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2022 Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT

ISSUED FEBRUARY 2023



In January 2023, I joined Blue Skies for Children as the new Executive Director. I bring over 20 years of nonprofit experience. In particular, my strengths include community partnerships, marketing, strategic planning and organizational development. I am drawn to the mission of the organization – to be a place where children are provided tools that raise self-confidence and expand their skills and learning.

While 2022 continued to be a year of transition for Blue Skies for Children, we were fortunate to have a dedicated Board of Directors and staff that were able to provide stability and assured that we continued to meet the needs of our community. A large part of our success continues to be the faithful support we received from community partners, businesses sponsors, grantors, and individual funders. For that we are so grateful.

As we look to 2023, we are excited to add to our family of supporters and find new opportunities and partnerships to provide even more to the children in our community. - *Caprice Teske*, Executive Director

Financial Highlights - For Year Ending Dec 31, 2022

Cash Donations	\$ 293,911	Program Expenses	\$ 331,291
In-kind Donations	\$ 123,193	Admin Expenses	\$ 76,636
Total Assets	\$ 342,380	Fundraising Expense	\$ 7,358
Total Liabilities	\$ 9,972	Total Expense	\$ 415,285
Net Asset Balance	\$ 332,408	Administrative Expense Ratio	18.74%



Our Programs

Little Wishes Enrichment Program

Little Wishes One-Time Program

Little Wishes Instrument Loaner Program

Shoe Give Program

Back-to-School Backpack Program

Winter Warm-Up Program

Driver's Education Scholarship Program

Sponsor-A-Child

Thank you to our 2022 Grant and Foundation Donors

Alaska USA Federal Credit Union
 Bellingham Bay Rotary
 Bellingham Elks Lodge #194
 Bellingham Festival of Music
 The Eleanor & Henry Jansen Foundation
 Hagen Foundation
 Jerry H. Walton Foundation
 Quil Ceda Village
 Rite Aid Foundation
 Ticket to Dream Foundation
 Washington State Department of Commerce
 Whatcom Beer and Wine Foundation
 Whatcom Community Foundation
 Whatcom Educational Credit Union
 Whatcom Women in Business

Thank You To Our 2022 Business Donors

Reporting Financial Donations of \$1,000+

A1Design Build, Barrett Transmission Specialties, CPI Plumbing & Heating, Dewaard & Bode, Dewey Griffin Subaru, Fidelity Charitable, First Federal, Flatstick Pub, Gladys Hyatt Accounting, Haggen Foundation, Hempler Foods Group LLC, Industrial Credit Union, Kroger/Fred Meyer, Brandon Nelson Partners, Puget Sound Energy, Puget Sound Energy, Quil Ceda Village, Rite Aid Foundation Kidcents, Saturna Capital Corporation, Superfeet, Trans-Ocea Products, Inc., Washington Federal

Your generosity helps our community's children grow and thrive.

2022 Impacts

Distributed

- 793 Pairs of brand new shoes
- 3,965 Pairs of new socks
- 965 Back-to-School Backpacks
- 1,679 Warm Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, and Blankets

Sponsored

- 3,234 Enrichment Sessions
- 104 One-Time Little Wishes
- 29 Loaned Musical Instruments
- 5 Drivers Education Scholarships Provided

A 2022 Highlight

For the first time ever, Blue Skies for Children partnered with **Flatstick Pub** to host a gathering for our sponsored families. Flatstick Pub provided their fun space for a few hours over Winter Break for a private Holiday Cheer party! Over 15 families joined us for games, gifts, and fun! They were greeted by seasonal donuts, French fries, pizza, and juice boxes. Each child also received a gift card to purchase a holiday gift of their choice.

In addition, Flatstick donated a total of \$3,000!

—\$1,500 designated for our direct-service programs (Back-to-School Shoe and Backpack Give, Winter Warm-Up, Little Wishes Enrichment Opportunities, and Drivers Education Scholarships)

—\$1,500 to support our Holiday Assistance program which allowed BSFC to purchase and provide gift cards to parents of pre-teens/teens wishing to be able to purchase meaningful gifts for their pre-teens/teens. Over 40 youth received holiday gifts because of this generous donation!

Staff enjoyed this opportunity to meet some of the children that are sponsored through BSFC programs and to connect with their families. We were thrilled to hear first-hand how much children enjoy the activities they are able to participate in with assistance from our Little Wishes Enrichment Programs! We look forward to making this a annual event and hope to incorporate more opportunities for our families to socialize and get to know each other in 2023!

YOU ARE INVITED



2022 Major In-kind and Partner Donors

Bombas Socks
Christ the King
Dewey Griffin Subaru
Dot Dot Smile
Toys for Tots
Ticket to Dream Foundation
Woodland Park Zoo
Village Books
Zumiez

Donors listed contributed in-kind items valued over \$1,000

We Love Our Community Partners

Dewey Griffin



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