

THE GREATER TACOMA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2010 ANNUAL REPORT





2010 FOUNDATION OF ART AWARD WINNER: Lisa Kinoshita

COVER: *WHAT YOU OWN, OWNS YOU* BY LISA KINOSHITA

Congratulations to Lisa Kinoshita, our third annual Foundation of Art winner. Lisa created a unique piece commissioned for the Community Foundation titled *What You Own, Owns You*. This three-piece, sharp-angled sculpture replicates an iconic 1950s vintage-inspired purse featuring an eclectic collection of intricately placed objects inside.

The work addresses the relationship that a person has with oneself, the community and the world at large. The objects inside reflect impulses to vanity, selfishness and consumerism – but also altruism, aesthetics and the environment.

All three sculptures speak to environmental stewardship by the inclusion of natural objects such as a coral-like filbert branches and butterflies. Wooden matches are a reminder of the precariousness of stability in the world. Iconic references to Tacoma, such as the “T” charm and Almond Roca, are also included.

Community is very important to Kinoshita as an artist, as is reflected in this piece. She views the Pierce County art community as “adventurous, un-jaded, accessible and very hard working.”

Receiving the Foundation of Art award has already facilitated opportunities and fame for Kinoshita. In fall 2010, Congressman Adam Smith awarded her a certificate in honor of receiving the Foundation of Art award and the Tacoma Art Museum requested to have her sculpture on loan for three months for the Mighty Tacoma exhibit. “This year has been one of great movement and progress for me and the Foundation of Art Award is at the center of that,” said Kinoshita.

Kinoshita is also the founder and owner of Mineral, an art gallery in Tacoma that was established to explore the interblending realms of art, design and fashion. Her work has received media attention in The New York Times, ELLE, Lucky, Seattle Magazine and Seattle Metropolitan. More information on Lisa’s work can be found at: www.lisakinoshita.com.

ABOUT THE THIRD ANNUAL FOUNDATION OF ART AWARD

In 2008, The Community Foundation established the Foundation of Art Award to recognize the positive influence art and culture has on the economy, society and community. This annual award was created to honor professional artists living and working in the community.

Nominees for the third annual award included: Neil Andersson, Victoria Bjorklund, Kyle Dillehay, Jeremy Gregory, Lance Kagey, Dan Parker, James Porter and Toot Reid.

The Community Foundation’s online gallery (www.gtcf.org) showcases images of each nominee’s artwork as well as professional background information.

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MISSION

Our mission is to foster generosity by connecting people who care with causes that matter, forever enriching our community.

VISION

The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation visualizes Pierce County as a vibrant, compassionate, and engaging community where people and programs collaborate to provide personal, organizational, and environmental prosperity.

The Community Foundation is a leader in the development of this vision by providing expertise, innovation, and inspiration for community members to participate in local philanthropy as a way to connect their personal values with powerful, long-term community impact.

CATALYST FOR CHANGE

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR

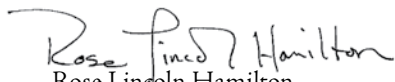
THE GREATER TACOMA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY remains as strong as ever. With the generous support of our donors and the residents of Pierce County, we continue to champion efforts that empower, protect and educate the greater Tacoma region.

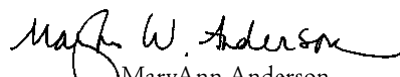
In the year ahead, we look forward to continuing our primary focus as financial stewards and grantmakers while increasing the time allocated to hands-on, community-wide collaboration and conversation around key issues facing Pierce County. Earlier this year, we organized a series of four community dialogues as part of our Youth Against Violence work, an initiative designed to build a positive, caring community that fosters a sense of respect, possibility and hope among our young people. These issue-driven dialogues facilitated action, influenced change, and encouraged everyone to make a personal commitment to creating positive community change.

This spring, we are hosting a monumental event designed to inspire every Pierce County resident to be part of the solution in bettering our community. On May 13, 2011 at the Tacoma Dome, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Desmond Tutu will present an inspiring message as the keynote speaker, along with Seahawks Coach Pete Carroll, Founder of Free The Children Craig Kielburger and community leader Bill Gates Sr. This event will be a rallying point for a long-term, sustainable movement in Pierce County to foster a more peaceful, respectful community and build mutual respect among youth and adults.

For the last 30 years, the Community Foundation has been a proven steward of community and donor resources. We ended the 2010 fiscal year in a financially healthy position and look forward to an exciting and eventful 2011 that will increase momentum toward an even more vibrant, engaged Pierce County.

