

YWCA Children and Youth Program – YWCA

This program provides therapy and counseling to children and teens that have been in violent homes. It offers curriculum-based activities that involve arts and play to address the impact of violence and minimize the trauma caused on these children. Last year, the program served 207 children, half of which came from YWCA's support shelter. COVID provided huge obstacles as it could not serve kids face to face. Nonetheless, the staff continues to bring projects and supplies to the shelter every week and offer on-line story hour and box meals.

Break Bag Program–Emergency Food Network

EFN's Break Bag Program provides 6000 bags to families yearly. Half of the bags go to Tacoma Public Schools, through their partnership with St. Leo's Food Connection Program and the other half are distributed through Clover Park Schools. 100% of the \$5,000 requested will provide 609 bags will be used for TPS. The Break Bags provide supplemental, easy to prep and kid-friendly and nutritious food -- such as mac & cheese, rice, canned soup, and potatoes for a family of four. They are provided during School break times - Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring. The bags will be distributed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Healthcare for the Underserved – Neighborhood Clinic

This is a free urgent care clinic located in downtown Tacoma with a goal of never turning away a patient in need. It provides primary care, immunization, laboratory testing and x-ray at no cost to the most vulnerable patients. The clinic saw 1,144 patient visits in 2019 and 865 patient visits through September 2020, all without insurance. They do all this work with 3 part-time employees and 126 active volunteers from the medical community. Over 60% of their patients do not speak English as their primary language.

Hilltop Scholars – Peace Community Center

The Hilltop Scholars fills a crucial stage of local student development. Beginning in the 6th grade and working through college graduation, they focus on mathematics, graduation and life skills, including financial aid. Their academic coaching during these virtual times give not only classroom support but emotional support and social connection. They were able to pivot to virtual programming ensuring their scholars are receiving consistent guidance and care during the pandemic and beyond.

Act 6 Tacoma - Degrees of Change

The goal of this program is to grow local diverse leaders through meaningful leadership training and development. This is the off shoot of the Northwest leadership Foundation. The program target 1st generation and minority students.

Empowering Tacoma Children through Mentorship - Friends of the Children

This is a new program in Tacoma although has been in existence for 27 years nationwide. The goal of the program is to provide paid mentors to children between age 4-8 who are impoverished and at risk for going into the foster care system. Referrals to this program come from DSHS and the Tacoma Schools.

Nutritious Food Procurement Program - Nourish Pierce County

Food Procurement Program Nourish is the largest food bank in Pierce County. They wanted to use the funding from Rotary 8 to increase food staples to children (who make up 32% of the population in need of food) like peanut butter, mac and cheese, canned vegetables etc.

Keeping Our Blood Supply Safe - Cascade Regional Blood

The blood bank requested finding to purchase a Heat Sealer that is critical to making the process of blood safety critical. It seals segments so that the hospital testing is more efficient and safer.

Youth Leading Change - Safe Streets

This is a student led approach to helping youth who need extra assistance to becoming successful in school and after. They work with the Tacoma Schools staff to assure that a holistic approach to the support of the student is on-going.

Nutritional Food Program - Boys & Girls Club of SPS

This is part of the Boys and Girls Club Healthy living program. While the organization has been providing lunch and after school snacks, they now provide dinner 7 days a week including lessons on cooking safely, recipes etc. Due to the pandemic the need has grown.

Emergency Support for Low-income Young Adults - Palmer Scholars

Emergency Support for Tacoma Low-Income Young Adults is a program of Palmer Scholars and is part of their ongoing efforts to meet the many needs of the clients they serve. They have a multi-year commitment to their students to support them as whole individuals including socially and economically. They have been able to maintain success for their students even during the pandemic, with 97% of their students graduating high school and entering post-secondary education, and 96% of their students staying in college through their second year.

