



# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Our giving theme for 2015 was “Uniting and Strengthening Communities,” and the grantees selected by Act of Giving Foundation members embodied the heart and soul of that theme. With determination, organization, some tears, and a good dose of love, these four nonprofits taught us what it looks like to unite and strengthen the world around us in ways small and large. And unlike many of the things we must do in our lives . . . it was easy.

In conversation with my fellow AOG members throughout the annual giving cycle, I hear a repeating theme, gently compelling in its constant, subtle presence. While we must make a living, we want, also, to make a difference. It can feel challenging to do both, and yet with AOG it is so easy!

Pervading our lives is a sense that we are too busy and too overwhelmed to do one more thing—to give one more hour. And yet, the Act of Giving community makes it seem easy. Joining, participating, engaging, supporting, and celebrating together is easy. Life isn't easy. The very reason for AOG's

existence is indication of that. We are grateful for the simplicity of the AOG model to remind us that some things do feel easy.

**Sue Rooney**  
*Executive Director*



ED Sue Rooney, Robert Beiser & Rebecca Mauldin from Seattle Against Slavery, and proposer Marlena Rooney-Wilcox

### Who We Are

The Act of Giving Foundation is regular people joining together, sharing knowledge, combining resources, and giving. We're a values-driven, volunteer-based, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers individual donors. We're stronger together and we're smarter together. And together we have a great time learning about nonprofits that make a difference and awarding grants to support their work.

### 2015 Act of Giving Members

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## ACT OF GIVING MEETINGS & EVENTS



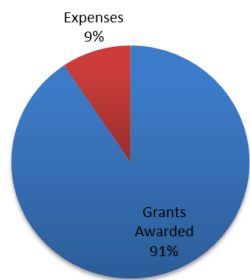
### Important Meetings and Events

Each year, Act of Giving hosts three major meetings; the winter Grant Cycle Kick-off, the Summer Grant Celebration and the Fall Annual Meeting. Visitors are welcome at these events and more information is available online. The 2016 Summer Celebration will be June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## 2015 GRANTS & EXPENSES

Act of Giving is an all-volunteer organization and has no staff costs. In 2015, Act of Giving received \$26,285 in contributions, awarded \$30,200 in grants, and incurred \$3,143 in expenses. The foundation's primary expense is the Summer Grant Celebration, where our grant recipients share their mission and work with the Act of Giving community.

### 2015 Grant Awards & Expenses:



Act of Giving Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. Tax identification number: 68-0544381.

**Giving is Good.**  
**Giving Together is Better!**

## 2015 Grantees

In 2015, four inspiring organizations were awarded \$30,000 in grants.

### Aki Kurose Middle School - \$10,000

*Proposed by Act of Giving member Tim Keller*

Aki Kurose Middle School is a Seattle Public School serving a lower-income community, with more than 50% of students from households where the family's first language is not English. Many parents are recent immigrants, have not attended college, or have had limited work options themselves. Most students have little concept of the range of opportunities or career choices that might be available to them. AoG's grant funds Kids Envisioning Careers (KEC), a pilot program that brings students together with successful professionals at in-school presentation and on-site field trips.

### Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS) - \$10,000

*Proposed by Act of Giving member Helena Hillinga Haas*

PEPS enables parents of infants and young children to build communities that empower them to meet the challenges of parenting through mutual support and sharing of information. PEPS has been providing parent peer-support groups and education for new parents in the Seattle area for 32 years. AoG's grant supports a new expansion initiative targeting two special needs populations: Spanish-speaking new parents in South King County; and families with children 0-3 years old who have a developmental delay (for example, autism, speech delay, complications from premature birth, etc.).

### Generations for Global Giving / Los Martincitos - \$5,000

*Proposed by Act of Giving members Eileen and Howard Putter*

Los Martincitos center, located outside of Lima, Peru, provides food, minimal health care and community to 200 extremely poor, abandoned Andean elders. AoG's grant helps pay for daily transportation of the elders to and from the center, the purchase of more nutritious fresh foods, and some basic essential upkeep to the facility.

### Seattle Against Slavery - \$5,000

*Proposed by Act of Giving members Marlena Rooney-Wilcox and Sue Rooney*

Seattle Against Slavery mobilizes our community in the fight against labor and sex trafficking through education, advocacy and collaboration with local and national partners. Eighty percent of victims have reported engaging with medical personnel while in the trafficking situation. AoG's grant creates presentations and provides resources for five medical service providers to reach approximately 125 direct care providers and 150 medical and nursing students. Care providers are trained to identify trafficking victims, refer survivors to services, and share information with other staff to increase ability to intervene when trafficking victims receive medical services.

**Congratulations to all of the 2015 grantees!**

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