As always, The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation is your philanthropic resource. We are interested in getting to know you better and welcome the opportunity to help you accomplish your philanthropic goals by connecting you with causes that matter. Whether you visit in person, send an e-mail, or connect with us online, we look forward to working with you.


Rose Lincoln Hamilton
President & CEO


MaryAnn Anderson
Board Chair

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ABOUT US

The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation is a philanthropic organization that aggregates charitable gifts from donors and provides leadership and financial leverage in addressing the needs of Pierce County through various grantmaking programs.

The Community Foundation actively inspires philanthropy and increases permanent resources for Pierce County. We create maximum positive impact through our grant-making, outreach and investments in the community.

We collaborate with individuals, businesses and community partners to initiate change and develop solutions to longstanding challenges. It is with this expertise that we are able to act as the bridge between donors and powerful, long-term community impact.

Today, the Community Foundation is home to over *450 individual funds*, holds more than *\$61 million in assets* and has distributed more than *\$78 million in grants* over the last 29 years.



2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GRANTMAKING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Community Foundation awarded \$3.1 million in grants and scholarships during fiscal year 2010. We invested in healthy, stable nonprofits that contribute to a vibrant Pierce County. We also invested in over 200 student scholarships supporting our future leaders.

YOUTH AGAINST VIOLENCE DIALOGUES

Creating conversations with and about youth is crucial for finding non-violent alternatives. The Youth Against Violence (Y.A.V.) Initiative hosted four community dialogues in the fall of 2009 in collaboration with the City of Tacoma, American Leadership Forum, Forest Foundation, Northwest Leadership Foundation, Safe Streets Campaign, Ben B. Cheney Foundation, Tacoma Community House, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, World Vision and Sequoia Foundation. Adults relinquished their role as “experts” to become learners. As a result, Y.A.V. identified several recurring themes:

- Youth are the experts on youth and are capable of leading
- In every encounter, move from stereotype to story
- Each of us plays a role in creating peace
- Arts are a tool for social change and a direct alternative to violence

Participants left the dialogues with the hope that peace and respect were possible, the belief that Pierce County needs to proactively work on non-violent conflict resolution, and the understanding that youth are eager to propel themselves into a better future.

EFFICIENCY IN GRANTMAKING

The Community Foundation believes in bringing people together to listen, learn, and share best practices. In fiscal year 2010, we listened to our nonprofit partners and as a result, we will launch a new grantmaking process in FY2011 that includes an online application and an opportunity for multi-year grants. In addition, we will condense our review process to three months.

PRUDENT RESERVE DESPITE ECONOMIC CHALLENGE

Despite a challenging economic environment in which many nonprofits operated at a deficit, we successfully exceeded our contribution goals and operated at a slight surplus, with donations totaling \$2.2 million. We were also able to add to our contingency reserve.

NEW INVESTMENT ADVISOR FIRM

After reviewing proposals from a wide range of qualified firms, the Community Foundation selected Fund Evaluation Group, LLC to provide Investment Advisory services. Fund Evaluation Group has developed great expertise in the community foundation market and offers a broad array of relevant services. As a result of this new relationship, we plan to further strengthen the processes for achieving our investment goals and continue to offer a variety of investment options for fundholders.

PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

During fiscal year 2010, the Community Foundation significantly increased outreach to the Pierce County professional advisor community, which encompasses estate attorneys, CPAs and wealth managers. Our outreach included in-house seminars and several educational forums for both professionals and their clientele. This is an important role for the Community Foundation, as professional advisors frequently represent the initial bridge to facilitate individuals and families in accomplishing their philanthropic objectives.

NEW CHANNELS FOR ENGAGING PHILANTHROPISTS

The Community Foundation created an online community comprised of a Facebook page, Twitter profile, Blog and YouTube channel. Social media channels generate conversation through two-way dialogue and help to position the Community Foundation as a philanthropic resource.

10TH ANNIVERSARY FOR FUND FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Fund for Women & Girls (FFW&G), a field of interest fund of GTCF, celebrated their 10th anniversary in 2010. A decade ago, the FFW&G recognized the need within the community to support organizations that specifically benefit women and girls. Over the past 10 years, the FFW&G has worked to empower Pierce County women and girls and address the common underlying problems that this population faces. Currently, the FFW&G provides grants to programs that foster self esteem, self reliance, and empowerment. Governed by a dedicated advisory board and with the help of volunteers, the FFW&G has awarded over 101 grants in the last decade, totaling \$315,324.



