



Blue Skies for Children

Raising Hope and Self Esteem in Young Hearts and Minds

2021 Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT

ISSUED MARCH 2022

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Admin Coordinator

Nikki Juarez,

Program Coordinator



SAVE THE DATE

Spring Raffle 2022

Drawing on May 5th

Check our website often:

blueskiesforchildren.org

To see an updated list of amazing prizes including :

\$2,500 Alaska Airlines Tickets

\$300 Hempler Gift Basket

\$389 2 Solid Wood Bar Stools

Donated by Griffith Furniture

Call our office at:

360-756-6710

To purchase your tickets!

SAVE THE DATE

Our 22nd Annual Auction

Will be held online this

year.

Dates:

Thursday Oct. 20th,

through

Saturday Oct. 22nd, 2022



I am excited and honored to announce that I have joined Blue Skies for Children as the new Executive Director. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I am a lifelong resident of Bellingham and Blue Skies for Children is the epitome of the word community and I am passionate about making a difference in my community. I am confident there is no better way to achieve this than through Blue Skies for Children alongside our dedicated staff and volunteers.

I bring to the organization extensive experience in business management and development, I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to get to know Julie and work with her. As the successor to the organization of excellence that Julie paved, Blue Skies for Children is well positioned and our team will continue to build upon its great legacy, working alongside our board members, stellar staff, and community partners in pursuing our mission to raise hope and self-esteem by sponsoring enrichment programs and other essentials for homeless, low-income, and foster children.

I am dedicated to ensuring that children in our community continue to get our services and support. I appreciate your continued support of Blue Skies for Children and look forward to sharing our stories and news with you.

- Kim Nakatani Executive Director

Financial Highlights - For Year Ending Dec 31, 2021

Cash Donations	\$ 326,482	Program Expenses	\$ 261,807
In-kind Donations	\$ 112,238	Admin Expenses	\$ 79,084
Total Assets	\$ 327,687	Fundraising Expense	\$ 2,249
Total Liabilities	\$ 6,371	Total Expense	\$ 343,140
Net Asset Balance	\$ 321,316	Administrative Expense Ratio	23.05%



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

Thank you to our 2021 Grant Donors

Alaska USA Federal Credit Union

American Family Insurance Dream Fdn.

Bellingham Bay Rotary

Bellingham Festival of Music

The Eleanor & Henry Jansen Foundation

Haggen Foundation

Jack Martin

Jerry H. Walton Foundation

Mary H Storer Foundation

North Sound ACH

Puget Sound Energy

Rite Aid Foundation

Seeking Health

Superfeet

Ticket to Dream Foundation

Whatcom Community Foundation



THANK YOU!



The Blue Skies for Children Team is so pleased to have received these beautiful handmade quilts donated by Lynden locals Betty Ross, Irene Beld and Gair DeGroot. Together they make a wonderful team and have blessed so many children and families with these beautiful blankets made with love. Thank you for your support and for wrapping our children in the warmth of your generosity.

Thank You To Our 2021 Business Donors

Reporting Financial Donations of \$1,000+

Barrett Transmission Specialties, Bellingham Festival of Music, Braam Construction Inc, Christ the King Church, Dewey Griffin Subaru, Facebook Donations (multiple fundraisers), First Federal, Gladys Hyatt Accounting, Hagen Foundation, Hempler Foods Group LLC, Henifin Family of Companies, Louis Auto Glass, Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins Co., Mt Baker Roofing, NW Way of Life, LLC, Petz Real Estate, Port of Subs, Puget Sound Energy, Rite Aid, Seeking Health, Superfeet, Windermere Real Estate.

Your generosity helps our community children grow and thrive.

One of our children's mom sent us this message "I just wanted to reach out to you and tell you thank you again for the coat you guys gave my daughter! It made her whole day. God bless you guys."



Blue Skies for Children launched our Child Champion Campaign in honor of Dick Meyer, the Meyer Family, and the Dewey Griffin Subaru Team. Dewey Griffin Subaru matched all donations up to \$2500 during the Month of March, we are proud to be their partner as we reach out to our community to show the impact that small donations have on children in our community.

With his actions and words "if everyone gives a little, we'll all have a lot," Dick Meyer left a legacy of support for children in our community.

Donors who give a **monthly** minimum gift of \$5 or **more** automatically become a Blue Skies for Children **Child Champion**.

No matter the size of your gift, you have the power with your support to have a big impact on the lives of our community children. Sign up online at blueskiesforchildren.org

2020 Major In-kind Donors

Donors listed below contributed in-kind items valued over \$2500

- Bombas Socks
- Dewey Griffin Subaru
- Lydia Place
- Toys for Tots
- Ticket to Dream Foundation
- Woodland Park Zoo
- Village Books
- Zumiez

We Love Our Community Partners



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

