

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

After ten years of working together, we're taking the opportunity to reflect on the role that Act of Giving has played in our lives and community. Ask our members why they are a part of AOG and you'll hear a common theme: Giving is good. Giving together is better.

Through Act of Giving, our members have learned about the great work nonprofits are doing around the globe and locally, while also providing direct support for these organizations and their benefactors. The results are meaningful and tangible for both members and nonprofits.

Since 2003, AOG has provided over \$320,000 to more than 45 organizations in Seattle as well as other locations around the world. And we did it together.

Are you curious about philanthropy? Act of Giving Foundation welcomes those who may be new to the idea of charitable giving. We are interested and vested in creating a more just and sustainable world through collective giving. We seek and are honored by others who share a

desire to support nonprofit work strategically and directly.

If you like the idea of leveraging your giving dollars, then Act of Giving might be a great fit for you.

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

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 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.

2013 Act of Giving Members

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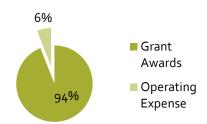
ACT OF GIVING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Important Meetings and 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.

2013 GRANTS & EXPENSES

In 2013, Act of Giving collected \$29,505 in contributions, awarded \$31,369 in grants and had \$1,349 in expenses, including the Summer Grant Celebration.



Giving is Good.

Giving Together is Better!

2013 Grantees

In 2013, five impressive organization were awarded \$31,369 in grants.

LUCO Foundation (Nepal Water Project), \$11,369

Proposed by Act of Giving member Helena Hillinga Haas

<u>Lake Union Crew Outreach Foundation</u> supports underserved members in local communities and small villages around the world. With AoG funds, a group of volunteers completed a water retention project in Astam (250 families, Nepal). Astam has little water during dry season, women walk hours to get water for their families. Our project improved water availability, sanitation, distribution.

El Porvenir, \$5,000

Proposed by Act of Giving member Timothy Keller

<u>El Porvenir</u> assists people in rural communities in Nicaragua to improve conditions of life. With AoG funds, El Porvenir built two double pit latrines. These allow for continuous use of one pit and complete composting of wastes in the other before clean out and reuse. Clean water helps reduce the nearly 50% mortality of unprotected Nicaraguan children under 5.

Friends of Cedar River Watershed, \$5,000

Proposed by Act of Giving members Sue Rooney

<u>FCRW</u> is the only nonprofit focused on the ecological health of the most densely populated watershed in Washington State. With AoG funds, FCRW organized a shoreline restoration project on Lake Sammamish to remove 2 acres of invasive weeds and replant native species to help restore natural ecosystem function in a sensitive natural area that supports threatened salmon and kokanee.

Water 1st International, \$5,000

Proposed by Act of Giving members Michael Van Sant

<u>Water 1st</u> unites people to fight the global water and sanitation crisis in Honduras, Ethiopia, Bangladesh and India. AoG funds supported a project in Portillo el Paraiso, Honduras, transforming the lives of 29 people by providing them with clean water, toilets and hygiene education. <u>Travel</u> with Water1st to see firsthand how AoG support impacted the community of Portillo el Paraiso.

Salish Sea Expeditions, \$5,000

Proposed by Act of Giving members Sue Rooney

With the help of AoG funds in 2013, <u>Salish Sea Expeditions</u> served 1222 students who conducted real scientific research on the waters of the Salish Sea. Watch this <u>video</u> to learn about the student's experience.

Congratulations to all of the 2013 grantees!