



# Women's University Club Foundation 2023 Annual Report

*Enriching our community, preserving our historic clubhouse and providing scholarships*

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## **The Foundation has gone social!**

This past year the Women's University Club of Seattle Foundation has become a presence on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube. Look for us! We even launched an e-newsletter via MailChimp, *Friends of the Foundation*, to keep sharing our story with people and organizations that have been part of the Foundation's journey since its inception.

These steps into social media have been made because we now have the professional capabilities to do so and because the necessity of the times calls us to keep pace. In order to best fulfill our mission of service to the greater Seattle area we need to be more present, more known, and we need to be more engaged with the community we serve. These recent changes help keep us in the flow of these modern times.

Change....a constant of life. That observation was made more than two and half millennia ago by the philosopher Heraclitus, and the truth of that has held true through the ages. Even the usual optimist Ben Franklin warned "When you are finished changing, you are finished." The Foundation is mindful about making operational changes, in a thoughtful manner, when and where needed so that the spirit of our mission of service for community good can remain wonderfully changeless, life by life, hope by hope, for brighter tomorrows.

Thank you for moving into the future with us.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gail Hawley'.

Gail Hawley, WUCF Executive Chair



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FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE TRUSTEES: Gail Hawley, Chair; Mary Willy, Secretary; Laurie Hornor, Treasurer  
FOUNDATION COUNCIL TRUSTEES: Community Education and Outreach: Sharon Gillaspie & Gail Jonas;  
Historic Landmark Preservation: Marilyn Heinemann & Lynn Elmore;  
Scholarship Awards: Marcie Stone & Karen Wulff



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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Laurie Hornor, Treasurer

The Women's University Club of Seattle Foundation (WUCF) is a 501(c)3 non-profit Public Charitable Trust. The EIN/designation number is 20-2396474. The Fiscal Year End (FYE) is August 31st.

Our fiscal year ending 8/31/2023 just concluded as this report is being prepared, so the results reported here have not been audited, but are considered reliable. We maintain a stable financial position and we are sufficiently well funded to support our continued operations. Our Form 990 Tax Return is available to the public and can be requested from our office or from public sources. The report for FYE 8/31/2023 will be available in January 2024.

In this report the word "grant" is used to represent various forms of funding provided by the Foundation for community benefit, including funds given to schools for music programs, funds spent on free programs open to the public, funds given to individuals for higher education, and funds spent on preservation of the historic WUC clubhouse.

The Foundation's grant making occurs throughout the year:

- Music Counts! grants from September through January
- The Holiday Charity project in November, December and January
- Gendler Grants in February
- Brava awards in April
- Scholarship stipends issued throughout the school year
- Exterior maintenance of the historic WUC clubhouse conducted year-round

*Please read more about all of these activities in other sections of this Annual Report.*

### Revenue:

Sources of income for the Foundation include public support via donations and income from

investments. Unless solicited for a specific purpose (e.g. Holiday Charity, Music Counts! Cabaret) donations are unrestricted, meaning that they can be used for any purpose consistent with the Foundation's Trust Agreement. That said, donors may request that their donation be directed to a particular program, and the Foundation will strive to honor that request. In the past, the Foundation received funds via Amazon's Smile program, a program that was terminated by Amazon in 2022. As it was not a significant source of funds, the termination is not considered a material change.

Donations can be made through the WUCF website or via mail to the Foundation. They can be paid via check, chit from WUC members, credit card, donor designated funds, IRA/Retirement account distributions, stock transfers, and employer matching funds.

*Please see page 7 for a list of this year's contributors.*

### Expenses:

The Foundation strives to maximize the use of its donations for public charitable purposes. Operating expenses are incurred for office supplies and compensation for the part-time Office Manager. The Foundation also incurs non-grant expenses for its annual events, all of which are open to the public. The primary form of expense that the Foundation incurs is grants made by the various councils. In FYE 8/31/22, 97 grants were made, totaling \$309,536. In FYE 8/31/23, the total number of grants was 68, and the total amount was \$214,639. The primary reasons for the decline this year are:

- Fewer Music Counts and Gendler grants requested this year due to district staff changes and classes returning to pre-covid routines
- Completion of the costly window restoration project last year and no new major historic preservation projects
- Scholarship grants last year included post-covid catch-ups, and some students had two schoolyear distributions (September 2021 and August 2022) both of which fell in last fiscal year

## TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

The Foundation did not restrain grants in 2022-2023. In fact, the Scholarship Awards Council added one more WIT grant this year.