LOOKING FORWARD

UNIQUE PARTNERSHIPS

To continue our efforts against youth violence in Pierce County, the Community Foundation is forming a unique partnership with Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Puget Sound. As part of the collaboration, PLU and UPS college students with an Ethical Leadership Certification will facilitate dialogues in three Pierce County high schools on issues of nonviolence and mutual respect. The dialogues bring the important voice and leadership of youth into helping identify how to build safer, more respectful school communities. A pre and post survey will be conducted and reported to the community.

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY BOARD

We believe it is vital for youth to play a permanent, ongoing role in funding decisions that directly affect their lives. To support this, we're creating a new Youth Philanthropy Board consisting of 15-20 youth advisors between the ages of 15-24. The participating youth will gain leadership and civic engagement training, as well as firsthand insight into the important role philanthropy plays in making a vibrant community.

YOUTH ENDOWMENT

Coinciding with our Youth Philanthropy Board, the Community Foundation is creating a Youth Against Violence Endowment. Our goal is to raise \$5 million to ensure the Endowment has a sustaining legacy, thereby allowing up to \$250,000 annually to support youth violence prevention programs. The Youth Philanthropy Board will provide recommendations on which organizations receive support from the Youth Against Violence Endowment.

BE THE SPARK

THE MOVEMENT:

Coinciding with our 30th anniversary, the Community Foundation is launching Be the Spark—a movement to inspire each other to take action and build a more positive, caring community that fosters a sense of hope, respect and optimism. Together, we have the power to spark change, the power to care, the power to act, the power to build a better community.

THE EVENT

As a rallying point for the movement, the Community Foundation is hosting a Be the Spark event at the Tacoma Dome on May 13, 2011. The event is put on in partnership with Pacific Lutheran University, University of Puget Sound, and numerous other organizations, businesses and area youth.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu—Nobel Peace Prize winner, world-renowned activist for human rights and justice, and one of the most notable figures from the 20th century—is coming to spark hope and possibility within our region as keynote speaker. He is joined by Craig Kielburger, Founder of Free The Children. The event marks Tutu's last U.S. public appearance before retirement and a truly historic and unifying moment for the region.

The Be the Spark event will inspire and challenge each of us to see our community—and our role in it—differently. It is an empowering call for the community to join us in being the spark: making a personal commitment to take part in creating an environment that allows each of us the ability to lead safe, healthy and productive lives.



INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

ACHIEVING FINANCIAL RESULTS

The Community Foundation employs a diversified growth strategy for its endowment portfolio. The goal is to generate a long-term rate of return sufficient to offset inflation, administrative and management fees, plus regular grantmaking distributions. Grantmaking distributions are currently calculated at 4.3% of the sixteen-quarter rolling average market value for permanently endowed funds.

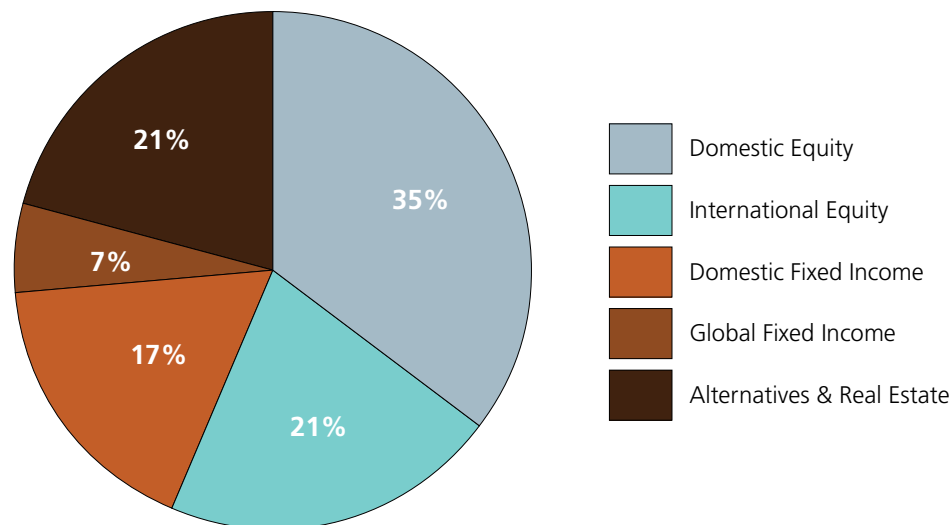
Our investment model is based on modern portfolio theory and employs strategically diversified asset allocation.