Safe Sleep Cribs Program - Northwest Infant Survival & SIDS Alliance

Safe Sleep Cribs Program promotes safe infant sleep by providing education, tools, and portable cribs to low-income families who would otherwise not be able to afford them. Perinatal Collaborative works with local community organizations such as Mary Bridge, TPCHD, Community Health, SeaMar and several other non-profit organizations to distribute cribs to low-income families. They continued to strive during Covid by offering virtual classes to prospective parents and providing almost 100 cribs in 2020. A grant from Rotary 8 would allow Perinatal to purchase 50 portable, safety-approved cribs

Financial Counseling Program Expansion - Homeownership Center Northwest

Housed in the heart of the Hilltop community, Homeownership Center Northwest is helping families - 50-percent of which are single parent women of color - to not only achieve the dream of home ownership but get a handle on their personal finances and responsibilities. Clients of HCN learn to examine their finances, prepare budgets, improve their credit scores, and fully understand the responsibility of owning a home. This program is helping to stabilize the community as the need for financial counseling extends far beyond owning a home. The program also makes people eligible for rental contracts which can be challenging as well.

Uncompensated Care Fund - Lindquist Dental Clinic

Lindquist Dental Clinic provides dental care for children ages 0 through 20 years regardless of their family's socio-economic status. Many of their patients are uninsured, underinsured or simply cannot afford the co-pays of their insurance. Lindquist Dental Clinic provided \$236,000 of uncompensated care in 2020. 94% of the Clinics patients are low income. Each patient's average cost is \$119.00. No child is turned away because of an inability to pay.

Pierce County Mentoring - Big Brothers Big Sisters

The program provides volunteer trained mentors to children who need a caring adult's guidance. Each child is matched with a mentor who has been vetted by background checks, interviews, and professional/personal references. The main goal is for the mentor is to guide the child so they can take the future into their own hands. During Covid, Big Brothers, Big Sisters is offering virtual mentoring and new supports so our mentors and youth can still build relationship, work on goals and stay connected while staying at home.

Greentrike Cares – Greentrike

Greentrike Care Kits are created and distributed to children and families in homeless and domestic violence shelters, foster families and more. The purpose is to help promote emotional wellness in creative and constructive learning methods. The therapy kits infuse the early learning focus on expression, scientific inquiry, nurturing adult/child relationships and infuse joyful exploration into these children's experiences. Play is widely recognized as a remedy for helping children deal with toxic stress and as a tool to strengthen attachment between children and adults. In 2021, Greentrike will distribute approximately 6,000 of these kits, and there is a waiting list for others to receive them.

Scholarship for low income - ARK Institute of Learning

The ARK Scholarship program targets low-income youth struggling with learning disorders and who are unsuccessful in school. The program targets student with financial needs as 1 in 3 receives some level of scholarship. The scholarship recipients are awarded one evaluation and 12 instructional sessions which may be supplemented with an additional 12 instructional sessions.

Large Grant

Neighborhood Clinic

The Healthcare for the Underserved program at the Neighborhood Clinic is a free urgent care clinic located in downtown Tacoma with a goal of never turning away a patient in need. Open Monday and Thursdays, they provide primary care, immunization, laboratory testing and x-ray at no cost to the most vulnerable patients. In addition, they have social workers who link patients to other basic needs such as, food insecurity, housing, clothing, domestic violence and sexual assault and immigration help. Neighborhood Clinic saw 1,144 patient visits in 2019 and 865 patient visits through September 2020, all without insurance. They do all this work with 3 part-time employees and 126 active volunteers contributing 3,773 hours in 2019 throughout the medical community. They partner with Pierce County Project Access, Trinity Neighborhood Clinic, Washington Healthcare Access Alliance, CHI, MultiCare and Walgreens to name a few. All their funding comes from private foundations, individuals and faith groups. Outreach is conducted through the Hilltop schools where many of the parents of children are not covered for their medical needs. The program provides services to patients speaking 31 languages with over 60% of their patients not speaking English as their primary language.