



ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20



Halfway through 2020 our world changed, maybe forever, by a pandemic that impacted the way in which we traverse our world. At United Way of Skagit County, Covid 19 impacted our programs, opportunities to engage with our community, and the way in which we work together as an organization. It saw us responding to community needs by helping deliver relief to people and families through a Covid relief fund. It also found us partnering with others to ensure kids still had access to childcare, means to be successful with at distance learning, and providing meals to combat a huge crisis with food insecurity.

Even with all the change some things have remained the same in our organization. We are still engaging with as many families as possible that have newborn babies through our Welcome Baby program. We have taken our Financial People's Program virtual and have seen growth with participants in our financial literacy program. CHOW has met a crucial need by serving four times more meals than before. Varsity in Volunteerism adapted even though students were not in school, but still had many students letter by meeting the required volunteering hours for the year.

In an unprecedented year like 2020 the issues we face have only been amplified and multiplied, but we haven't lost sight of our purpose in fighting for education, health and financial stability of all families in Skagit County. 64% of our children are not ready for kindergarten ranking Skagit County last on the I-5 corridor and this has a long-term impact on our youth's future leading to increased dropout rates, prison rates, and drug addiction. That is why United Way of Skagit County's bold goal is: By 2025, every child entering kindergarten in Skagit County is ready to learn. We're Ready!



ABOVE Welcome Baby is helping parents like Ana Rivas navigate resources.

Below Many thanks to Marathon volunteers who built 'Give-n-Take' book houses for United Way. The houses, each with a large swinging door and a small cubby inside, will be used to make loaner books available to children outside the traditional library setting.



Our Programs



This program launched at Skagit Valley Hospital in August of 2019. In the last year we have welcomed 509 babies to Skagit County through the Welcome Baby program.

In January we welcomed Diana Peregrina to the team. Diana is bilingual and has worked with multiple community agencies and organizations in Skagit County over the last seven years and continues to provide support to families as a Community Health Worker for Maternity Support Services (in addition to her role as Welcome Baby Coordinator).

Beginning in March the program was adapted to adhere to quarantine restrictions. Despite a challenging year caused by the COVID 19 pandemic, we achieved much in the pilot year:

- 509 Welcome Baby Registrations (67% of goal)
- 494 Families receiving the Welcome Baby Newsletter (97% subscriber rate)
- 105 Non-English-speaking families in the Welcome Baby Community (21%)
- 168 First time parents in the Welcome Baby Community
- 96 Resource Referrals

Looking to the future!

GOOD BYE BABY...HELLO KIDDO!

In 2020-2021 we will launch Welcome Baby's partner program, Hello Kiddo. Hello Kiddo offers all the same great support that Welcome Baby does but geared toward families with children one year and older.

For up to date information on Hello Kiddo, visit skagithellokiddo.com!



WE'RE READING

This is a literacy program for children under the age of five and is a partnership with United General District 304's WIC clinic. Parents are provided with a simple literacy tip, based on the age of their child, that they can easily incorporate at home. Each child receives a nutrition inspired book to take home. Through this partnership with WIC, we have given over 400 books. Parents and caregivers complete a survey every time they receive a book. Through the survey we know:

- 62% read to their child everyday
- 35% go to the library or participate in other literacy related activities (Children's Museum, play groups, storytimes)
- 64% are preparing their child for kindergarten
- 65% know the early literacy skills that their child needs to be successful in school.
- 66% know how to help their child develop early literacy skills

Through this partnership with WIC, we hope to see these numbers improve. In fact, of the small number of participants who have completed the survey three times, we have seen a 17% increase in parents/caregivers who read to their child every day and a 14% increase in parents who feel that they know how to help their child develop early literacy skills. 38% indicate that they have increased the number of books in their home to more than 100.

PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

In 2021, United Way of Skagit County will partner with Committee for Children to expand Nurture®, a text-based peer to peer mentor support program to Skagit County.