Our Investment Committee is comprised of experienced professionals with extensive backgrounds in investment and finance. The Committee adheres to disciplined decision-making processes, guided by our Investment Policy Statement.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

John Wiborg (Chair)
Harriette Bryant
Brad Cheney
Herb Cook
John James
Douglas Lineberry
Kathryn F. McAuley
Steven M. Murray, Ph.D.
Timothy Tucci

Our endowed funds are pooled to provide investment management economies of scale and to access investment vehicles that are unavailable to smaller individual funds.



INVESTMENT ADVISOR

The Community Foundation engaged Fund Evaluation Group to provide Investment Advisory Services, effective July 1, 2010. Fund Evaluation Group advises assets of nearly \$28 billion.

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

American Funds
Blackstone Alternative Asset Management, L.P.
Bank of New York Mellon
Common Sense Investment Management, LLC
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Harbor Funds
Pimco Funds
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

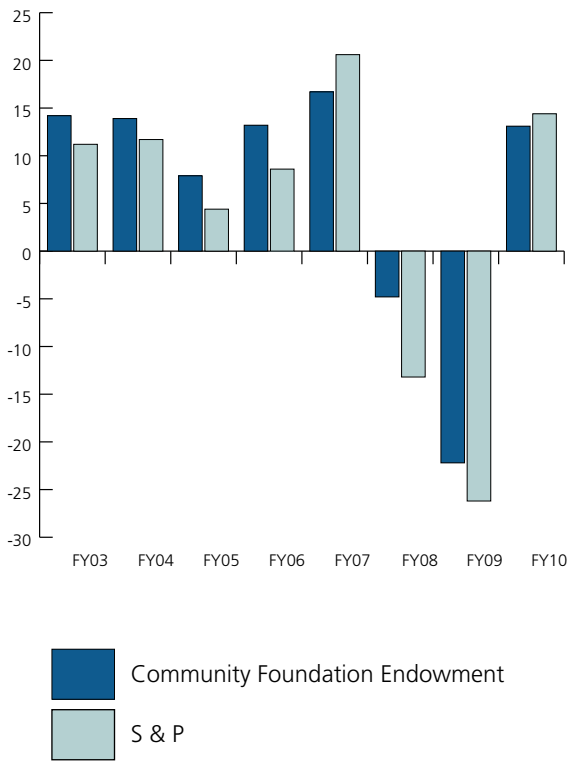
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Our Audited Financial Statements are available on our website at www.gtcf.org. Forms 990 and 990T are available upon request.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

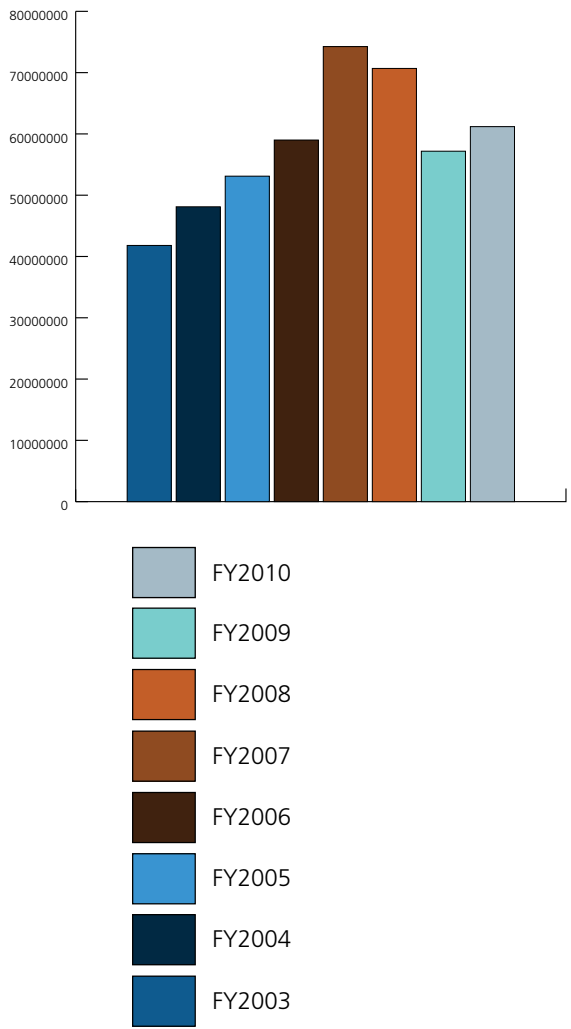
During fiscal year 2010, the financial markets continued their recovery from the recessionary trough of March 2009. For the 12 month period ending June 30, 2010, the Community Foundation's endowment portfolio appreciated 13.1% compared to our investment policy benchmark return of 13.3%. Over the longer term, the endowment pool outperformed its policy benchmark. For the three year period, the endowment declined an average of 5.7% versus the benchmark average decline of 7.1%; and for the five year period, the endowment portfolio produced a positive average annual return of 2.1% versus 0.1% for the benchmark. During this same five year period, the S&P 500 declined nearly 1.0%.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO RETURNS



These results illustrate challenging times in the financial markets. We are pleased with our performance and believe that we are well positioned for the future.