The Net Loss shown on the statement below arises from the required use of Restricted funds that were Revenue in prior years. The WUCF is well supported by its accumulated investments.

### Non-financial Contributions:

The operations of the Foundation and the support it offers to the public would not be possible without the tremendous effort and time provided by so many volunteers. The Foundation's officers and trustees, its Council leaders, and Committee members make all of the Foundation's work possible. In addition, many others provide their time on an ad hoc basis, outside of a specific role. Their work, efforts and advice are invaluable.

### Summary Financial Information as of FYE 8/31/2023

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash & Investments	1,813,207
Equipment, Net Book Value	0
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>1,813,207</i>
<b>Liabilities</b>	0
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted	1,478,472
Restricted - CE&O	63,717
Restricted - HLP	17,885
Restricted - SA	251,201
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<i>1,811,275</i>
<b>Revenue</b>	
Donations	90,847
Investments	145,319
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>236,166</i>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Operating Expenses	46,422
Awards and Grants	214,639
Event Expenses	16,663
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>277,724</i>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(41,558)</b>

### 2022-2023 Foundation Volunteers

Kate Battuello	Gail Jonas
Barbara Beatty	Margie Kates
Audrey Bolson	Susan Kinoshita
Candy Bretschneider	Mary Kraft
Sue Buske	Suzy Lantz
Diana Carey	Carol Lawson
Sylvia Cavazos	Bonnie Miller
Kris Costello	Susan Norton
Liz Day	Irene Peters
Shelley Dreyer-Green	Laila Petersen
Trish Early	Judy Ramey
Carol Ellis	Elizabeth Rodgers
Lynn Elmore	MaryAnn Ruthruff
Ruth Ferris	Dorrit Saviers
Letitia Fong	Sue Sherwood
Mary Galbraith	Karen Smith
Jessica Gallegos	Alyson Stage
Sharon Gillaspie	Rhonda Staton
Irene Greve	Marcie Stone
Marilyn Hanson	Gretchen Valentine
Gail Hawley	Wendy Wharton
Marilyn Heinemann	Mary Willy
Ulrike Hilborn	Jean Withers
Laurie Hornor	Doris Wong-
Linda Jackman	Estridge
Cherry Jarvis	Karen Wulff
	Sue Yang

### SIXTH & SPRING SOCIETY

If you would like to leave a tax deductible gift through the WUC Foundation to make a positive impact in the greater Seattle community, please contact:  
Gail Hawley, Foundation Executive Chair

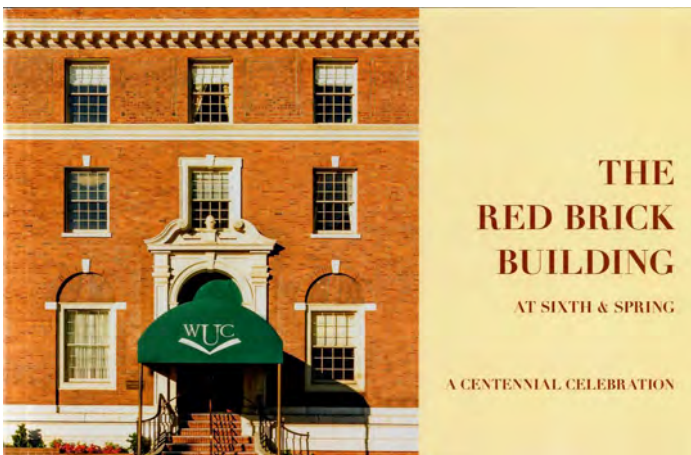
# HISTORIC LANDMARK PRESERVATION (HLP) REPORT

## Historic Landmark Preservation Council (HLP) Annual Report Marilyn Heinemann & Lynn Elmore, Trustees

The primary responsibility of the Historic Landmark Preservation Council is to maintain, repair and restore the exterior of the Women's University Club of Seattle's 1922 clubhouse which was designated a city, state, and national landmark in 2009. The HLP Trustees regularly confer with the WUC House Steering Committee and the WUC Executive Manager to determine the needs and priority of preservation projects.

There have been a significant number of projects over the years, including: original windows restored, the historic fire escape refurbished, and new security gates and window protectors provided, to name just a few.

In early 2022 the front garden was redesigned and replanted. During the intervening year, it has established itself and has grown, and now is thriving. Vertumni Fine Landscaping and Gardening is maintaining the renewed historic garden, underwritten by part of the Ellen Stuart Blom bequest.



