

2019 Community Impact Summary

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In 2019, GGHF...

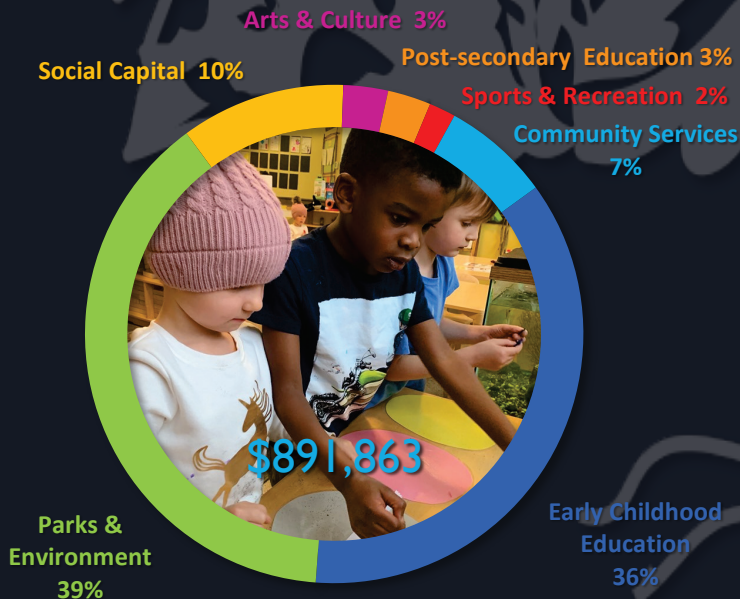
served our community of +70,000 through grants, services, projects and programs provided to our greater peninsula community

offered 4,500+ hours of programs for children, K-12 students, seniors, special populations and court ordered community service

provided more than 10,000 hours of service and over 630 volunteers, totaling about \$390,000 in support to area organizations, events and activities

hosted key community events including the Cider Swig, The Green Gig™, Students of Distinction, Open Studio Tour, Rattle Dem Bones, Basket Brigade and #Community Harvest to raise critical funds supporting over \$70,000 in grants to area organizations, agencies, students, youth and families

invested over \$891,863 in grants, scholarships, directed funds, programs and services in key areas below – more than a 20% increase over 2018 – nominated Living Local's Finest Philanthropic Organization, an honor granted in 2017 and 2018!



2019 Impact Highlights

GGHF Curious by Nature School

Provides one-of-kind nature-based early learning program that helps children become problem solvers and develop key critical thinking skills to support their success in math, science, language, and the arts. Daily, students go outside to learn and play, rain or shine!



In 2019, we...

- served more than 300 children ages 2-10, and families, from Pierce and Kitsap counties through early learning programs and camp programs (in collaboration with Pen Met Parks)
- awarded \$4,500 in financial aid to area families in need, in addition to over \$18,000 in tuition subsidies for all students
- added two new programs to meet demand for 100% Outdoor Immersion Program - at full capacity in its 3rd year!
- raised over \$24,000 at 9th annual The Green Gig™ for the Steward Scholarship Fund and CBNS programs
- connected 300+ children and families to community, nature and environmental stewardship. Supported through a Lu Winsor Memorial Environmental Grant, Puyallup Tribe of Indians Grant and Gig Harbor Garden Tour Association Grant
- supported more than 1,900 volunteer hours from parents, grandparents, interns and others



Rattle Dem Bones

Supported by a City of Gig Harbor Arts Commission Creative Endeavor Grant, the 1st annual, family-fun Rattle Dem Bones Halloween Bike Ride & Costume Contest launched from the Kimball Drive Park & Ride, allowing riders to choose their path. Whether 12, 22 or 36 miles, all joined in a day of cycling fun with a pre-event gathering, post-ride party replete with live music, themed recharge stations, and a costume contest with awesome prizes made possible by numerous local businesses and organizations. Funds raised from the ride benefit the Community Recreation Fund which helps make participation in sports and recreation programs a possibility for all area youth – regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Students of Distinction

Students of Distinction is a scholar recognition program that awards post-secondary scholarships. Annually, over 300 teachers, sponsors, family, and community members join to celebrate the achievements of these remarkable young people. In 2019, the program honored 37 Peninsula School District high school seniors for their superior accomplishments in seven categories: *Academics, Athletics, Business & Entrepreneurship, Community Service, Music, Art & Drama, Overcoming Adversity, and Science & Technology.* **2019 Program highlights:**



- \$11,500 in post-secondary scholarships awarded
- engaged more than 300 volunteers
- \$25,000 in support provided by local sponsors
- since 2003, more than \$231,500 in scholarships have been awarded to some 560 students.

GGHF EnviroCorps

Dedicated to environmental stewardship and inspiring our community, GGHF EnviroCorps helps maintain parks, trails, roads, and other public lands. Over the past 13 years our programs have provided opportunities for people to actively engage in natural resource protection and caring for our environment. **In 2019, we...**



- gave over 372 volunteer hours
- collected over 147 bags/trash and 57 bags/recyclables
- provided 157 hours of Litter Patrol and more than 300 hours of services and support to Pen Met Parks
- maintained 14 road sections within Gig Harbor city limits and unincorporated areas of our peninsulas
- kept four sections of Pen Met Park trails free of invasive plants and trash

A few major 2019 efforts led by EnviroCorps, include:

- Orchard restoration and CBNS educational activity in partnership with *WSU Pierce County Master Gardeners*
- CBNS family service project at Kopachuck State Park – 61 volunteers / 77 hours
- Invasive species removal at Narrows Park for National Public Lands Day – 5 volunteers / 15 hours
- Parks Appreciation Day – 54 volunteers / 162 hours
- Rain Garden maintenance and creation of educational materials in partnership with Girl Scouts – 102 hours