TOTAL ASSETS



VIBRANT COMMUNITY

A thriving community is more than an absence of crime or disease—it's about providing opportunities for people to live enriching, productive lives. The Community Foundation is working to make that a reality in Pierce County.

We visualize Pierce County as a vibrant, compassionate and engaging community where people and programs collaborate to provide personal, organizational and environmental prosperity. Our Vibrant Community Grantmaking Program was created to realize this vision. Five focus areas define the Program:

- **Arts & Culture:** We believe art is essential to a healthy, dynamic community.
- **Basic Needs:** We believe that in a healthy community every resident has the tools needed to procure food, shelter, health and safety.
- **Education:** We believe a healthy community invests in the future by fostering a passion for learning.
- **Environment:** We believe a healthy community has deep appreciation for the natural environment.
- **Neighborhoods & Communities:** We believe in strong neighborhoods and communities.

The Community Foundation champions causes that drive change and solve problems. Instead of constantly reacting to symptoms of community issues, we proactively seek permanent solutions by investing in programs that address root causes, identify systemic challenges and support community-driven solutions. Through the Vibrant Community Grantmaking Program's two grant cycles in fiscal year 2010, the Community Foundation awarded 69 general operating and program support grants totaling \$437,881.

To support the Vibrant Community Grantmaking Program, individuals and companies can donate from an existing fund held at the Community Foundation or make a one-time gift. Gifts can be designated to any of the five focus areas that comprise the Vibrant Community Grantmaking Program.

Visit www.gtcf.org/vibrantcommunity to learn more.





For every grant given there is a story.





VIBRANT COMMUNITIES: Arts & Culture

Grants Awarded: 15

Amount: \$74,294



GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Fab-5 is an organization that helps kids develop their talents through adult mentorship and creativity. Their primary objective is to cultivate communities where diverse youth can gather, collaborate, learn and share ideas.

In 2005, Fab-5 created the Living in Free Expression (L.I.F.E.) program in response to the lack of relevant artistic outlets for underserved youth. L.I.F.E. is an intensive series of urban arts workshops designed for youth to explore their interests through various mediums of urban art: music and production (DJing); creative writing (lyricists lounge); movement (breakdancing); and visual arts (legal graffiti).

"Fab-5 and the L.I.F.E. Program kept me out of a lot of trouble; it drove me far away from the gang life that I was used to. Instead of hanging out on the streets with my friends doing stupid stuff, this [program] had me looking forward to doing something productive. Fab-5 is the real thing, it's not a gimmick," says Ernesto Zamora.

Support from the Community Foundation allowed Fab-5 to offer program supplies free of charge, breaking down the economic barriers that many of their students face and allowing Fab-5 to fulfill their mission of providing avenues of self-expression for all.



VIBRANT COMMUNITIES: Basic Needs

Grants Awarded: 20

Amount: \$130,703



GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

The Family Self Sufficiency program (fss) of the Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) fosters the transition from dependency to self sufficiency. The program addresses the needs of the whole person including emotional aspects of change, which are critical for individual development. fss participants develop goals, build financial management skills, improve their parenting techniques and learn about healthy relationships.

Jenny is a recent success story in the fss Program. She entered the program three years ago with little work history and no definite idea of what she wanted for a career.

"fss gives me structure, accountability and a lot of support. I've accomplished and learned so much from the classes. What really makes the difference is the "community" I now have: people who are working as hard as I am and always pulling for me. They don't let me make excuses!"

Today, Jenny owns a small business as a doula: helping women through pregnancy and childbirth. She found healthy support within the fss network and has an escrow account with more than \$10,000. After completing training at the Pacific Institute (provided by fss), she received certification to co-facilitate trainings to new fss participants.

Support from the Community Foundation allowed fss to provide high quality services to their clients while helping their clients attain self-sufficiency.



VIBRANT COMMUNITIES: Education

Grants Awarded: 16

Amount: \$96,384



GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

The Children's Museum of Tacoma celebrates the power of play in the lifelong journey of learning. The Museum's Play to Learn program is a free community outreach effort to educate family, friends, and neighbors who nurture children six years old and younger. The program supports caregivers and helps children to become school ready through interactive experiences.