Also in 2022, as part of the centennial of the construction of the clubhouse, a booklet entitled *The Red Brick Building at Sixth and Spring* was created to preserve the story of the construction of the 1922 clubhouse. Almost all the 500 copies have been distributed, including to local arts, education, historical and other relevant organizations and agencies.

There have been only a few minor repairs on the historic exterior this year, such as repainting over tagging and fixing damaged exterior doors. We are grateful for this jewel in the city, but are cognizant that its age and its urban location present ongoing challenges.



And we are also grateful for the generosity of those who have donated to HLP, including \$9,212 this past fiscal year. These financial gifts enable us to continue to preserve the beautiful red brick building at Sixth and Spring.



*Front Garden planting maintained by Vertumni Landscaping*



# SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (SA) REPORT

## Scholarship Awards Council (SA) Annual Report Karen Wulff & Marcie Stone, Trustees

In the 2022-2023 Foundation year, scholarships of \$10,000 were awarded to five graduating high school women and to four Women in Transition (WIT) Program recipients. Three women from the Seattle area who are prominent for their career achievements were selected as Brava! Award recipients, which does not include a monetary award. All of these extraordinary women of multiple generations were honored at the annual Brava! celebration – a magical evening recognizing women's excellence.



*High School Scholarship Recipients*  
Nora Hakimian, Ria Mohan, Sofia Abow,  
Graciela Knudsen, Hongcui Huang

The high school scholarship awards are made on the basis of the applicants' scholastic excellence, involvement in their communities, and innovative leadership.



*Women in Transition Scholarship Recipients*  
Imani Brown, Nyakuoth Miyoang, Krystal Dunham,  
Brandy Jackson

WIT scholars are selected for their success in overcoming life challenges, overall achievements, and their potential to complete their educational objectives.



*Brava! Awardees*  
Sally Jewell, Dr. Mary-Claire King, Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange

Brava! awardees are exceptional women who have contributed to the betterment of the community and the improvement of the larger society.

### High School Scholarship recipients

[www.womensuniversityclub.com/foundation/scholarship/recipients](http://www.womensuniversityclub.com/foundation/scholarship/recipients)

*Sofia Abow:* The Bush School/Pomona College; pre-med

*Nora Hakimian:* Roosevelt HS/Climate change solutions

*Hongcui Huang:* Mountain View HS/University of Washington; Chemistry leading to Dental School

*Graciela Knudsen:* Federal Way HS/University of Washington; Speech-language Pathologist

*Ria Mohan:* Juanita HS/Virginia Commonwealth University; surgeon

### Women in Transition Scholarship recipients

[www.womensuniversityclub.com/foundation/scholarship/recipients#WIT](http://www.womensuniversityclub.com/foundation/scholarship/recipients#WIT)

*Imani Brown:* Nursing

*Krystal Dunham:* Edmonds College; Substance Use Disorder Professional Social Worker

*Brandy Jackson:* Seattle Central College; General or Special Education Teacher

*Nyakuoth (Nya) Miyoang:* Seattle Central College; ultimately University of Washington, Electrical Engineering/ Aerospace

### Brava! Awardees

[www.womensuniversityclub.com/foundation/scholarship/brava-awards](http://www.womensuniversityclub.com/foundation/scholarship/brava-awards)

*Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange,* Chancellor, University of Washington Tacoma; champion of diversity, inclusion, and minority affairs.

*Sally Jewell,* Affiliate Professor, UW Foster School of Business; Former U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Lifelong environmental advocate.

*Dr. Mary-Claire King,* American Cancer Society Professor of Medicine and Genome Sciences, University of Washington. Discoverer of the BRCA-1 cancer gene, thus saving women's lives worldwide.

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH (CE&O) REPORT

## Community Education & Outreach (CE&O) Annual Report Sharon Gillaspie & Gail Jonas, Trustees

### Music Counts!

This past fiscal year Music Counts! awarded 31 grants for a total of \$17,110 to local public-school districts for their music programs. These grants provided sheet music, coaching, instruments, instrument repair and many more items and services to enhance under-resourced music programs, K-12.

Music Counts! Count Me In! Cabaret returned to an in-person celebration the evening of May 18, 2023. In a French bistro setting, guests were entertained by student musicians from Roosevelt and Lincoln high schools, directed by Aimee Mell, and from Lynnwood High School, directed by Amy Stevenson. Guest speaker Mark Edgbert, of Rising Star @ African American Academy was a Gendler grant recipient in 2021-22. He shared his inspirational experiences with children and music using the instruments obtained through his Music Counts! Gendler grant.

