



2012 ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We are celebrating another great year of giving!

It's truly amazing to think that since we began, Act of Giving has given over \$290,000 worth of grants to over 40 organizations around the world, in Seattle and other locations around the U.S. Our unique giving process brings together a special group of people from diverse backgrounds and interests. We are also one of the first formal giving circles ever created in the U.S. Collective giving has helped our members learn about the great work non-profits are doing around the globe and in our own neck of the woods.

Looking ahead to 2013 is very exciting because Act of Giving will celebrate our 10th anniversary. We are eager for the opportunity to continue to learn from each other and to support more incredible organizations in the years to come.

Our annual meeting is held in October and we always welcome interested people to visit and listen to how our grant giving process works. We also want to encourage

people to become members and if you like the idea of leveraging your giving dollars, then Act of Giving might be a great fit for you.

For questions or want to learn more, don't hesitate to email us at info@actofgiving.org.

Helena Hillinga Haas
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 a great time learning about non-profits that are helping to make a difference in many lives and then making grants to support their projects.

2012 Act of Giving Members

Banga Family (Michelle, Rob, Arabella and Amaya)
Simon Blackwell
Leah Boyan
Jenifer Bunis
Sharon Chin
Matt Crosby
BJ Duff
Jean Edelhertz
Helena Haas
Dwight Hutchinson
Klein James Auction Gallery
Jeanne Krikawa
Jim Malzewski
Donna McClean
Kendra Morgan
Sarah Nelson
Kathleen & Patrick Owens
Chris Peters
Katie Toft
Rosemary Toft
Steve Shields
Tom Shields
Joe Van Hecke
Michael Van Sant

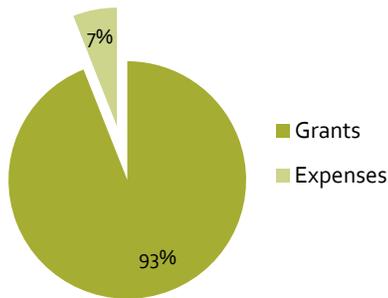


Grantmaking Events

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.

2012 GRANTS & EXPENSES

In 2012,, Act of Giving collected \$20,676 in contributions, distributed \$16,650 in grants and had \$1,282 in expenses, including the Summer Grant Celebration.



2012 Grantees

In 2012, Act of Giving members voted to award \$15,000 in grants to three impressive organizations. An additional \$1,650 was awarded at the Summer Grant Celebration.

Open Arms, \$5,000

Proposed by Act of Giving members Matt Crosby and Sharon Chin

Since 1997, Open Arms Perinatal Services has provided strong community-based support for women through pregnancy, birth and postpartum. The Open Arms mission is to provide services that support, educate, honor and empower women and their families from pregnancy through birth into early parenting. The Act of Giving grant was used to provide 25 women and their families an opportunity to have support from an Open Arms doula.

Power Schools, \$5,000

Proposed by Act of Giving member Kamala Saxton

The overall intent of Powerful Schools is to reduce the academic achievement gap by creating strong partnerships with public schools to help children thrive. Through academic intervention, in and out-of-class learning, family learning and school readiness programs they seek to ensure that all children succeed both in and out of school.

West Seattle Helpline, \$5,000

Proposed by Act of Giving members Jeanne Krikawa and Jean Edelhertz

The West Seattle Helpline is a non-profit social service agency offering emergency assistance in the West Seattle neighborhood. They provide information, referrals, clothing, and financial assistance to help working families in need and strive to strengthen the community through “neighbors helping neighbors.”

Summer Grant Slam, \$1,650

One of the amazing opportunities that comes with the annual Summer event, is sharing the great feeling that comes from being part of a group that supports powerful organizations. In addition to celebrating the 2012 grantees, we also invited past grantees to continue to share their story and mission with others. After hearing from these organizations, all of the event attendees voted to award the Grant Slam awards. The 2012 recipients were:

- \$1,000 – Cappy’s Gym
- \$400 – Urban Rest Stop
- \$250 – Youth Eastside Services

Giving is Good.
Giving Together is Better!

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