"Play to Learn reached 2,000 children and their grown-ups in September of 2010. These numbers reflect a need for quality programs that provide enriching experiences in an environment that emphasizes the incredible importance of play," says Program Manager Lisa Dorst. "Play is the true teacher to these great numbers of children that we see every day."

Parents and caregivers report positive change in their knowledge of child development, the importance of play in learning and a better interaction with their children. "This is helping our daughter prepare for kindergarten: listening, following instructions, and getting along with others," says a Play to Learn participant. "We love this program!"

Strong funding from supporters, including the Community Foundation, enables program participation and Museum access for thousands of families. Since its launch in October 2008, Play to Learn has reached over 18,300 adults and children, 67% of those in the last fiscal year.



VIBRANT COMMUNITIES: Environment

Grants Awarded: 13

Amount: \$83,500



GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Washington State is losing 53,000 acres of farmland each year. This dramatically compromises a future in which we can locally and sustainably feed ourselves. PCC Farmland Trust is leading efforts to save a valuable natural resource: organic farmland.

In the fall of 2009 Orting Valley Farms, a 100-acre former dairy farm in Pierce County, was forever preserved as organic farmland. As stewards of the agricultural conservation easement, PCC Farmland Trust ensures that the property will continue as viable, organic farmland.

Orting Valley Farms is home to three working farms: Tahoma Farms, Crying Rock Farms and Little Eorthe Farm, which are already growing a wide array of produce and animal products. Tahoma Farms was the first to break ground in 2009 and proudly serves Pierce County. These farmers are committed to making their community stronger, their children healthier and the natural environment more livable for generations to come.

"The soil here is simply magnificent. Our crops have been growing unexpectedly fast and healthy. This is a beautiful area and we couldn't be happier to be farming and raising our family here," says Amy Stills and Agustin Moreno, farm managers of Tahoma Farms.

With a 2010 grant from the Community Foundation, PCC Farmland Trust is able to provide farmers with necessary resources to operate productive businesses and steward the land in perpetuity. Conserving land is merely the first step to lasting protection. It is through stewardship that PCC Farmland Trust ensures the integrity and long-term sustainability of each farm.



VIBRANT COMMUNITIES: Neighborhoods & Communities

Grants Awarded: 5

Amount: \$53,000

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Five years ago, the Gig Harbor community came together to save the Eddon Boatyard from the wrecking ball. The community voted overwhelmingly to preserve the boatbuilding property by restoring its traditional working waterfront use. Now, the Gig Harbor BoatShop (GHB), a fledgling nonprofit, has secured the anchor property of the last contiguous stretch of active working waterfront properties in Gig Harbor and is the only regional organization that sustains the community's maritime traditions in a historic space.

The mission to preserve, interpret and perpetuate Gig Harbor's historic working waterfront is viewed as "a covenant between GHB and the community: it is a unique maritime heritage alliance," says President and Founding Director Guy Hoppen. GHB is able to preserve history through educational programming as well as by restoring aging vessels.

The grant awarded by the Community Foundation allows GHB to provide public access for free tours and viewing as well as educational programs.

"I love being around the BoatShop.

The history of this place as well as the skill and craftsmanship that happens here is energizing. It's a great opportunity to be involved with the reconstruction of Thunderbird #2 (a 26-foot plywood sailboat) and further appreciate a design that has had a great impact on our family for over 30 years."

– Jamie Storkman

EFFECTIVE GIVING

FUND TYPES FOR EVERYONE

The Community Foundation offers a variety of fund types to provide donors with flexibility, based on their needs and desires:

Unrestricted Fund

Also known as our Vibrant Community Grantmaking Program, these funds allow donors to support the Community Foundation's high priority areas and respond to the shifting needs of Pierce County.

Donor Advised Fund

An attractive alternative to a private foundation, these funds give donors the opportunity to actively participate in grantmaking. Fundholders can recommend multiple nonprofit organizations to receive grants from one fund.

Designated Fund

Establishing a designated fund supports the work of one or more specific nonprofit agencies, as selected by the donor.

Field of Interest Fund

This type of fund allows donors to support organizations that address a cause (or causes) the donor cares most about. For example, a donor may choose disadvantaged youth or underserved women and the Community Foundation's professional staff will distribute funds accordingly.

Agency Endowment Fund

Nonprofit organizations can establish endowment funds which benefit their organization in perpetuity. It is an efficient way to build an endowment and create sustainability.