The MC Committee sponsored a live auction and there was a rousing Raise the Paddle, both led by chair, Sue Buske. The successful event raised more than \$20,000, which will augment other donations to MC for 2023-24 grants.

**Mark your calendars and join us!**

***Brava!** Wednesday April 24, 2024*

**&**

***CABARET!** Thursday May 16, 2024*

### Gendler Grants

Now in its fourth year, the Gendler Grants Program awards grants to Seattle area public schools with underserved and diverse student populations, K-12. Made possible by a generous bequest from founding Music Counts! member Natalie Gendler, these grants support significant and durable improvements, such as an upgraded music library, performance risers, instrument lockers, and new instruments. To date, the Foundation has given 11 grants totaling \$209,762 through the Gendler Program. Grant recipients in 2023-2024 were three elementary schools: Christa

McAuliffe Elementary of the Lake Washington School District, Kimball Elementary of the Seattle Public Schools, and Oak Heights Elementary of the Edmonds School District; and one middle school, Whitman Middle School of the Seattle Public Schools. The enthusiastic and grateful responses speak of the new life this support has brought into recipient music programs and of the joy experienced by the students. Natalie would be proud.

### Holiday Charity

Trustees of WUC Foundation and Liz Day, our 2022 Holiday Charity chair, were able to present to representatives of the Seattle Police Foundation a check for \$18,500 for their “Beds for Kids” program. Thanks to so many generous donors, SPF has been able to deliver 74 complete bed set-ups this year for children in need of a bed to call their own.

### Ellen Stewart Blom Memorial Lecture

At the final event of this multi-year complementary public lecture series, acclaimed novelist Elizabeth George shared her knowledge of the art and craft of writing a novel on the evening of October 21, 2022.



*Cabaret! Guest Speaker, Mark Edgbert*

# DONOR RECOGNITION 2022—2023

WITH GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO HELPED SUPPORT THE WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB FOUNDATION

## Music Counts Fund

Marie Anderson  
- *In Honor of Judy Ramey*  
Linda J Baker  
- *In Honor of Karen Larson*  
Kathryn M Battuello  
Barbara Beatty  
Marge Boothe  
Susan Buske  
Diana K Carey  
Loveday Conquest  
Margaret Crosby  
Elizabeth Day  
Cynthia Dillard  
Patricia Dubrow  
Lynn Elmore  
Ruth Ferris  
Margaret Fine  
Sharon Gillaspie  
Eleanor & Arye Gittelman  
Susan Haas  
Ruth Hansing  
Marilyn Hanson  
Gail L Hawley  
Marilyn Heinemann  
Carol Herrick  
Honoré Hillman  
Laurie Hornor  
Mary Hutchison  
Anne Janes-Waller  
Linda Jack  
Gail Jonas  
Kitsap Community  
Foundation  
Bob Kremers  
Sue Lantz  
Carol Lawson  
Gail Layman  
Barbara Martyn  
Sally McCray  
Liz Mirante  
Marilyn Nemerever  
Susan Norton  
Judith Ostrow  
Lailla Petersen  
Hilde Pfurtscheller  
- *Endowment Fund*  
Sandra Piscitello  
Judy Ramey  
Dorrit M Saviers  
Katherine Schubert  
Sharon Scribante  
Karen O Smith  
Rhonda Staton

Dave Topping  
Judith Waring  
Margaret Way  
Mary Willy  
Jean Withers  
Sue Yang  
Lisa Yost  
**Holiday Charity**  
Deborah Abdallah  
Anne Affleck  
Jane Baldock  
Patricia Barrington  
Carol Batchelder  
Barbara Beatty  
Diane Beck  
Judith Beto  
Sherilyn Bloch  
Marge Boothe  
Leslie Bourgoin  
Candace Bretschneider  
Kay Browne  
Susan Buske  
Diana K Carey  
Carol Lawson  
Carole Carroll  
Loveday Conquest

Jeanne Crow  
Wendy Cullen  
Elizabeth Day  
- *In Honor of Judy Ramey*  
Kathie Deviny  
Joan Devries  
Peggy Dorse  
Kathleen Dow  
Patricia Dubrow  
Lori Dugdale  
Ruth-Ellen Elliott  
Carol Ellis  
Lynn Elmore  
Nancy English  
Lyn Fenton  
Kristin Ferguson  
Ruth Ferris  
Virginia Follett  
Sharon Gillaspie  
Judy Gowdy  
Patricia Graybeal-Miller  
Lila Greengard  
Susan Haas  
Suzanne Hammel  
Nancy Hansen  
Marilyn Hanson  
Gail L Hawley  
Marilyn Heinemann

