

2007 Report to the Community



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH PUGET SOUND



*A Difference Now and for Generations to Come
in Thurston, Lewis and Mason Counties*

History

Community philanthropy is the innate human desire to care for our neighbors and improve our surroundings. Throughout history, people have shown generosity and shared responsibility in the communities in which they live and work. The first community foundation was created in Cleveland, Ohio in 1914. Its goal was to raise resources within Cleveland specifically to benefit that community. In recent decades, community foundations have become important local-level funding partners allowing donors large and small to realize their charitable impulses and perpetually give back to their communities. Across the nation, community foundations have become powerful catalysts for generating resources and addressing local challenges with courage and leadership.

The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound 2008 Staff

Norma Schuiteman
Executive Director

Dottie Breaux
Administrative
Coordinator

Kimi Smith
Special Event
Coordinator

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Program Assistant

Welcome

Dear Friends of the Foundation:

Since 1989, The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound has assisted individuals, families and businesses in realizing their philanthropic dreams. The Foundation is home to more than 75 individual funds serving Thurston, Mason and Lewis counties. Funds are overseen by our board of directors, a dedicated group of local leaders who ensure that funders' charitable directives are achieved over time and through changing circumstances.

At the close of 2007 The Foundation's asset base approached six million dollars, triple that of three years ago. We continue to achieve good financial returns on our investment portfolio, with excellent investment management and an active, involved finance committee.

In 2007 The Foundation established Disaster Relief Funds in response to the December wind and rain storms. Contributions to these funds, more than \$195,000 to date, will be distributed locally to help families and farmers struggling to recover their homes and livelihoods. Tom and Michele Hulbert initiated a broad-based effort to raise funds for Boistfort Valley flood victims, and the Seattle and Medina Foundations added a combined total of \$40,000 to our Foundation's disaster relief funds.

Also during 2007, we entered into an historic partnership with United Way of Thurston County to assist them in developing their endowment. They have selected The Foundation to be the perpetual community-based custodian of their endowment funds.

We could not have achieved these milestones without the commitment of our board of directors. During 2007, three distinguished board members 'retired' following a combined 21 years of generous service to The Foundation. Brian Fluetsch served 11 years, and will be remaining as a member of our finance committee. David Hayes served six years in service to The Foundation and Sally Warjone provided four years of dedicated service. All three of them gave tirelessly from their stores of leadership and compassion to serve the community through The Foundation.

Three new board members began service in 2007: Dennis Adams, Janet Pearson and Don Rogers, MD. Their knowledge of the community and business expertise will support our future growth and awareness of local needs.

The Foundation's expertise is matching your donations to causes that align with your ideals. Children, health, the environment, conservation, animals, education . . . the causes are as varied as our donors. We maintain a constant awareness of our community's needs and use our expertise to innovatively match needs with donors' interests.

The following report is a celebration of community hope for today and the future.

On behalf of your community's foundation,



John A. Clees
Board Chairman



Norma Schuiteman
Executive Director

The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound 2008 Board of Directors



Dennis Adams
Virgil Adams Real Estate



Dan O'Neill
Great Western Supply

Nancy Bratton Anderson
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Mission

The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound's mission is to strengthen the communities we serve by connecting donors with causes that matter, providing wise stewardship for these funds, engaging in strategic grant making, and providing leadership to address community needs.

The Foundation serves as a steward for valuable community resources. Our permanent philanthropic endowment created from generous individuals, families, corporations, and nonprofit organizations, generates grants and scholarships while preserving the purchasing power for tomorrow's charitable gifts.

As the leading catalyst for philanthropy in Thurston, Mason and Lewis counties, The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound:

Connects people who want to give with causes that matter to them.

Contributes to local organizations through a strategic grant making program that is flexible, visionary and inclusive.

Collaborates with other organizations to address community needs and objectives.

“Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

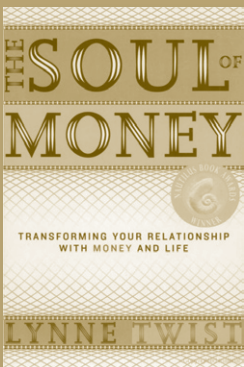
Mahatma Gandhi

The Community Foundation's Funds are Organized into Six Types:

“Let your soul
inform your money
and your money
express your soul.”

*Lynne Twist, author,
The Soul of Money*

Lynne Twist is a global activist and the author of *THE SOUL OF MONEY*, a wise and inspiring exploration of the connection between money and leading a fulfilling life.



Community Funds

These are unrestricted, discretionary monies used to fund grants. These funds provide the greatest flexibility to the Foundation in its goal of responding to disparate and unforeseen needs. Income from these funds is used to award competitive grants in the areas of human services, health, the arts, education, the environment and conservation, the needs of the elderly and many others. A grants committee, comprised of board and community members, meets twice a year to review proposals and recommend funding.

Field of Interest Funds

Field of interest funds support areas of special concern to the donors. Donors can direct The Foundation to award grants within defined spheres of interest such as the arts, education, the environment, historic preservation or health.

Donor Advised Funds

These allow donors to actively participate in the grant making process. Such funds can either be endowed or one in which principal is expended. Disbursement recommendations can be made at any time.

Scholarship Funds

Donors assist deserving students in addressing the financial needs of post-secondary education. A scholarship fund can be very rewarding for the donor who, if they desire, may determine the criteria for the scholarship and participate in the recipient selection process.

Designated Funds

Designated Fund income is specified by donors to be given regularly to named charitable organizations. Through a designated endowment, donors can be assured that their endowment will provide grants to organizations of their choosing for years to come.

Agency Endowments

Nonprofit agencies establish these funds to serve as a perpetual source of income. They choose to locate them within The Foundation to ensure that their endowment will be administered with expert oversight by the Foundation's board and staff whose ultimate objective is to benefit the communities they serve.

*A Foundation grant supported
interpretive signage on
Capital Land Trust property.*

This Property Forever Conserved



**For more information, call
360-943-3012 or visit
www.capitolandtrust.org**

Funds Created to Support Disaster Recovery

In response to the December 2007 wind and rain storms in Lewis, Mason and Thurston counties, The Community Foundation established two Disaster Relief Funds. The Community Foundation Relief Fund and the Boistfort Valley Flood Relief Fund were created as mechanisms to receive and disperse contributions. The two funds have distributed over \$150,000 to local families and farmers struggling to recover from millions of dollars in storm damage. Monies were also awarded to community centers providing disaster command center services. Tom and Michelle Hulbert led efforts to raise the majority of the Boistfort Valley relief funds.

Areas hardest hit included Lewis County's Boistfort Valley and Belfair/Tahuya in Mason County. Foundation staff has worked with many community agencies and leaders to award funds to those hardest hit by the storm.

We continue to monitor the storm-affected communities in order to support their long-term disaster recovery needs. We are working to strengthen our community's disaster response by sharing information, simplifying access to available resources and resolving unmet needs. Both Lewis and Mason counties have formed long-term recovery organizations, assisting those with unmet flood recovery needs.



“When you make a difference with what you have, it expands.”

Lynn Twist

“Over the years I’ve become evermore excited about our Community Foundation. When I initially joined the board, I knew very little about The Foundation, except that it did good things throughout the community. Since then The Foundation has grown and matured, attaining bigger and better goals. On visits to Foundation grantees, I’ve seen first-hand what important work we’ve helped accomplish. The Foundation has become a conduit for evermore successful community involvement and that has re-energized my commitment to continue playing an active role.”