Scholarship Fund

Creating a scholarship fund is a great way for donors to help others pursue their educational dreams. The donor chooses scholarship criteria such as a specific neighborhood, a level of financial need, or academic subject.

Supporting Organizations

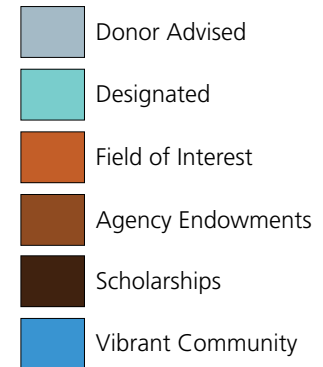
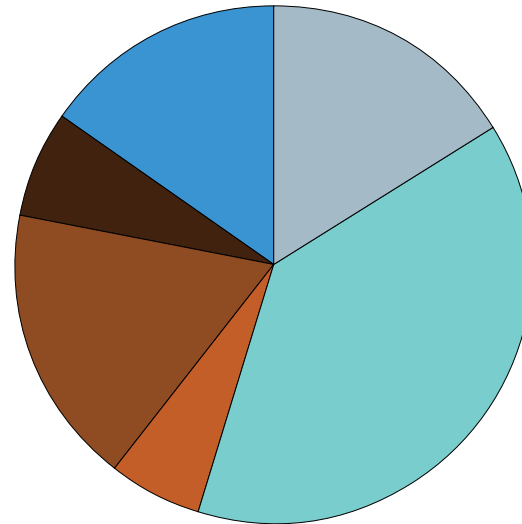
An effective alternative to a private foundation that reduces administrative and regulatory burdens and provides greater tax benefits to the donor.

RECOGNITION

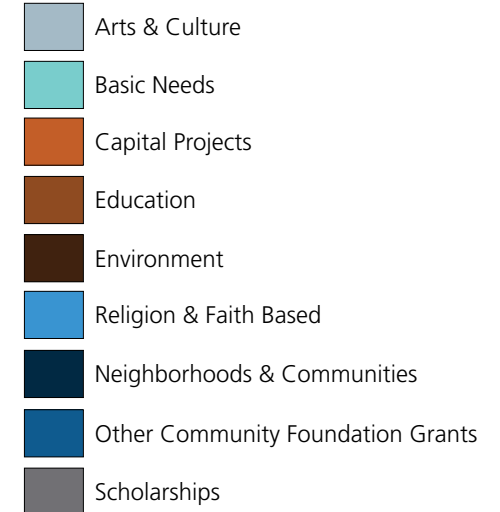
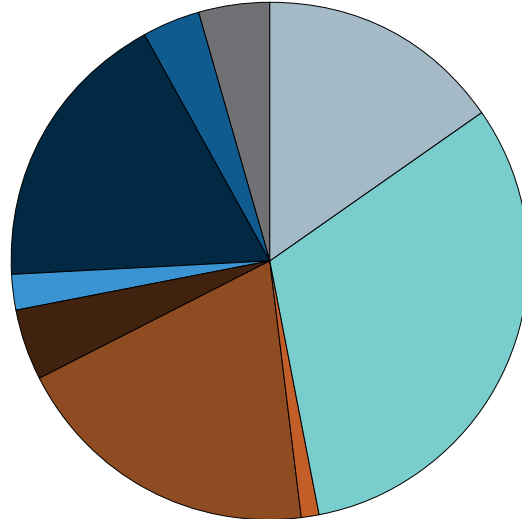
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GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

Program Type	Grant Amount
Donor Advised	\$ 505,439
Designated	\$ 1,200,163
Field of Interest	\$ 184,348
Agency Endowments	\$ 541,359
Scholarships	\$ 208,911
Vibrant Community	\$ 466,926
TOTAL	\$ 3,107,146



Program Area	Grant Amount
Arts & Culture	\$ 479,804
Basic Needs	\$ 981,245
Capital Projects	\$ 40,000
Education	\$ 601,001
Environment	\$ 135,900
Religion & Faith Based	\$ 67,936
Neighborhoods & Communities	\$ 554,638
Other Community	\$ 113,617
Foundation Grants	\$ 113,617
Scholarships	\$ 133,005
TOTAL	\$ 3,107,146



ESTABLISHING A TRADITION OF PHILANTHROPY

THE GROGAN FAMILY

By Ed and Kathy Grogan

Giving back is something the two of us always agreed on. With credit to our wonderful parents, it is part of who we are. In our 21 years together, Kathy and I always shared an attitude of abundance. Even in years when funds were not readily available, we found ways to give back. We are not “selfless givers,” but we recognize the tangible reward realized through making a difference.

