



## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Life has been busy here at the Renton Community Foundation. We have added many new funds and services meant to build a stronger philanthropic community in Renton. We launched a redesigned website offering more information on Foundation programs and have added links to our fund-holders. We helped develop the grant materials for the new First Financial Northwest Foundation Fund and a Fiscal Sponsorship policy to help manage those groups who operate under RCF's tax umbrella. We launched our Site Visit Program, visiting and learning about 17 charities in our area and held two Parties with a Purpose, raising money for our general fund and introducing many new people to the Foundation. We also moved our offices to the Renton Technical College campus. Lastly, we distributed thousands of dollars back to the community to support a wide variety of worthwhile causes and offered our expertise to several other non-profits in the areas of board development and fundraising.

~ Lynn Bohart

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### 2008 Grant Highlights

*The Renton Community Foundation distributed more than \$289,000 in 2008 to support a variety of worthwhile programs in the greater Renton area. The following partial list does not include the additional \$41,000 distributed through the Circle of Giving Program.*

**Budkis Fund** - \$15,802 to support seniors faced with emergency pet care needs throughout the Puget Sound area.

**First Financial NW Foundation** - \$10,000 to support people most in need with a grant to the Renton Rotary Salvation Army Food Bank.

**Renton High School Excellence in Education** - \$32,022 to pay for the annual senior barbeque and fund a host of mini-grants and other special projects aimed at supporting students at Renton High School.

**Randy Rockhill Student Instrumental Music Fund** - \$1000 to Allied Arts to provide support to local low-income music students.



## A NEIGHBORHOOD JEWEL

Thanks to a \$75,000 grant from the Charles L. Custer Parks Fund, Burnett Linear Park was renovated in 2008. Renovations included a ten foot wide walkway installed through the length of the park. It now connects to the walkway on the park block to the north. A small plaza with benches was created on the south end with the relocated EQUUS sculpture installed there as a focal point. Several large trees were removed to provide more light. With new landscaping, irrigation throughout the park and several picnic tables, Burnett Park is a jewel in the south downtown neighborhood.

## TAKING YOUR DONATIONS SERIOUSLY

The Renton Community Foundation (RCF) is committed to investing donor's money wisely. Therefore, RCF developed a comprehensive site visit program in 2008. This included creating evaluation forms, establishing priorities and clarifying how site visits would take place. In preparation for the Circle of Giving Grant Program, the committee conducted sixteen site visits between September and December, learning a great deal about how our community comes together to serve those less fortunate. As a result, RCF can not only state with confidence that donors' gifts are working in the way they intended, we can provide donors with information to help make informed decisions when they're considering a donation. This is just one more way in which RCF is working to serve our community.

## NEW FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

*Several new funds were established in 2008 will support non-profit charities located within the City of Renton.*

**FIRST SAVINGS BANK OF RENTON ENDOWMENT FUND** - Will consider grant applications of less than \$10,000 from non-profit charities located within Renton beginning in 2010 or 2011.

**FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST FOUNDATION FUND** - Supports charitable causes serving King, Snohomish and Pierce counties with grants of \$10,000 or more.

**RENTON RIVERS DAYS FUND** - Accepts donations to support educational and/or cultural programs held during Renton River Days.

**CUGINI FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND** - Will provide support to a variety of community organizations and causes in the greater Renton area.

**SUE CARLSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - Established to provide scholarship to entrepreneurial young women graduating from a Renton high school.

**RUDOLPH BUNDAS MEMORIAL FUND** - Established by the Puget Sound Group of Northwest Painters to provide arts scholarships and support for artistic excellence

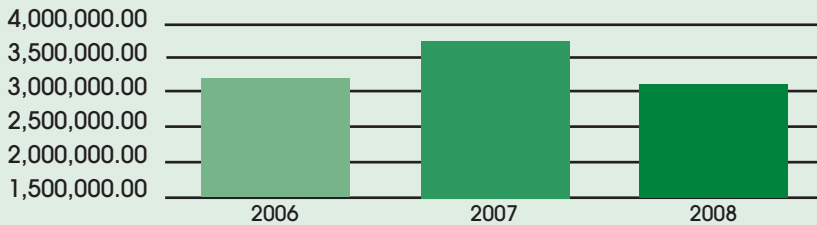
## CIRCLE OF GIVING

The Circle of Giving was conceived as a way to bring attention to the fine work of the Renton Community Foundation. Since its inception in 2000, the Circle of Giving has granted more than \$200,000 to the community, benefiting a broad array of community needs.

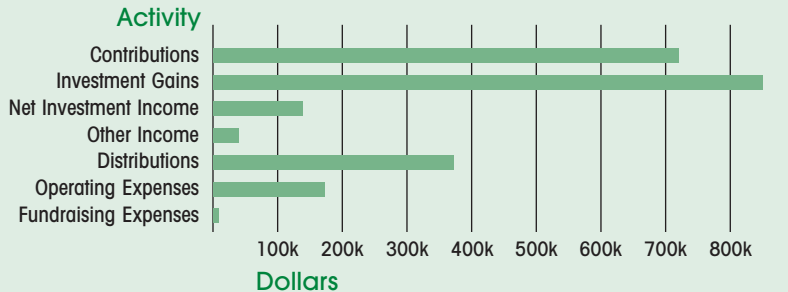
## 2008 CIRCLE OF GIVING GRANTS - \$41,000

Allied Arts of Renton	Renton Area Youth & Family Services	Renton School District:
A.R.I.S.E.	Renton Clothes Bank	Benson Hill Elementary
C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation	Renton Community Foundation/General Fund	Dimmitt Middle School
Community Services, City of Renton	Renton Rotary Salvation Army Food Bank	Kennydale Elementary
Communities In Schools of Renton	Renton Technical College Foundation	Lakeridge Elementary
Evergreen City Ballet	Skyway/Renton Boys & Girls Club	Lindbergh High School
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center	Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Renton	McKnight Middle School
Lake Heights Family YMCA/Coal Creek	Way Back Inn	Nelsen Middle School
Renton Annual Art Show		Renton High School
		Renton Park Elementary
		Sartori Ed. Center
		Sierra Heights Elementary
		Talbot Hill Elementary

## Total Assets 2008



## Fund Activity 2008



## 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

King Parker, <i>President</i>	Becky Nickels, <i>Secretary</i>		
Dr. Dolores Gibbons, <i>Vice-President</i>	Lynn Bohart, FAHP, <i>Executive Director</i>		
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## 2008 CIRCLE OF GIVING

### Members

(Gifts of \$1,000 or more)

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### Donors

(Gifts of less than \$1,000)

Lynn Bohart  
 Rich & Becky Nickels  
 Jay & Sharee Covington  
 Doug Head/Edward Jones  
 Jeanette Kelley  
 Lee & Merna Wheeler

### Matching Gifts

The Boeing Company  
 Medtronic Emergency Response Systems  
 U.S. Bank



Above, President, Dr. Dolores Gibbons, presents Circle of Giving grant to Salvation Army of Renton.

Below, Dr. Dolores Gibbons presents a Circle of Giving grant to Renton Technical College Foundation.



Connecting donors to the causes they care about most.