*Brian Fluetsch
President, Sunset Air, Inc.*

*Concluded 11 years
board service in 2007
and is a continuing member of
The Foundation’s
Finance Committee.*

2007 Grantees

American Cancer Society, Great West Division
American Red Cross Mt Rainier Chapter
Angel Flight West
Behavioral Health Resources
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thurston County
Boise State University*
Boys and Girls Clubs of Thurston County
Capital Clubhouse
Capitol Land Trust
Cascade Land Conservancy
Catholic Community Services
Central Washington University*
Centralia Community College*
Centralia Rotary Project Foundation
Child Care and Educational Services
Concern for Animals
Destiny Christian Center
East Lewis County Chamber of Commerce
The Evergreen State College*
Food Bank Alliance of Mason County
Garden Raised Bounty
Girl Scouts - Pacific Peaks Council
George Fox University*
Grand Mound Rochester Park Association
Hands On Children’s Museum
Holly Ridge Center
Junior Achievement of Washington
KPLU 88.5
Love INC
Mason County Children’s Dental Coalition
Mason County Literacy
My Family, Inc.
Neighborhood Free Medical Clinic
North Thurston Schools Education Foundation
Northwest Burn Foundation

Olympia Early Learning Center
Olympia Kiwanis
Out of the Woods Shelter
Outward Bound
Parent to Parent
Partners in Prevention Education
Pope’s Kids Place
Providence Maternal Child Health
Providence St. Peter Hospital Foundation
SafePlace
Save Our County’s Kids (SOCK)
Senior Services for South Sound
Something Special Inc
Sound Hounds
South Puget Sound Community College*
South Puget Sound Community College Foundation
South Puget Sound Intertribal Planning Agency
South Sound Reading Foundation
South Sound YMCA
St. Joseph’s Parish
Student Orchestras of Greater Olympia
The Pat Graney Company
Thurston Community Television
Thurston County Food Bank
Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services
TOGETHER!
University of Portland*
University of Washington*
Western Washington University*
Yelm Dollars for Scholars
YMCA Youth and Government Program
YWCA of Olympia

* scholarships to students

In 2006, The Community Foundation made a donation to north Mason County’s Theler Community Center. The grant supported purchase of a large shipping container used to store disaster supplies. When the December 2007 storms hit, Theler Center Executive Director Anne Whitman recalls, “We had the emergency container fully stocked with supplies and when Theler Center was activated as an emergency shelter we were ready to respond to those in need within five minutes.”

*Anne M. Whitman
Manager
Theler Community Center*

Foundation Supports Safety

When Centralia Rotary President Melody Nelson chose the project for her year as president, she responded to a vital community need. The Lewis County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) had been without a K-9 team since 2003 and the county's rural character made it imperative to have a certified K-9 team readily available to ensure public safety. President Nelson offered to raise start-up costs and one year's operating expenses – a total of \$50,000 – for a new K-9 program.

K-9 teams allow deputies to perform dangerous tasks, such as evidence retrieval and building searches, in a quick, safe manner. K-9 teams also provide positive interaction between law enforcement officers and the community, especially with children, and are frequently used to locate fleeing crime suspects. But funding for a new K-9 team was not within the sheriff's office's tight budget, requiring the LCSO to borrow the Centralia Police Department's K-9 unit and handler, for a fee, whenever K-9 support was required.

Nelson and the Centralia Rotary Foundation applied to The Community Foundation to support the K-9 project. With grant assistance from The Community Foundation, and other fund raising spearheaded by the Centralia Rotary Foundation, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office was able to acquire "Leko," a 17-month-old German Shepherd. The dog's name means "buddy" in Hawaiian.

K-9 Leko, and his law enforcement partner Deputy Gabe Frase, subsequently attended a 10-week canine academy involving over 400 hours of training. Leko was officially sworn into active service in late 2007. Then, on Monday, March 10, 2008, Leko's training paid off when he made his first capture. Leko trailed a fleeing suspect through 100 yards of thick brush and located him, resulting in the suspect's prompt capture and arrest.

