



2014
ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

2014 ACT OF GIVING MEMBERS

One of the most attractive aspects of The Act of Giving Foundation's model is its simplicity. The AOG community meets each fall to review our year of giving and talk about the work and inspiring missions of our most recent grantees, and then looks toward the next year's grant cycle. With great energy and interest, members suggest giving themes that resonate with them. Together we narrow down and vote on a single theme for the upcoming year. In 2014 we selected groups associated with supporting women and girls. From there we quietly began our process of looking outward, near and far, and developed a list of several nonprofits that focus on this worthy theme (read on to learn more!).

Act of Giving members recognize a world in need, and see that when we come together, with our laughter, our resources, and usually some really good Thai food, we can create tangible change through any level of giving. We are an effective, all-volunteer giving circle—possibly the only all-volunteer giving circle in the Seattle area.

We welcome all who are curious or interested in this work join us in this learning and giving process. Contact us to step into the joy of community engagement through supporting nonprofits at info@actofgiving.org. We can't wait to meet you.

Sue Rooney
Executive Director



Who We Are

The Act of Giving Foundation is a volunteer-based, 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to a vision of making the world a better place. We have great time learning about nonprofits that are helping to make a difference in many lives and then making grants to support their projects.

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- Helena Haas
- James Wiley
- Jean Edelhertz
- Jim Malzewski
- Joan Walters
- Kathleen Owens
- Katie Toft
- Kendra Morgan
- Klein James Seattle Auction Gallery
- Leah Boyan
- Leigh Ann Lucero
- Matt Crosby
- Michael Van Sant
- Michelle Chamberlain
- Monique LaFolette
- Patrick Owens
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- Steve Shields
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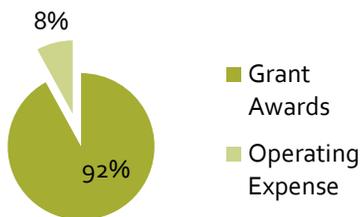
ACT OF GIVING MEETINGS & EVENTS



Each year, Act of Giving hosts three major meetings: A Spring Kick-off, the Summer Grant Celebration and the Fall Annual Meeting. Everyone is welcome at these events and more information is always available online. The 2014 Spring Kick-off is scheduled February 25th, 2014.

2014 GRANTS & EXPENSES

In 2014, Act of Giving received \$39,925 in contributions, awarded \$33,000 in grants, and had \$2,713 in expenses, including the summer grant celebration. Act of Giving is an all-volunteer organization and has no staff costs.



Giving is Good
Giving Together is Better

2014 Grantees

In 2014, six extraordinary organizations were awarded \$33,000 in grants.

Bikeworks - \$5,000

Proposed by Act of Giving member Jean Edelhertz

Bike Works builds sustainable communities by educating youth and promoting bicycling. The launch of BikeMobile, offering low-cost and sliding scale bike repair service was made possible with AoG funds.

Garment Workers Council, \$5,000

Proposed by Act of Giving member Leah Boyan

The Garment Worker Center (GWC) is a worker rights organization whose mission is to organize low-wage garment workers in Los Angeles in the fight for social and economic justice. AoG funds helped the GWC Promotor@s project to host a health fair in Dec. 2014 and to train workers to conduct health and safety workshops for their peers.

Lake Washington Girls Middle School, \$6,000

Proposed by Act of Giving members Jim Malzewski and Leigh Ann Lucero

LWGMS supports girls throughout their middle school years with a cooperative, experiential, holistic education. AoG funds helped LWGMS to install a stage and shades in the performance and community space, aka "The Big Room" at the school.

Nepal Seeds, \$5,000

Proposed by Act of Giving members Kendra Morgan

Nepal SEEDS (Social Educational Environmental Development Services) helps people improve their health and welfare by supporting grassroots projects that involve community partnerships in the areas of education, water, health, and the environment. AoG funds allow 6 young girls with a scholarship that takes them through the 12th grade and prepares them for higher education.

NSCC Parent Advisory Council, \$6,000

Proposed by Act of Giving members Tim Keller

The NSCC PAC supports homeless and low income parents to attend parenting classes in local shelters. It is part of a statewide network of parent cooperative preschool programs. AoG funds helped with on-site parenting classes at various shelters in Seattle.

YouthCare, \$6,000

Proposed by Act of Giving member Dwight Hutchinson

YouthCare builds confidence and self-sufficiency for homeless youth incl. youth who have experienced CSE of any type. AoG funds supported three internships for young women involved in or at risk for CSE to achieve financial independence through paid employment and service learning opportunities.

Congratulations to all of the 2014 grantees!

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