



Blue Skies for Children

Raising Hope and Self Esteem in Young Hearts and Minds

ANNUAL REPORT

ISSUED 2019

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AS OF 12.31.2018

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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 three passionate individuals to join our dedicated board.

2018 Annual Report



Blue Skies continued to grow this past year. We celebrated receiving Bob Wallin's 2nd Place BWI Cares award and a \$1,000 donation due to a community wide vote.

We gained two major event sponsors in Dewey Griffin Subaru and The Greenhouse. Walton Foundation, Rite Aid Foundation and Franz Bakery Foundation all supported our programs for the first time.

This was the first full year we

had four staff members which made a significant improvement in the work load balance within the office.

Our internal systems were improved through development of a proprietary client database, which is simplifying reporting and supports document scanning.

Our programs received amazing support from individuals, groups, business sponsors, (14) grantors, and (13) individual fundraisers.

- Julie Guay, Executive Director

Program Highlight

In 2018, our Back-to-School Backpack program served nearly 800 youth in just eight weeks, up from 562 in the previous year.

Thank you CTK, Costco, Women Sharing Hope, Ticket to Dream Foundation & many others for your support of our Back-to- School Backpack Program.



2018 Programs & Services



Our Programs

- Little Wishes Enrichment Program
- Little Wishes One-Time Program
- Little Wishes Instrument Loaner Program
- Shoe Give Program
- Back-to-School Backpack Program
- Winter Warm-Up Program
- Driver's Education Scholarship Program

Sponsor-A-child

Sponsored

- (5,530) Enrichment Sessions
- (137) One-Time Little Wishes
- (30) Loaned Musical Instruments

Distributed

- (603) Pairs of brand new shoes
- (792) Back-to-School Backpacks
- (2,286) Warm Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Blankets

Other

- (9) Driver's Education Scholarships
- (4) Children participated in Josh Fueston's Swim to Live Program, for Swim Lessons & Swim Team

We Love Our Community Partners



2018 Business Donors

Financial Gifts \$250 and over

American Family Insurance – Nancy Leavitt Agency, Avenue Bread & Deli, Bank of the Pacific, Bellingham Cold Storage, Bellingham Police Assn., Binyon Vision Center, Bob Wallin Insurance, Brambleberry Inc., Braam Construction Inc, Care Medical Group, Cascade Dafo, CPI Plumbing & Heating, Dawson Construction, Dewey Griffin Subaru, Ershigs, Inc., Fairhaven Parkway Shell, Glassy-baby White Light Fund, Gladys Hyatt CPA PS, Green Family Enterprise Inc (The Greenhouse), Hardware Sales Inc, Haskell Corporation Inc., Holiday Inn Express, Home Attendant Care, Judd & Black Appliances, Kevalena Properties, LLC, Kroger, LaserPoint Awards & Promotions, Lauts Inc, Local Union #191 I.B.E.W., Lynden Sheet Metal, McEvoy Oil, Moncrieff Construction, McKay's Taphouse & Pizzeria, Moss Adams, Mt. Baker Roofing, Northwest Propane LLC, Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, NW Safety Signs and Custom Signs & Graphics, Rice Insurance, Samuels Furniture, Steve Widman DDS, TransOcean Products, VSH PLLC, Wander Brewing, Windermere Sue Hilton-Faust, Windermere Mike Kent, Yeager's Sporting Goods.

2018 Grantors

Bellingham Bay Rotary
 Bellingham Festival of Music
 Christ the King Church, Bellingham
 Franz Bakery Foundation
 Josh Fueston Swim to Live Memorial Fund
 The Norcliffe Foundation
 The Pless Foundation
 Superfeet
 Ticket to Dream Foundation
 VMWare Foundation
 Walton Foundation
 WECU
 Whatcom Community Foundation
 Women Sharing Hope



2018 Major Inkind Donors

(Inkind Gifts over \$1,500)

Anonymous Donor - Musical Instruments
 Clothes4Souls / Soles4Souls / Costco
 CTK Congregation / Ticket to Dream Foundation
 The Woodland Park Zoo / The Zumiez Foundation

2018 Financial Highlights - For Year Ending Dec 31, 2018

Cash Donations	\$ 233,936
In-kind Donations	\$ 82,672
Total Assets:	\$ 145,986
Total Liabilities:	\$ 8,194
Net Asset Balance:	\$ 137,792

Did You Know?

Blue Skies
 served
 1540 children
 in 2018!

Program Expenses	\$ 245,832
Admin Expenses	\$ 70,231
Fundraising Expense	\$ 25,289
Total Expense	\$ 341,352
Administrative Expense Ratio	20.57%



GIVE NOW

Donate Now by Mailing to: Blue Skies for Children
 2505 Cedarwood Ave, Ste. 5, Bellingham, WA 98225
 Or Donate Online: www.blueskiesforchildren.org