For more information on Nurture, visit nurtureseattle.org



Skagit Financial PEOPLE Project Students and Peer Leaders at Skagit Valley College

The Financial PEOPLE Project program name is important – PEOPLE stands for Peers Empowering Others by Providing Leadership and Education. The vision is to identify and train peer volunteers to deliver financial education to groups in the community. In 2019-20, two six-week sessions were offered in the community.

Twelve individuals graduated and received a Skagit Asset Building Coalition Certificate. Returning partners North Coast Credit Union, Washington Federal, Bank of the Pacific, Junior Achievement and Columbia Bank presented the Money Smart curriculum to students. In March, when COVID-19 struck, a new group of peer leaders were being recruited and a class of 11 young adults were about to graduate at Skagit Valley College. On March 10, the day of graduation, the college was closed due to COVID-19. Financial PEOPLE is designed to be an in-person, peer led model, where participants create

bonds and share resources and empathy with other students. The impact of COVID 19 meant that no new peer leaders were trained and only two group sessions were held in the community. In June 2020, Peer Leaders were invited to an online meeting and asked to brainstorm a new model of financial education delivery. Ten of the fifteen trained peer leaders engaged in the conversation. Efforts are now underway to move classes to an online only format. In 2019-20, the project received funding from BECU, North Coast Credit Union, Washington Federal Foundation, and Columbia Bank.

Accountability is Important to Us

ACCOUNTABILITY CHECKLIST

	YES	NO
Does United Way of Skagit County have an active Board of Directors comprised of citizen leaders that meets regularly?	✓	
Does the Board of Directors review and approve the annual budget and quarterly financial statements?	✓	
Does United Way of Skagit County have a Finance Committee?	✓	
Does the Board of Directors review the annual independent audit report, as well as the auditor's management letter comments?	✓	
Does United Way of Skagit County have ethics and conflict of interest policies?	✓	
Does United Way of Skagit County have a diversity policy?	✓	
Does United Way of Skagit County have a "whistleblower" policy?	✓	
Is the CEO's performance and compensation reviewed and approved?	✓	
Does United Way of Skagit County prohibit providing donor information to third parties?	✓	

TRANSPARENCY

All supporters, partners, and community leaders have access to United Way of Skagit County documents on our website at unitedwayskagit.org, including:

- Annual Audited Financials
- IRS Tax Return
- Annual Report
- Board of Directors Roster
- Staff Roster

2019-20 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

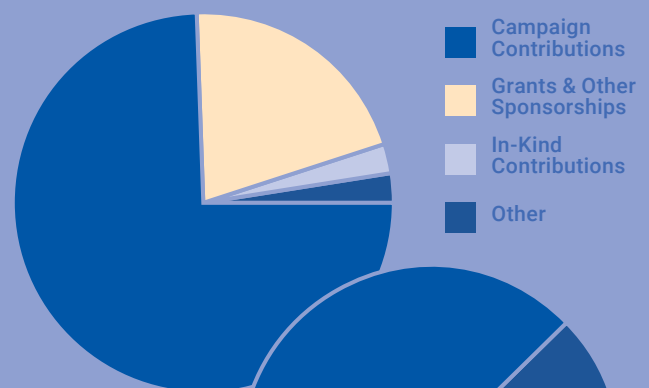
Sources of Support and Revenue		\$
Campaign Contributions		650,448
Grants & other sponsorships		178,457
In-kind contributions		21,970
Other		20,683
Total		871,558

Use of Funds		\$
United Way Programs and Grants		685,446
Donor Designated Gifts Outside UW		71,771
Supporting Services		208,139
Total		965,356

Net Assets for fiscal year 2019-20		\$
Total		988,411

To see our complete financials please go to www.unitedwayskagit.org

SOURCES OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE



USE OF FUNDS



We Love Workplace Campaigns

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS LEADERS

These organizations understand the importance of coming together around common goals. By engaging employees in acts of the heart (GIVE – ADVOCATE – VOLUNTEER) they are investing in programs that benefit families, sustain a strong stable workforce and create a foundation of a brighter future for all.

