gifts to our Community Grants Fund, which allowed us to award a greater number of grants.

Through our Community Grants, the Community Foundation aims to build community capacity and support individual and community well-being. We are often asked why the Community Foundation's grantmaking areas are so broad—why not focus on one or two areas of funding? Communities do not thrive under one or two focus areas. We seek to support the good work happening in our community by focusing on grant proposals that build upon existing community assets, demonstrate responsible financial management, and collaborate with others. Our goal is to trust nonprofit organizations and support the important work they are doing to make our communities strong, vibrant places.



Hispanic Round Table



Nisqually Land Trust



Great Bend Center for Music



Boys & Girls Club of Chehalis

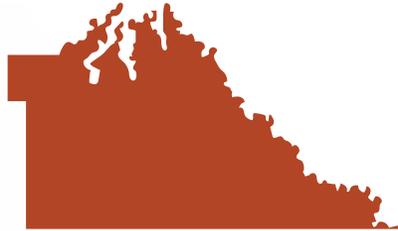
OUR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT:

Mason County:



13 Grants, \$72,140

Thurston County:



64 grants, \$341,510

Lewis County:



10 grants for \$55,200

GRANTS AWARDED BY FOCUS AREA:



Education & Youth:

19 grants, \$109,500



Environment & Animals:

9 grants, \$34,240



Arts & Culture:

11 grants, \$62,910



Health & Wellness:

14 grants, \$62,700



Economic Opportunity:

4 grants, \$20,000



Human Services & Housing:

26 grants, \$163,500



Community & Civic Engagement:

4 grants, \$16,000



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Mark Your Calendar!

Important upcoming dates for the Community Foundation

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FEBRUARY

Scholarship Cycle Opens

February 1, 2019

Each year we award approximately \$150,000 to local students to help cover the costs of education. Information about these scholarships and instructions for applying will be posted on our website by February 1.

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APRIL

Boards in Gear

April 3, 2019

Presented by Washington Nonprofits, in partnership with the Community Foundation, this training is for board members and staff who want to learn or brush up on the five main areas of strong board practice.

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JULY

2019 Golf Classic

July 18, 2019

We hope you will join us on July 18, 2019 for our annual Golf Classic at Salish Cliffs Golf Club. This event supports the Community Foundation's work to distribute grants and scholarships and inspire philanthropy in Thurston, Mason, and Lewis Counties.