

University Christian Church Legacy Foundation 2022 Annual Report



Leadership Letter

2022 was a year of asking endless questions and listening closely to deepen our understanding of the complex challenges facing our region. We were inspired by the dedicated and visionary leaders and staff of the organizations we supported, who provide direct services to our most vulnerable community members as well as advocate for more just public policies. We worked diligently to get more of the Foundation's resources out the door to support children, youth and families impacted by trauma, particularly our Black and Brown neighbors most harmed by racist systems and policies.

As part of our efforts to incorporate trust-based philanthropy practices, we engaged in virtual or in-person mid-year conversations with each of our General Grant recipients. With these grants, we focused on providing \$30,000 to \$35,000 of unrestricted general operating support primarily to community-based efforts led and implemented by people who bring the wisdom of lived experience to the issues they're addressing.

They helped us understand the enormous hardships as well as the immense strengths of the communities they serve. We heard loud and clear that the escalating cost of living in our region is making it more difficult than ever to provide the equitable wages necessary to attract and retain qualified

staff to provide the essential human services our community counts on. Through both data and stories, we saw more clearly how the treacherous web of crushing inequities disproportionately impacts our most racially and ethnically diverse communities.

We were delighted to discover the abundance of partnerships created among local nonprofits, public entities, funders and the private sector to tackle together the complexities of the many issues we need to solve. Most of all **we were heartened to meet so many creative, dynamic, passionate people determined to create a more just and compassionate community for everyone** in our county and in our state.

We understand that the best way we can honor the values, history and legacy of University Christian Church is to focus on the future of the human community in this place. We hope you'll join us in getting to know the organizations we're supporting, learn more about the issues they're tackling, and find ways that you, too, can support their work.

Gary Huff
President

Leanne Skooglund
Managing Director



General Support Grants

Unrestricted general operating grants to enhance capacity, strengthen abilities, and/or respond to challenges and opportunities to expand or improve services.

[Byrd Barr Place](#) | \$30,000

[Children's Alliance](#) | \$35,000

[CHOOSE 180](#) | \$30,000

[Economic Opportunity Institute](#) | \$35,000

[Faith Action Network](#) | \$35,000

[Mockingbird Society](#) | \$30,000

[NorthStar Advocates](#) | \$30,000

[Open Doors for Multicultural Families](#) | \$30,000

[REACH of Renton](#) | \$30,000

[Statewide Poverty Action Network](#) | \$30,000

[Teen Feed](#) | \$30,000

[Voices of Tomorrow](#) | \$30,000

[Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network](#) | \$30,000

[Washington Low Income Housing Alliance](#) | \$35,000

[Youth Development Executives of King County](#) | \$30,000



Recognition Grants

One-year, board-designated grants up to \$5,000 in recognition of organizations that demonstrate significant leadership in responding to children, youth and families who are most vulnerable to systemic poverty, trauma and barriers to help.

[Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition](#) | \$1,000

[Aurora Commons](#) | \$2,000

[Chief Seattle Club](#) | \$2,500

[Childhaven](#) | \$1,000

[Church Council of Greater Seattle / Immigrant Accompaniment Program](#) | \$1,500

[Civic Commons / Black Home Initiative](#) | \$5,000

[Grunewald Guild](#) | \$1,000

[Journey Christian Church](#) | \$500

[Kent Youth and Family Services / LGBTQ+ Outreach for Kent Area Youth Program \(OKAY!\)](#) | \$5,000

[Lake City Partners / God's Li'l Acre Day Center](#) | \$1,000

[Lavender Rights Project](#) | \$4,000

[Mother Africa](#) | \$3,000

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

[POWER \(Parents Organizing for Welfare & Economic Rights\)](#) | \$2,000

[Reclaim](#) | \$2,500

[RISE – Resilient in Sustaining Empowerment](#) | \$2,000

[United Churches Emergency Fund](#) | \$2,000

[Washington Poor People's Campaign](#) | \$3,000

[Wellspring Family Services](#) | \$1,000

[Within Reach / Cynthia Circle Fund](#) | \$1,000

Arbora Court Legacy Grant

In 2018 the University Christian Church congregation fulfilled a decades-long dream by selling to Bellwether Housing the church's parking lot and adjacent land at a below-market rate, allowing Bellwether to develop 133 units of affordable housing, including 40 units dedicated to families transitioning out of homelessness.

To continue supporting the children and youth living at Arbora Court, each year UCC Legacy Foundation provides a grant of \$40,000 for scholarships to help them achieve a diverse array of educational goals, including:

Childcare / Early Learning

Coding Boot Camp

Community College Tuition

Dance Lessons

Driver's Ed

Gymnastics Lessons

Health & Wellness Class

Martial Arts Class

Nursing Assistant Training

Skating Lessons

Soccer Classes

Summer Camp

Swimming Lessons

Tutoring

Undergraduate College Tuition

Yoga Instruction



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.

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.

2022 Summary

2022 Grants

38 grants awarded

27 grantees provide direct services

23 grantees engage in systems-change efforts

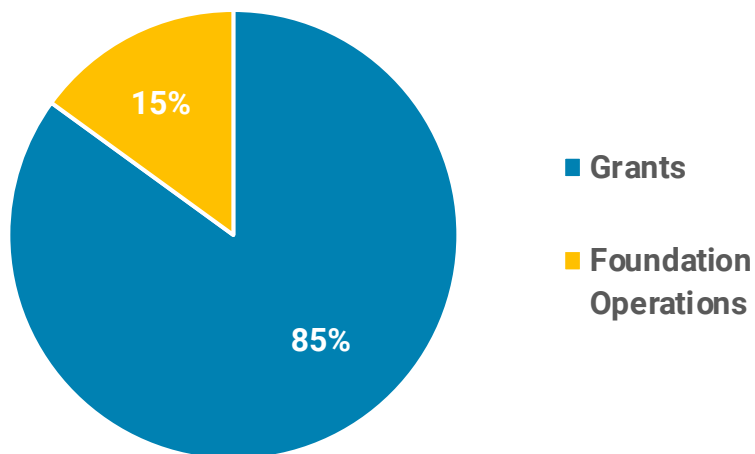
2022 Financials

Expenses

Grants	\$ 553,870
Foundation Operations	\$ 98,359
Total Expenses	\$ 652,229

Assets

Total Assets, Dec. 31, 2021	\$ 12,725,672
Total Assets, Dec. 31, 2022	\$ 9,731,949



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Page 3: At right, CHOOSE180 program teacher and student

Page 4: 2022 Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly & Moral March on Washington

Page 5: Arbora Court, Bellwether Housing

Page 6: Image of stained glass from the University Christian Church Chapel

Below: Members of the University Christian Church congregation

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