Organizations in **BOLD** are Pacesetters and they “set the pace” for year-round fundraising and impact initiatives aimed at building lasting positive change in homes, businesses and neighborhoods.

Anacortes School District

Bank of the Pacific

Banner Bank

Brigid Collins

Burlington-Edison School District

Cargill

Cascade Natural Gas

Chinook Enterprises

City of Burlington

City of Mount Vernon

City of Sedro-Woolley

Columbia Bank

Comcast Cable

Community Action of
Skagit County

Concrete School District

Costco Wholesale

Enterprise

FedEx

Fred Meyer

Goodwill

Heritage Bank

IBM

KeyBank

La Conner School District

Macy's

Marathon

Mills Electric

Mount Vernon School District

North Coast Credit Union

North Sound BHO

Northwest Clean Air Agency

Northwest Educational Service District 189

O'Reilly Auto Parts

PACCAR Technical
Center

PeaceHealth United
General Medical Center

Peoples Bank

Port of Skagit County

Puget Sound Energy

Regence BlueShield

RW Baird

SaviBank

Sea Mar Community
Health

Sedro-Woolley School District

Shell Puget Sound Refinery

Skagit 911

Skagit County

Skagit Farmers Supply

Skagit Public Utility
District #1

Skagit Regional Health

Skagit Valley
Family YMCA

SPARC

The Skagit

United General
District #304

United Parcel Service

United Way of Skagit County

US Bank

Walmart

Washington Federal

Wells Fargo Bank

Youthnet

CORPORATE PARTNERS, FOUNDATIONS & LOCAL BUSINESSES

Many workplace partners go above and beyond, matching employee donations, sponsoring events, funding programs, and providing in-kind gifts.* This support is important to offset the cost of doing business, and helps United Way bring in additional funding, allowing us to stretch individual donor dollars even further!

ELITE

\$35,000+

Paccar Foundation

Shell Foundation

PLATINUM

\$15,000 – \$34,999

BECU

Puget Sound Energy
Foundation

The Boeing Company

US Bank Foundation

GOLD

\$7,500 – \$14,999

Marathon

North Coast Credit Union

Skagit Community
Foundation

Transmediavision

United General District 304

Williams Gas Pipeline

SILVER

\$2,500 – \$7,499

Amerigroup

Banner Bank

Burlington Rotary

Costco

Growing Tree Foundation

Norcliff Foundation

North Coast Credit Union

Peoples Bank

Shell Puget Sound Refinery

Skagit Regional Health

United Way Worldwide

Washington Federal Co.
and Foundation

BRONZE

\$500 – \$2,499

Bank of the Pacific

Barrett Financial

BNSF Railroad

Columbia Bank

Central Welding Supply

Frontier Building Supply

JM Smith Foundation

Kaiser Permanente
Foundation

Mountain Pacific Bank

Quil Ceda Village

Regence BlueShield

Simms/Mann Institute

Skagit Farmers Supply

Soroptimist International
of Burlington

Sound Financial Planning

United Parcel Service

US Bank

Whatcom Sound

Wood Solutions



*Gifts can include matching payroll deductions, in-kind donations, sponsorship of events, and grants for specific projects.

Individual Leadership Gifts

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The Blackburn Family
Ann & Donald Caldwell
Mike & Lisa Janicki
Susan Krienen
Anonymous (2)

BALD EAGLE \$7,500 – \$9,999

Dr. Robert Coffey &
Dr. Deborah North
Shirley Yap

RED-TAILED HAWK \$5,000 – \$7,499

Lea & Gregg Davidson
Ken & Susan Johnson
George Welch
Anonymous (1)

PEREGRINE FALCON \$2,500 – \$4,999

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Julie O'Shaughnessy
Elsbree
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BLUE HERON \$750 – \$999

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SNOW GOOSE \$500 – \$749

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