

The Hazel Miller Foundation's second round of 2023 grants supports 15 local organizations making a difference in Edmonds and South Snohomish County

More than \$150,000 awarded to organizations serving our community

EDMONDS, Washington, June 6, 2023 - Continuing their strong year of giving back to organizations making a difference in South Snohomish County, the Hazel Miller Foundation Board awarded more than \$150,000 to a diverse range of organizations in May, including **Edmonds Food Bank, Clothes for Kids, Art for All**, and the **Washington West Africa Center**. The Board intentionally distributed 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.

“It gives us so much pride to support organizations that are changing lives throughout South Snohomish County,” said Board Chair Diana White. “We feel very fortunate to have these resources in our community and are grateful to all of the grant recipients—and their dedicated employees and volunteers—for the work they do day in and day out.”

The Hazel Miller Foundation continues its support and gratitude for the place Hazel loved so dearly by funding the following 15 organizations serving our city and county:

Ballyhoo Theatre is committed to enriching, educating, and entertaining the Edmonds community through its theatre productions and arts education classes for children and young adults—all provided in a safe and inclusive environment. They received a \$5,000 grant from the Hazel Miller Foundation to fund student scholarships for theatre education.

Edmonds Food Bank, which strives to eradicate food insecurity in the Edmonds community, received a \$5,000 grant from the Hazel Miller Foundation to provide its customers with fresh eggs and fresh dairy products this year.

Harvest Against Hunger partners with farmers, truckers, volunteers, and other professionals to divert food waste, increase the amount of healthy produce available to those in need and boost hunger relief efforts throughout Washington and beyond. They received a \$3,000 grant to continue their critically-important work.

Clothes for Kids was granted \$15,000 to help fund personalized wardrobes for students and families in need in the Edmonds School District. With support from the Hazel Miller Foundation, Clothes for Kids can continue nurturing self-esteem and enhancing the learning and social experiences of children and parents in the Edmonds community.

Cocoon House's mission is to empower young people, families, and the community to break the cycle of homelessness through outreach, housing, and prevention. The organization is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Hazel Miller Foundation, a gift that will support its outreach and case management services.

Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation was awarded \$10,656 to help fund its Car Camp, a program that provides individuals who are experiencing homelessness and sleeping in their cars with a safe space to spend the night. Car Camp is one of the many social justice initiatives the church supports.

Washington Kids in Transition, which serves students and families in both the Edmonds and Everett school districts, received two grants this month: a \$15,000 gift to purchase and distribute diapers to families, plus an additional \$5,000 to equip students experiencing homelessness with the school supplies they need to be ready to learn each day. Washington Kids in Transition works with community partners and school social workers to provide fast and impactful assistance to students and families.

YWCA of Greater Seattle seeks to eliminate racism and empower women by championing racial and gender equity initiatives community-wide. Their \$10,000 grant from the Hazel Miller Foundation will go toward Pathways for Women, an emergency shelter that, for more than two decades, has provided safe housing and resources for single women and their children who are experiencing homelessness in Snohomish County.

Edmonds Chamber Foundation was granted \$25,000 to help fund several events throughout the year, including An Edmonds Kind of 4th, the Christmas tree lighting ceremony, the Classic Car Show, and Halloween festivities. By providing financial support for cultural events, business needs, and workforce development, the Edmonds Chamber Foundation plays an important role for residents and visitors alike.

Edmonds Parks, Recreation, and Human Services provides more than just parks and open spaces—the department also offers recreation programs and cultural arts events enjoyed by people of all ages. The \$7,000 grant from the Hazel Miller Foundation will make the city’s summer day camp more affordable for more families through a scholarship program.

Participatory Justice is a media justice and networking group that provides peer support to people facing criminal charges, detention, incarceration, or child welfare involvement. The organization also assists in creating materials that humanize individuals in the court process, and their \$10,000 grant will support this work via a Social Biography Media Bootcamp.

Art For All is an Edmonds-based organization that empowers people with disabilities to both create and exhibit their art in the greater Puget Sound area. The \$4,670 granted by the Hazel Miller Foundation will fund exhibit equipment to make artists’ dreams a reality.

Seattle Shakespeare Company’s \$3,000 grant will support their free, outdoor productions of classical plays performed in parks throughout the Puget Sound region. This summer’s production is Shakespeare’s “The Tempest,” which theatre lovers can catch onstage from July 6 through Aug. 6.

Asian Service Center was awarded \$10,000 from the Hazel Miller Foundation to continue providing services and advocacies to Asian and other underserved communities in greater Snohomish County. The organization’s services are always free and are designed to help individuals succeed in school, work, and life.

Washington West Africa Center received a \$20,000 grant to support its West African Community Market, one of the many ways it lives its bold mission of connecting West Africans in the state with local resources, promoting West African culture, and helping individuals hone their talents to discover their potential.

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.