Paying it forward is a fundamental part of our family dynamic. We instill values of community involvement, philanthropy and generosity in our children. Success in life is not measured by the things you own, but by what you give back to the community.

We started the Pay it Forward Rule – for each new toy our children receive they must donate a toy to charity. Most of the time it works; although, Christmas can be a struggle! We are proud of our eldest, who has already chosen causes to support with his allowance and our second born selected toys to give away at the age of four.

Creating a Donor Advised Fund is a great tool for our family. We chose causes we were most passionate about, but wanted freedom to support emerging issues as they arise.

When we asked our eight-year-old, Quin, which cause to support, he said, “homeless people,” without hesitation. In the past helping “homeless people” was not our main focus; however, we asked The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation to incorporate such causes. The Community Foundation researched worthwhile causes where Quin could volunteer and see the direct results of his contributions.

Through the Community Foundation we teach our children that being a member of a community means putting a piece of you back into it.

LEAVING A LEGACY

THREE VIGNETTES

By Gary Connett

One of the most personally and professionally rewarding parts of being an estate planning attorney is that I’m able to participate in my clients’ charitable inclinations. Most people are positively touched by a church, a school, a community program or a hospital. For many parents, passing on personal values is every bit as important as reducing taxes and leaving a legacy.

I had the privilege to work with a wonderful gentleman who recently died of cancer. He had no living spouse or children. He believed the wealth he accumulated was due to living in Tacoma. We coordinated his legal work with The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation to identify specific intentions for his estate. The result is a lasting legacy to support the community causes most important to him.

Another relevant story is an art-focused family who enjoy programs at Pantages Theater, Rialto Theater, Tacoma Art Museum and the Museum of Glass. An acute medical issue recently affected the family. Together, they arranged for a significant portion of their estate to be held in a donor advised fund. The fund enables future generations to learn, support and experience both the arts and medical research causes.

I was also fortunate to work with a widow in need of estate planning guidance. She wanted to choose beneficiaries – friends, family and the community – for portions of her estate. Her gifts will benefit “old people and young children who need it.” The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation will implement instructions in her will to provide ongoing support for local hospices and to provide indigent children with medical care.

These are just a few examples of the many satisfying results. There are various creative ways to pay it forward. Speak with your estate planning attorney and the Community Foundation to create your own giving story.

FOUNDING DONORS

A Founding Donor is any bank, business, charitable organization, foundation or individual who made a gift of \$25,000 or more toward the Unrestricted or Administrative Endowment Funds during the Community Foundation's first decade.

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Edward P. Miller Foundation
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Puget Sound Bank
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Two years ago, Chris Sharp was honored with our first ever Foundation of Art award. “Looking back on it,” says Chris, “it was one of the most proud moments of my career.”

“The award affirmed my work as a creative professional and led to increased recognition in the community,” describes Chris. Two years later, Chris continues to live as a working artist, exploring a variety of different mediums.

“Making art moves my spirit and feels worthwhile. I consider it a civic duty – my part in preserving our culture. We need to nurture and engage art just as we do with social activism, math, or sustainable living.”

Chris recently had a solo exhibition at Pacific Lutheran University, the Telephone Room (<http://thetelephoneroom.blogspot.com/>), and has a show at Brooks Dental in February 2011. This next year, he plans to find residency abroad for a short time.

To learn more about Chris and stay updated on his work, visit:
<http://chrissharp3000.blogspot.com/>



In 2009, Jeremy Mangan was awarded the second annual Foundation of Art Award. One year later, he finds himself balancing an upcoming solo show in Seattle, working at the Tacoma Art Museum, and teaching college art classes.

“The Foundation of Art Award allowed me time to be in the studio and provided great exposure for my work. I’ve had a lot of opportunities to show my art lately and much of that is due to the Award,” says Mangan.

In January 2010, Jeremy was featured in a group show at the Seattle Art Museum Gallery. The gallery approached him after reading about his award. Jeremy begins his first solo exhibit at Linda Hodges Gallery in Seattle this February. Looking ahead, Jeremy plans to continue his career here at home in the Pacific Northwest, while building a consistent presence as an artist in two other places he’s spent substantial amounts of time: NYC and Germany.

Learn more about Jeremy and follow his work at Linda Hodges Gallery (lindahodgesgallery.com/) and on his website: jeremymangan.com.





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