Corinne Hill  
Ruby A Hoon  
Laurie Hornor  
Sophie Hume  
Mary Hutchison  
Linda Jackman  
Mary F Jacobs  
Julia Jaspen  
Gail Jonas  
Helen M Jones  
Margaret Kates  
Judy Kettlewell  
Susan Kinoshita  
Carolyn G Koehler  
Sue Kron  
Katherine Kummerow  
Mary Lou Lapierre  
Karen Larson  
Kim D Larson  
Anita Lewis  
Barbara Mandula  
Barbara Martyn  
Joan Matheson  
Rosemary McCauley  
Bonita Miller  
Millicent Miller  
Martina K Newhook  
Patricia Nord  
Pearl Noreen  
Susan Norton  
Karen O'Brien  
Nancy Osborn  
Judith Ostrow  
Carol Ottenberg  
Linda Ottmar  
Bertha Perry  
Irene Peters  
Lailla Petersen  
Hilde Pfurtscheller  
- *Endowment Fund*  
Leilani Phillips  
Sandra Piscitello  
Judy Ramey  
Shelly Reiss  
Philinda Robinson  
Carolyn Roe  
Gregory Rossoff  
Sharon Rutberg  
Frances Scheidel  
Sue Sherwood  
Marcia Sill  
Karen O Smith  
Rhonda Staton  
Cathy Stegman

Marcie C Stone  
Lea Sund  
Marguerite Tewes  
Marilyn Tracey  
Patti Weber  
Didina A Wells  
Jackie Wilkinson  
Mary Willy  
Jean Withers  
Doris Wong-Estridge  
Sue Yang  
Dabney Youtz

## Historic Preservation Fund

Anonymous  
Judith Beto  
Gail L Hawley  
Kitsap Community  
Foundation  
Isa Nelson  
Karen O Smith  
Miriam Sutermeister

## Scholarship Awards

Diana K Carey  
Margaret Crosby  
Leslie Grace  
Stacey Jackson  
Sally Jewell  
Katherine Kummerow  
Bonita Miller  
Pela Terry  
Doris Wong-Estridge  
Sue Yang

## Unrestricted Fund

Linda J Baker  
Gail L Hawley  
David Kaatz  
- *In Memory of Carl Beckley*  
Janiece Mondale  
Karen O'Brien  
Patricia Wagner

Thank You  
for over 6200  
volunteer  
hours from  
more than  
50 volunteers



# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

## WUC FOUNDATION 2023 HOLIDAY CHARITY

For our 2023 Holiday Charity, the Women's University Club's Foundation has selected Safe Crossings Foundation, an organization that funds services for grieving children throughout the Puget Sound area. In the State of Washington, one in eight children, teens, and young adults will lose a parent or sibling before they turn 25. For more than 30 years, Safe Crossings Foundation has enabled more than 36,000 grieving children to safely navigate loss, rediscover their joy, and emerge as emotionally healthy and resilient members of their families and communities.

Programs include: Camp Erin, a weekend-long camp for children and teens; home visits; telehealth; one-on-one counseling for children before and after the death of a loved one; crisis response to schools after a sudden death of a member of the school community; and traumatic loss support groups for teens who have had a loved one die suddenly due to homicide, suicide, or drug overdoses.



Safe Crossings addresses a vital need in the community, especially for low-income families. All services are free. Contributions fund the work of the counselors who support grieving children as well as the educational and training programs for educators and other professionals who are supporting a family facing the loss of a parent or child.

Chairing this year's WUCF Holiday Charity is Margaret "Mimi" Stanley, a community volunteer and WUC member, who nominated Safe Crossings earlier this year during the selection process. Donations can be made to the WUC Foundation for Safe Crossings until December 31, 2023. Your participation will help bring comfort and healing to the lives of grieving children in our community.

For more information or to gain access to grief resources:  
Visit: [www.safecrossingsfoundation.org](http://www.safecrossingsfoundation.org).  
Email: [info@safecrossingsfoundation.org](mailto:info@safecrossingsfoundation.org),  
Call: 206-652-4723

### CONGRATULATIONS !

Welcome Our New WUCF Trustees

**Trish Early**, Executive Secretary

**Irene Greve**, Community Education & Outreach Council

**Sue Yang**, Scholarship Awards Council



**We Laugh — We Learn — We Lead — We Care**