

The background image shows the interior of a church. The ceiling is a prominent feature, with a complex, repeating geometric pattern of interlocking circles and lines, creating a star-like or floral motif. The ceiling is supported by a network of dark wooden beams. Below the ceiling, there are several arched windows with intricate stained glass designs. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the architectural details. The overall color palette is a range of blues and greys, giving it a serene and historical feel.

University Christian Church Legacy Foundation

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Leadership Letter

On behalf of our Board of Directors,

I am pleased to present this record of our work together during 2021. Although unable to meet in person, not even once, we found ways to build strong relationships within the Board and with advisors, settled on strategies to focus on our mission and commitments both to do justice and to love kindness. We proceeded to make our initial round of grants to non-profit community partners, conducted a thorough search, and as the year came to a close, welcomed our managing director, **Leanne Skooglund**. Along the way, we hope we have been faithful to the legacy we have received from the historic University Christian Church and that we've honored that legacy and trust by focusing on the future of the human community in this place.

With a concern for children, youth, and families whose lives have been impacted by homelessness and other kinds of trauma, we identified and got to know a number of community-based nonprofit organizations who provide direct services, organize effective collaboration, and work for long-term systemic change in public policy. To 17 of those organizations, we made gifts in recognition of their significant contributions to improving the lives of children, youth, and families. We selected and made substantial investments in another 13 organizations to enhance their ability to impact lives and to change policies and practices that have resulted in structural poverty and systemic racism. **Our strategy has been to help empower community-based efforts that are led by people most**

impacted by the problems they address. I invite you to look carefully at the list of organizations we have selected, get to know them, and find ways that you too can support their work.

We are grateful to many people who have supported and encouraged us this year.

Rev. Rebecca Hale, vice president of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), facilitated three virtual retreats for the Board that helped us clear away the clutter and focus on how to make the best use of the resources with which we've been entrusted. **Marilyn Watkins, Jon Gould,** and **Peter Drury**, as our Team of Advisors, made suggestions and shared their wisdom as we developed our vision and established our policies and procedures. **Danielle Baer**, as our interim managing director, made significant contributions as we developed the process to make our initial grants and as we conducted our search for a managing director.

As we worked together to understand how best to honor the values, history, and legacy of University Christian Church, **we came to the realization that legacy has much more to do with the future than the past.**

May our efforts to respond to the needs of children, youth, and families increase the measure of justice in our neighborhoods and community, and **may we catch a glimpse of the kind of human family that God intends, one marked by justice and compassion and characterized by love.**

Tom Quigley, Founding Board President

Our Mission

To support children, youth, and families who have experienced or are experiencing trauma and for whom ongoing assistance could help break down barriers to stability.

Our Vision

All families, children, and youth may thrive and grow.

Our Core Values

In witness to the wholeness of the human family, we envision a Beloved Community where all are included and encouraged, with particular focus on the children, youth, and families most vulnerable to systemic poverty, trauma, and barriers to help.

“Thank you for this hopeful resource for children and families! What a gift and a legacy. We are honored to be part of it.”

Faith Action Network

2021 Grant Recipients

General Support Grants

To enhance capacity, strengthen abilities, and respond to challenges and opportunities to expand or improve services

Byrd Barr Place | \$30,000

Children's Alliance | \$30,000

CHOOSE 180 | \$30,000

Economic Opportunity Institute | \$30,000

Faith Action Network | \$30,000

Mockingbird Society | \$30,000

Open Doors for Multicultural Families | \$30,000

REACH of Renton | \$30,000

Teen Feed | \$30,000

University District Street Medicine | \$30,000

Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network | \$30,000

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance | \$30,000

Youth Development Executives of King County | \$30,000

“A general operating gift touches all areas of our mission and allows us to direct money where it is most needed, rather than being tied to a particular program or outcome.”

Open Doors for Multicultural Families

“Wellspring Family Services is absolutely delighted that you’ve chosen to support our work in service to children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness. Your grant will be put to immediate use to ensure our Family Store can meet the needs of our clients and help them on the path to stability with dignity.”

Recognition Grants

In recognition of organizations that demonstrate significant leadership in responding to families, children, and youth in need of assistance

A Way Home Washington / Anchor Communities Initiative | \$5,000

Childhaven | \$1,000

Church Council of Greater Seattle / Immigrant Accompaniment Program | \$2,000

Lake City Partners / God's Li'l Acre Day Center | \$2,000

Kent Youth & Family Services / LGBTQ+ Outreach for Kent Area Youth (OKAY!) | \$5,000

Low Income Housing Institute | \$1,000

Multi-Communities (M.I.C.) | \$2,000

New Horizons | \$1,000

OneAmerica | \$2,000

Refugee Women's Alliance of Washington | \$3,000

Renton Innovation Zone Partnership / Skyway Resource Center | \$2,000

Statewide Poverty Action Network | \$2,000

Treehouse | \$5,000

United Churches Emergency Fund | \$2,000

Voices of Tomorrow | \$2,000

Washington Poor People's Campaign | \$3,000

Wellspring Family Services / Family Store | \$5,000



“I want to further my education and go to school for physical therapy...this scholarship allows me to work a bit less and be less stressed about my finances.”

Danstan, Arbora Court

Legacy Grant

The University Christian Church (UCC) congregation sold to Bellwether Housing the church's parking lot and adjacent land at a below-market rate, allowing Bellwether to develop and in 2018 open 133 units of affordable housing, including 40 units dedicated to families transitioning out of homelessness.

To continue support for this decades-long UCC dream-come-true, the University Christian Church Legacy Foundation provides scholarships to children and youth living at Arbora Court to help support their educational goals.

In 2021 , the Foundation awarded \$40,000 to Bellwether Housing for the Arbora Court Family and Children’s Fund.



2021 Financial Summary

Expenses

Grants	\$ 477,000	(93%)
Foundation Operations	\$ 28,197	(6%)
Investment Costs	\$ 5,481	(1%)

Assets

Total Assets, Dec. 31, 2020	\$10,674,556
Total Assets, Dec. 31, 2021	\$12,725,863

Unaudited summary from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Grant Summary

- 32 grants awarded
- \$477,000 in grant funds distributed
- 21 grants supporting organizations providing direct services
- 16 grants supporting organizations engaged in systems change efforts

2021 Board of Directors

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