



Executive Team

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Since 2003, Act of Giving has awarded over \$570,000 in grants to inspiring non-profits.



We spent 1% of our funds on overhead, leaving more money available for our grantees.



In 2020 we awarded \$35,000 in member-contributed grants to four organizations.



Message from the Executive Director

Act of Giving is such a fun, effective, and dynamic way to leverage individual commitments to charitable impact. It's amazing to learn about unique nonprofit organizations, submit grant proposals on behalf of these groups, and provide annual grants to organizations doing inspirational work. With the considerable influx of negativity and divisiveness this year, it has been a true joy to be able to identify and raise funds to support the efforts of nonprofits making the world a better place. When we selected our theme in the fall of 2019, we had *no idea* that 2020 would REALLY require "Justice, Love, and Unity."

Because we are volunteer-based, almost all of the money we raise goes to grantees. And this year, almost all of our funds were dedicated to grants. Our grant making process makes Act of Giving unique and is exciting for contributors! I am grateful to be part of an organization full of people who love to give!

--Stephanie Gerding

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 2019, the chosen theme was "Justice, Love, and Unity."

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.



Giving is good.

Giving together is better.

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2020 Grantee Organizations

[Forterra](#), \$10,000 grant

Forterra conserves land, develops innovative policies, and supports sustainable rural and urban development. In its 30-year history, Forterra has helped conserve more than 223,000 acres, with its work stretching from the farmlands and river canyons of Yakima to the estuaries and forests of Washington's coastline.

[Spark Northwest](#), \$5,000 grant

Spark Northwest accelerates the shift to clean energy one community at a time. Since 2001, our on-the-ground projects and progressive advocacy have led the charge toward a renewable energy future.

[Facing Homelessness](#), \$5,000 grant

Facing Homelessness began its journey in 2010, with a belief that we can and will end homelessness when we invite community to be a part of the solution. The power in humanizing homelessness is that it allows all of us to see the beauty of each person living on our streets, rather than fixating on the complexity of an issue that overwhelms us.

[COVID-19 Response Fund - Seattle Foundation](#), \$15,000 grant

Seattle Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund is rapidly deploying resources to community-based organizations that are supporting local workers and families most affected by the coronavirus crisis.

For 2021, Act of Giving members selected "**Empowering Resilient Communities through Communication, Connection, and Mental Health**" as the annual theme. New members are always welcome to Act of Giving. Learn more about getting involved [here](#).