Deputy Frase is a native of Lewis County, a Marine Corps veteran, a second generation law enforcement officer, and a five-year LCSO veteran. Leko is now an official member of the Frase family, residing with Deputy Frase and his wife, Julie, a corrections sergeant for the Sheriff's Office.



*Deputy Frase
and K-9 Leko.*

“What you
appreciate
appreciates.”

Lynn Twist

Charneski Funds Make Holiday Season Brighter in Lewis County

“Money is like water. It can be a conduit for commitment, a currency of love.”

Lynn Twist

Just as Brian Charneski prepared to make his 2007 Charneski L & E Bottling Co. Holiday Support Fund grants, the now infamous December storms hit. With a long family heritage in Lewis County, Brian immediately knew he wanted to help storm-impacted families. “The devastation was ruthless. Many people were left with nothing at the holidays,” he recalls. “We originally set up our fund to be able to respond to those in the greatest need at the holidays, and this storm left so many in need.”

Brian selected two Lewis County organizations involved in flood recovery to receive funds: Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ) and Saint Joseph Parish. Both organizations helped local families during the storm’s aftermath. Love INC of Lewis County meets community needs through churches. The group used the Charneski donation to immediately purchase building materials for flood victims. Saint Joseph Parish used their contribution to provide free Christmas dinners for local families. “We were able to provide a cheerful atmosphere and lovely hot meal for many families. Donations helped make the holiday season brighter and included gifts for all children in attendance,” said Pastoral Assistant Gay Lynn Moneymaker.

“The Community Foundation’s flexibility allows me to respond to those most in need each holiday season,” Brian notes. “We also support a variety of other causes through The Foundation including high school student scholarships. The Foundation helps me identify where the greatest needs are and which community organizations can best address those needs.”



One Donor's Legacy

Following a successful legal and corporate career, Kimberly Ellwanger focused her considerable business acumen on philanthropic goals. While she and her husband were conducting routine estate planning, she discovered that community foundations are set up to ensure her charitable objectives would be met for generations to come. She included The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound in her estate plan, and later established a donor-advised fund.

Upon retirement, Kimberly was invited by board member Lynn Brunton to serve on the board of directors. Kimberly subsequently served eight years on the Foundation's board, including two years as board chair. During her tenure, the Foundation's asset base more than tripled. "My contribution," Kimberly recalls, "was to change the strategic focus of the organization." She credits Foundation Executive Director Norma Schuiteman with taking the Foundation "to the next level and achieving critical mass. Norma is the expert in fund flexibility. She is very experienced and offers advice to help donors structure a charitable endowment that truly meets their goals."

Kimberley was attracted to the flexibility associated with placing her fund under The Community Foundation's stewardship. Her fund, established to benefit women and children, allows her to advise distributions and support preferred causes and organizations. She hopes her daughter will assume a similar advisor role at some point in the future. And, ultimately, she believes The Community Foundation is the best vehicle to direct her funds to her areas of interest if the time comes when her family is no longer involved.

During 2007, Kimberly's fund supported several community causes including SafePlace and the YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign. Her fund, combined with other Community Foundation support, assisted SafePlace in sheltering 311 survivors of domestic violence and their children. Kimberly's empathetic support helped SafePlace provide women with the courage to exit abusive relationships. She notes that their courage is often rooted in "having someplace to go." She believes SafePlace's advocacy and educational outreach programs are critical to promoting broader domestic violence awareness.

Kimberly also actively supports the YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign which offers financial support for a variety of programs families could not otherwise afford. The Kids Campaign generates dual benefits according to Kimberly. "Kids benefit from having safe, solid programs to participate in and learn from the Y's four core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility and, their parents derive satisfaction and confidence from giving their children opportunities they might not otherwise afford. The YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign helps kids, but ultimately, the whole family benefits," Kimberly said.

A skilled attorney with an eye toward due diligence, Kimberly's confidence in The Community Foundation's financial oversight and charitable advice makes her comfortable recommending it to others.