Gig Harbor Basket Brigade

2019 marked the Basket Brigade's 26th year! During the 2-day operation more than 450 amazing volunteers, sponsors and donors joined forces to pack and deliver over 1,100 Thanksgiving baskets to local families in need and area military families. **Thank You!**



Harbor Hill Environmental Sanctuary



Located within the Harbor Hill residential area is a two-section detention settlement pond created to serve the adjacent development. The 15-acre Harbor Hill Environmental Sanctuary (HES) project, conceived by a forward-looking group at

Heron's Key senior community, seeks to restore land adjoining the ponds to provide a place for exploration, and opportunities to learn about restoration, area wildlife, and healthy functioning ecosystems. **Highlights include:** ADA pathways, pedestrian connections to the City of Gig Harbor's trail system, educational exhibits, life-sustaining native plants, improved visual quality of detention pond area and for future community planning.

Gig Harbor Senior Center

Empowering seniors to thrive!



Once the Active Seniors Club at the former Boys & Girls Club site, the GHSC is the result of a small group of devoted seniors and committed community partners. Organized in a few short months, the GHSC became a nonprofit entity under the GGHF on May 1st. With a new temporary home, the GHSC board is working hard to ensure our community's 55+ population will forever have a vibrant gathering place for quality educational programs, services, social activities, exercise, and more. **2020 will be a big year for the GHSC – we are excited for the journey!**

Gig Harbor Open Studio Tour (OST)

Celebrating its 28th year, the OST provides the public with a free opportunity to experience live art – creating appreciation for the arts and igniting the creative spirit. Through work of participating artists, the OST fosters community collaborations, and contributes to the economic vitality of our community.

2019 highlights:

- 3-day tour hosted in 24 local studios
- more than 6,000 total visitors
- over 1,600 volunteer hours by OST artists



Taking Action
TO HELP SOLVE
HUNGER
IN OUR COMMUNITY



#Community Harvest Project

Launched in 2016, the collaborative community-wide hunger relief project has engaged thousands in works to help address food insecurity in our community. Annually, the project supports the provision of essential ingredients to provide some 5,500 area children and their families with nutritious weekend meals throughout the year. **In 2019, #Community #Community Harvest supported about 22,000 meals!** Cooperating beneficiary organizations include GHP FISH, Food Backpacks 4Kids and Basket Brigade.

Cider Swig

One of the largest cider-centered festivals in the state, the 6th annual Cider Swig brought dozens of NW cidemakers and more than 100 varieties of hard cider to our greater peninsulas. For six years, the family-fun event has provided thousands with a day-filled with activities for the kids, great food, live music and entertainment, and of course cider to sip. The festival is about much more than just cider, though. Proceeds benefit the Lu Winsor Memorial Environmental Grant Program. Since its inception, the festival has contributed more than \$60,000 to the program, which provides annual grants to organizations, schools and agencies for environmental education, conservation, and watershed protection initiatives. Established in 2003, our partners include Peninsula Light Co. and Pierce County. Over \$160,000 has been awarded to date. **2019 Highlights include ...**

- some 3,800 attendees – 52% came from 50+ miles away
- *“Of all the events around the US that we do the Cider Swig is hands down the best run and our favorite!”* Tim Larsen, Owner & Cidermaker, Snowdrift Cider Co., East Wenatchee, WA
- 8 volunteer committee members and 70+ festival volunteers helped to make it all possible!



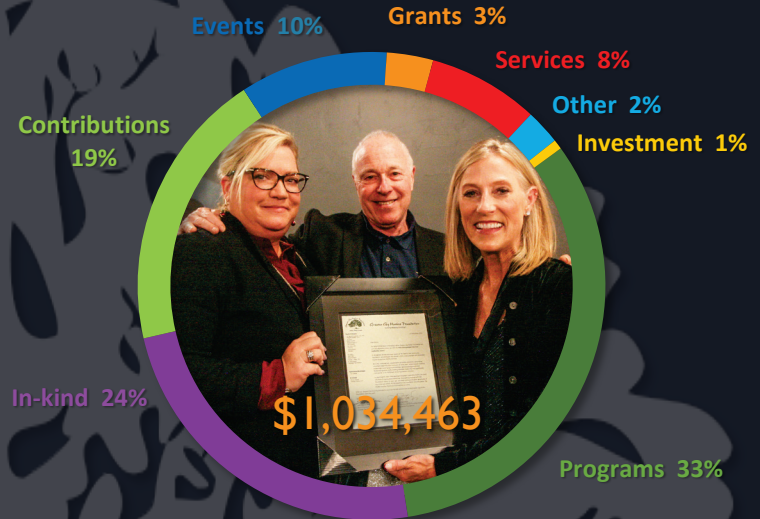
Community Campus

Now in its 13th year, GGHF has grown far past what its founders may have ever imagined – and we are beyond grateful to our community, supporters, staff and hundreds of volunteers that have made it all possible. Today, we look to the future and that includes a new home. With a once in a lifetime opportunity, your community foundation will make its forever home – our community campus – in the Artondale area of Gig Harbor.

This will provide...

- a space where we can come together to build, bridge and enrich lives while working to meet diverse needs for vibrant and sustainable communities across our two-peninsula region.
- 6-acres of outdoor space for learning labs, gardens, classrooms, an educational amphitheater – and expansive opportunities to enrich the lives of our community's children through nature-based education.
- a gathering place for the educational, cultural and social benefit of our community.

REVENUES



Programs: Basket Brigade, CBNS, EnviroCorps, Students of Distinction, Gig Harbor Senior Center and Harbor Hill Environmental Sanctuary

In-kind: donated goods and services

EXPENSES

