



Executive Team

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Since 2003, Act of Giving has awarded almost \$500,000 in grants to inspiring non-profits.



We spent less than 1% of our funds on overhead. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for generously sponsoring our 15th anniversary summer event.



In 2018, we awarded \$38,500 in member-contributed grants to four organizations.



Message from the Executive Director

What a wonderful year it's been for Act of Giving! I've been reflecting on this organization and the thoughtful and intentional process that our founders developed. It is simple, yet powerful and enjoyable. In the fall we gathered for a morning and through a thoughtful conversation came up with our theme of Love, Justice, and Unity. Members found and discussed non-profits that align with our theme and three great non-profits ended up being chosen to receive significant grants. And we wrap up our grant cycle with a summer celebration where we all come together and learn more about and celebrate our grantees. Thank you to all members, supporters, and friends of Act of Giving! Giving is good. Giving together is better!

Michelle Van Sant Chamberlain, *Executive Director*

The Act of Giving Process

Each year, Act of Giving members come together to pick a theme to focus our grants and giving on. For 2018, the chosen theme was "Fostering Respect, Empathy and Acceptance."

Members research potential grantees and propose grants to the group. Members then vote to decide which organizations will receive grants and how much funding to award.

We have an event to recognize the grantees and celebrate. It's a highlight for members and grantees, and everyone is invited to join the festivities.



We are an all-volunteer, proactive, giving community built on shared values and the desire to drive positive change.

We are smarter and stronger together.



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2018 Grantee Organizations

Sound Discipline, \$10,000 grant

Sound Discipline trains educators and staff to integrate brain science into teaching and relating to students, modeling these skills and building them in students. They incorporate problem solving and restorative practices into daily interactions with students, transforming school cultures so kids feel safe, accepted and respected, and every child can learn, closing the gaps in discipline and academic outcomes. Proposed by Act of Giving member Michelle Chamberlain.

Sawhorse Revolution, \$10,000 grant

Sawhorse Revolution develops confident, community-oriented teens through the power of carpentry and craft. Youth in Central and South Seattle are teamed with professional mentors for hands-on experience in designing and building tiny houses for the homeless. Proposed by Act of Giving member Stephanie Gerding.

Holocaust Center for Humanity, \$10,000 grant

The Center teaches the lessons of the Holocaust and other recent genocides, inspiring students to confront bigotry and indifference, and promote human dignity. Proposed by Act of Giving member Eileen Putter.

Nonprofit Assistance Center, \$7,500 grant

The Nonprofit Assistance Center supports community organizations and funders to be strong partners in movements for social justice through coaching, peer learning, and collaboration. Their services help meet basic needs of nonprofits as well as provide tools to gain long-term stability and self-sufficiency through programs such as capacity building cohorts, legal clinics, and grant writing support. Proposed by Act of Giving member Cedra DuFlon-Heide.

For 2019, Act of Giving members selected "Justice, Love, and Unity" as the annual theme. We're looking forward to another round of successful grants and giving. And you can join, too! We are always open to new members and invite you to join us at any of our events.