"I was recently contacted by friends who saw my name listed on the Foundation's board and called me for advice on setting up a private family foundation versus a fund through The Community Foundation. I suggested they give Norma a call rather than go through the paperwork, registrations and administration a private foundation requires."

**When children are
nurtured in spirit, mind,
and body they
become Strong Kids!**



You can make a difference!

A gift to the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign means that all children, youth, and teens can participate in Y programs and activities regardless of their family's ability to pay.

Ninety cents of every dollar you contribute will benefit youth, teens, and families by enabling them to participate in programs that develop positive values and healthy lifestyles.



Our Funds

Community Funds General Unrestricted

Coldwell Banker/ Evergreen Olympic Realty Fund
The Community Foundation Program Endowment Fund
Marco J. Heidner Unrestricted Fund
Charles L. Trowbridge Memorial Endowment Fund

Field of Interest

Boistfort Valley Community Flood Relief Fund*
Boistfort Valley Community Fund*
Walter A. Bratton Business Week Scholarship Fund
Walter A. Bratton Youth Endowment Fund
Capital Kids Connection Fund
The Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund*
The Community Foundation Fund for the Environment*
The Community Youth Fund
Friends of Artesian Fund
Friends of GREEN Fund
Griffin School Foundation Fund
Mason County Counseling Resources Fund
Olympia Downtown Association Fund
South Sound Alzheimer Activities Fund
South Sound Alzheimer Council Endowed Fund
Sustainable Community Roundtable Fund
Thurston County Dental Access Network (TCDAN) Fund*
Thurston County Retired Teachers Endowment Fund
Thurston-Mason County Medical Alliance Fund

Donor Advised Funds

Anonymous
Robert and Lynn Brunton Family Advised Fund
Charneski - L&E Bottling Co. Holiday Support Fund
Jack & Luellen Charneski Charitable Fund
Rachel Corrie Memorial Fund
Kimberly Ellwanger Fund for Women and Children
Harold J. and Inge Marcus Donor Advised Fund
Dennis and Joan Peterson Family Advised Fund
Chet Rhodes Family Chehalis Area Fund
Don Rhodes Family Fund
Thurston County Women in Service to Children & Families
The Vannerson Family Advised Fund*
The Vannerson Family Endowed Fund*
Warjone Family Advised Fund
Gail Wyman Advised Fund
Gail Wyman Endowment Fund

Scholarship Funds

Cody Brown Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
Chehalis Activators Fund
Ellen Anderson de Moise Scholarship Fund
Grade 13 Fund
Griffin School - Cody Brown Scholarship Fund
Griffin School - Tiernan-Keigher Scholarship Fund*
William and Dorothy Judah Scholarship Fund
L & E Bottling Company Scholarship Fund
Lakefair Royalty Scholarship Fund
Learning Seed Foundation Scholarship Endowment Fund
Learning Seed Foundation Scholarship Fund
John & Opal McGimpsey Scholarship Fund
Dan R. Montgomery Scholarship Fund
Next Step Scholarship Fund*
North Olympia Fire District Association Scholarship Fund
OHS - Faculty Memorial Scholarship Fund
OHS Foundation - Alfred Lewis Memorial Scholarship Fund
OHS Foundation - Chris Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund
OHS Foundation - John G. Creighton Ex-POW Scholarship Fund
OHS Foundation - Laurie Callaghan Memorial Scholarship Fund
OHS Foundation Fund
Olympia Kiwanis Scholarship Fund
Remodelers Council - Cliff Tanasse Scholarship Fund

Designated Funds

Edwards-Brown Scholarship Fund*
The Community Foundation Administrative Endowment Fund
William A. Lovett Fund for Olympia Early Learning Center
Dallas & Marguerite Edwards Yelm H.S. Scholarship Fund
Schorno Family Yelm Scholarship Fund
True Blue Fund (by bequest)*
Helen & Harold Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kathryn M. Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund*
Yelm High School Community Scholarship Fund

