



Blue Skies for Children

Raising Hope and Self Esteem in Young Hearts and Minds

ANNUAL REPORT

ISSUED 2018

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JOIN THE BOARD!

Do you want to give back to the community? Are you thinking about joining a non-profit board? Blue Skies for Children needs you! We are looking for two passionate individuals to join our dedicated board.

2017 Annual Report



The past year was one of both celebration and good-byes. We sadly said good bye to two long term employees Maya Green and Robyn Johnston but gained three amazing new employees, Holly Ste.Marie, Myah Dawkins, and Brianne Hampton. The increase of staff by one employee was the first in ten years. Our programs had grown well beyond the

point of needing additional staff support. The additional position has brought much needed work balance to the office. Deanna Kangas, who has been volunteering her time and talents to Blue Skies since leaving a Program Coordinator position in 2010, was brought back as a contract employee to help support our graphic art and social media platforms.

In 2017, every one of our programs exceeded past

service numbers. Our enrichment program sponsored over 7,000 enrichment sessions. Our Shoe Program served 628 kids. Our Back-to- School Backpack program served 562 youth, 152 more than the previous year. Our Winter Warm Up Program saw 760 children who received 3,321 coats, hats, gloves scarves, blankets and more.



2017 Programs & Services

Sponsored

(7,021) Enrichment Sessions
(156) One-Time Little Wishes
(35) Loaned Musical Instruments

Distributed

(3,321) Coats, hats, gloves, scarves and blankets
(628) Pairs of brand new shoes
(562) Back-to-School Backpacks

Other Programs

(15) Driver's Education Scholarships
(7) Children participated in swim lessons and swim team.

We Thank Our Community

Thank you to those who donated to Blue Skies in 2017. We could not do what we do without our community of individuals, business sponsors, third party fundraisers, those who Sponsor-A-Child, & those that sponsor and attend our annual fundraising events.

Major InKind Donors

(Over \$1,000)

Barnes & Noble, Christ the King Church, Emergency Reporting, Soles4Souls, Ticket to Dream Foundation, Village Books, Wal-Mart, The Woodland Park Zoo, YELP!, YMCA & The Zumiez Foundation.



2017 Business Donors & Event Sponsors

Financial Gifts \$250 and over

All Ocean Services, Amazon Smiles, Bank of the Pacific, Bellingham Cold Storage, Bellingham Police Assn., Bellingham / Whatcom Chamber WYPS, Binyon Vision Center, Birch Equipment Company, Blue Star Welding Inc., Care Medical Group, Cascade Dafo, Dawson Construction, Dewey Griffin Subaru, Ershigs, Inc., Fairhaven Parkway Shell, Fitness Evolution, Freedom Electrical Inc., Geotest Services, Inc., Gladys Hyatt, CPA PS, Historic Fairhaven Association, Holiday Inn Express, HUB International, Johnson's Towing, Judd & Black Appliances, Kevalena Properties, LLC, Kroger, LaserPoint Awards & Promotions, LLNL Home Campaign, Local Union #191 I.B.E.W., Lynden Sheet Metal, McEvoy Oil, MOJO Music, Moncrieff Construction, Moss Adams, National Philanthropic Trust, Northwest Propane, Phillips 66, Ram Construction, Samuels Furniture, Serta Simmons Bedding, Steve Widman DDS, Tesaro, The Chrysalis Inn & Spa, TransOcean Products, WestEdge Credit Union.

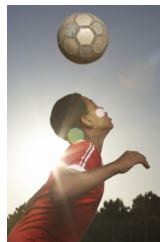
2017 Grantors

Anonymous
Bellingham Bay Rotary
Bellingham Community Alumni Band
Christ the King Church, Bellingham
First Federal Community Foundation
Hafer Foundation
Josh Fueston Swim to Live Memorial Fund
The Norcliffe Foundation
Seattle Foundation
Superfeet
Ticket to Dream Foundation
Whatcom Community Foundation
Whatcom Women in Business
Women Sharing Hope
WECU



2017 Financial Highlights - For Year Ending Dec 31, 2017

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| Cash Donations | \$ 230,095 |
| In-kind Donations | \$ 68,417 |
| Total Assets: | \$ 173,092 |
| Total Liabilities: | \$ 10,556 |
| Net Asset Balance: | \$ 162,536 |



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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| In-kind Donations | \$ 68,417 |
| Admin Expenses | \$ 56,489 |
| Program Expenses | \$ 182,621 |
| Fundraising Expense | \$ 20,920 |
| Total Expense | \$ 328,447 |
| Administrative Expense Ratio | 18.83% |

The Bellingham Festival of Music

Has sponsored eleven children taking music lessons this year! Thank you for your extraordinary support of our music instrument loaner program and enrichment program.

For more information go to:
www.bellinghamfestival.org.



Mission: To raise hope and self-esteem by sponsoring enrichment activities and other essentials for homeless, low-income and foster children.

We Love Our Community Partners

Ticket to Dream Foundation



2505 Cedarwood Ave, Ste. 5
Bellingham, WA 98225
www.blueskiesforchildren.org

Christ The King Church

Has committed to a long term partnership with Blue Skies, as one of eight organizations they have chosen in the local community, to provide both financial support and volunteers.

For more information please contact
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