

The Hazel Miller Foundation's first round of 2023 grants supports organizations doing good in Edmonds and South Snohomish County

Nearly \$200,000 across 13 organizations to serve local citizens

EDMONDS, Washington, April 18, 2023 - In its first grant cycle of the year, the Hazel Miller Foundation Board awarded nearly \$200,000 to a diverse range of organizations in South Snohomish County, including **Foundation for Edmonds School District, Girls on the Run, Leadership Launch, Lynnwood Food Bank, and Project Girls Mentoring**. The Board took great care to distribute funds across its core focus areas: education and youth, poverty alleviation and hunger, civil and community services, the environment, culture and the arts, and diversity.

“While it is certainly an honor to be able to support these wonderful organizations, the individuals who run the programs are the true heroes,” said Vice Board Chair Shannon Burley, who chaired the grant meeting.

“It is a blessing to be able to participate in a community that cares so deeply and is committed to ensuring everyone has an opportunity to thrive. On behalf of the Hazel Miller Foundation, thank you to the incredible organizations doing the work.”

The Hazel Miller Foundation continues its support and gratitude for the place Hazel loved so dearly by funding the following 13 organizations doing important work in the Edmonds and South Snohomish County community:

Foundation for Edmonds School District develops funding and programs for children and families in the Edmonds School District to achieve educational excellence. They received a \$12,500 grant from the Hazel Miller Foundation to host their Student Leadership Conference.

Girls on the Run, built to inspire girls and gender-expansive youth to be healthy, joyful, and confident using a fun curriculum that includes running, received a \$17,500 grant to cover the cost of scholarships.

Edmonds College Foundation's primary focus is to ensure students have access to the support they need to succeed. The Hazel Miller Foundation renewed its annual grant of \$25,000 to cover educational activities like tuition and fees, the cost of books, student success programs, and other related costs of school attendance.

EWHS Music Boosters Club was granted \$7,500 to support the EWHS Jazz Colony, a summer camp experience for students passionate about growing their talents as jazz musicians. Funds will be utilized to hire professional and student Jazz clinicians, purchase music books, t-shirts, ensemble equipment, and other materials related to the teaching and playing of Jazz.

Leadership Launch's mission is to empower, equip, and engage student leadership from a place of equity. The Hazel Miller Foundation granted the organization \$5,250 to support its 2023 Launch Project, a thirty-week curriculum that puts young leaders at the helm of project execution, coordinating speakers they've met through networking, fundraising, creating agendas, managing volunteers, scouting locations, and more.

Concern for Neighbors Food Bank has been collecting and distributing food to low-income families in South Snohomish County since 1971. The Hazel Miller Foundation's \$15,000 grant supports South Snohomish County's drastic rise in need for food donations.

Edmonds Food Bank was granted \$17,500 to support the expected increase in food bank guests for the coming year. Previous grants from The Hazel Miller Foundation have gone toward requests to serve fresh dairy, non-dairy equivalents, eggs, and proteins to the Edmonds community.

Homage Senior Services promotes independence, preserves dignity, and enhances the lives of older adults. The \$5,000 grant from The Hazel Miller Foundation will go toward its Homage Senior Meals program.

Lynnwood Food Bank was granted \$17,500 to purchase food for residents of Lynnwood and South Snohomish County. The organization's Focus on Nutrition program has provided increased healthy foods, cultural foods, cultural programs, and educational programs to the community.

The Jean Kim Foundation provides educational opportunities, basic needs, shelter, and social service programs for those who are experiencing houselessness. The \$25,000 grant from The Hazel Miller Foundation supports the Lynnwood Hygiene Center, where people experiencing houselessness are provided a space to shower safely and privately, and are given access to laundry services, food, clothing, medical care, and other community support services.

Skyhawks Rise, the non-profit arm of the Skyhawk Sports Academy, committed to ensuring all children have equitable access to sports opportunities, was granted \$6,075. Funds buoy the organization's Summer Multi-Sport Camp in South Snohomish County, which operates from June-August, 2023.

Leadership Snohomish County offers leadership training courses, at a low cost, to help those in the Snohomish County community. The \$10,000 granted by The Hazel Miller Foundation will bolster the organization's Leadership for Racial Equity program and its seventh annual Step Up Conference.

Project Girls Mentoring's \$15,000 grant will support the organization's 28-week program, The Immersion Academy, which introduces up to 150 girls of color in the Edmonds and Lynnwood areas to holistic health and wellness, building emotional resilience in mind, body, and spirit.

About The Hazel Miller Foundation

The Hazel Miller Foundation is a private, nonprofit foundation dedicated to the citizens of Edmonds and South Snohomish County, Washington. Our mission is to support programs and projects that serve the public's benefit, especially in the areas of education and youth, poverty alleviation and hunger, civil and community services, the environment, culture and the arts, and diversity in our communities. For more information, go to www.hazelmillerfoundation.org.