Agency Endowments

Concern for Animals Fund
Hands On Children's Museum Endowment Fund
Mason General Hospital Foundation Endowment Fund
Masterworks Choral Ensemble Endowment Fund
PARC Foundation Endowment Fund
Senior Services for South Sound Endowment Fund
Senior Services for South Sound/STARS Program Fund
Thurston Community Television Endowment Fund
United Way of Thurston County Endowment Fund*
Andy Crow Wurlitzer Organ Endowment Fund
YWCA of Olympia Women's Community Endowment Fund

* Funds created in 2007

Financials

The financial information presented here is taken from the Independent Auditors' Report for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound's auditor, NR Smith and Associates, PS, has issued its opinion that the financial statements referred to below fairly present, in all material aspects, the financial position of The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound.

2007 Financial Report

Total Assets December 31, 2007\$5,776,164

Total Assets December 31, 2006\$5,010,961

Revenues, Gains and Support

Gifts and Pledges\$1,188,297

Investment Income \$219,957

Net Investment Gains\$56,423

Administrative Support and Other Income\$83,578

Assets Released from Restriction.....\$31,711

Total Revenues, Gains and Support\$1,579,966

Expenditures

Program Support \$702,656

Management and General..... \$121,594

Fundraising\$32,986

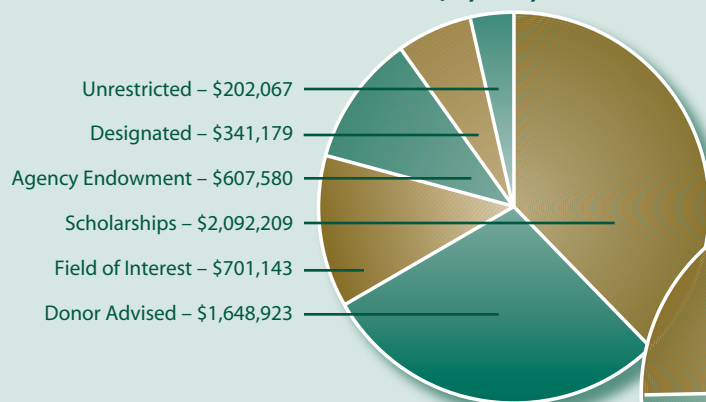
Total Expenditures\$857,236

Change in Net Assets\$722,730

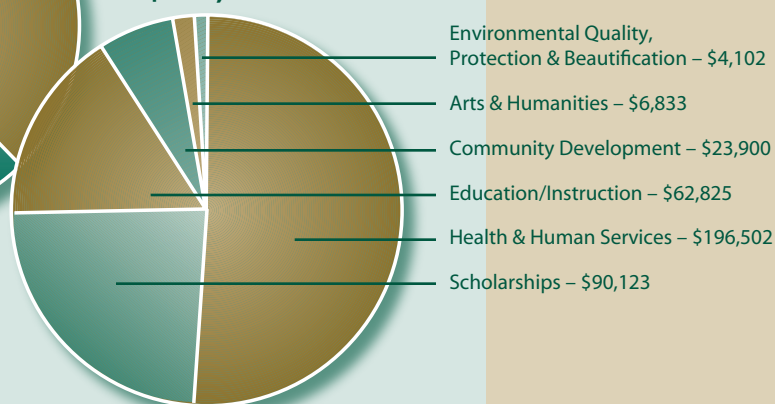
“Money carries
the imprimatur
of our soul.”

Lynn Twist

2007 Funds By Type \$5,593,101



2007 Grant & Scholarship Distributions \$384,285



Accountability

The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound is fully accountable to the donors and citizens of this community. Please contact The Community Foundation at 360.705.3340 if you would like a copy of the audited Financial Statements or the IRS 990. Our records, with the exception of specific donor gift information, are public. We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors composed of community members and we are pleased to provide you with more detailed information regarding our operations.



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