“Over the more than 10 years that I’ve been involved with the Renton Regional Community Foundation, I have become more and more convinced that this is a pivotal part of the community in which we live. Though the Foundation flies beneath the radar of many, there are such important and wonderful things happening within its framework. I could go on and on about the many facets of the Foundation's work, and the great benefit it is to so many. Seeing it from the inside, as a committee member, as a board member, and as an Executive board member, means I am convinced of its value.”

-Judi Schafer
Thank you for your partnership

We are happy to share our 2019 Community Report with you. “Community” is obviously what the Renton Regional Community Foundation is about – investing in efforts that help everyone in our region thrive and feel like they belong.

In 2019 we put $853,000 to work, supporting organizations addressing education, housing security, safety, and so much more. This is 19% more than we granted in 2018. In addition, we welcomed four new funds, honored eight leaders in our community, and provided scholarships to 31 students as they embarked on their educational journeys.

All of this was possible because of our expanding circle of donors who share our belief that great things happen when we come together for the common good.

We hope you are proud of what we have been able to do together.

Thank you for your partnership!

In community,

LeAnne Moss  Damien Pattenaude
Executive Director  Board President

We held a special gratitude lunch for supporters during Philanthropy Week in November.
Since 1999, Renton Regional Community Foundation has been offering a way for people to help make our community’s quality of life – and our future – better for everyone. RRCF serves not only as a place for donors to collaborate and make a difference, but as a beacon of light for the hundreds of non-profit organizations in our region as they strive to affect positive change.

Our work consists of four areas:

**Donor Resource**
We work with community citizens to establish funds so they can link their values to community need.

**Funding Resource**
Through the partnership with our fund advisors, we distribute money to a variety of organizations and causes, from education, to health services, to youth programs and general community outreach. In our history, we’ve distributed nearly $7 million in our region.

**Non-profit resource**
We provide information and services to local non-profits, including helping emerging groups to get started. For example, we have been the fiscal umbrella for Renton Schools Foundation for ten years.

**Community Resource**
We play a role of connector and convener in a variety of ways. We link corporate and other partners with non-profits who need volunteers, and we have also begun convening educational sessions on community issues such as family homelessness.

**We do this work because we know that great things happen when people come together for the common good.**
Grants

A little help goes a long way. Grants from our funds plus our Community Benefit Fund (our general discretionary fund), ranged from $200 to more than $20,000. The beauty of a community foundation is that we are like a tapestry – the organizations on the ground strengthen our region through their unique services and advocacy efforts.

One of those groups is Centro Rendu, a program of St. Vincent de Paul.

In 2019, RRCF was able to link advisors of the Eda and Teresa Pozzobon Fund with Centro Rendu, which serves our area’s Latino community. Founded in 2013, Centro Rendu protects, supports, and defends Latino immigrant families through education, social services, legal advocacy, and leadership development that empowers and strengthens healthier communities and future generations.

RRCF knew that the Pozzobon Fund was interested in supporting organizations in the Renton area working with immigrants who are learning English and getting citizen status. Centro Rendu plays that role and so much more. Their other culturally responsive, accessible programs include counseling, legal services, and outreach such as home visitation support.

According to the US Census Bureau (2015 ACS), 34.8% of Renton citizens speak a non-English language, which is higher than the national average of 21.5%. The most common non-English language spoken in Renton was Spanish or Spanish Creole; 9.17% of the overall population of Renton are native Spanish or Spanish Creole speakers.

Latino families are disproportionately impacted by homelessness, housing instability, and substandard overcrowded housing. And while this report is about 2019, we are writing this in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic where Latino communities have the second highest rate of COVID-19 (source: King County government).

Organizations like Centro Rendu are needed now more than ever, and we are happy that we could connect them with the Eda and Teresa Pozzobon Fund to support their work. To learn more, visit their website at svdpseattle.org/get-help/centro-rendu/
Grants from Other Funds

Other organizations receiving funding in 2019 were:

- City of Renton Housing Repair Program
- Rainier Veterinary Hospital
- REST (Real Escape from Sex Trafficking)
- Afford a Vet
- Allied Arts
- ARISE
- Banfield Pet Clinic
- Belltowne Veterinary Center
- Ben’s Fund
- BEST (Businesses Ending Slavery and Trafficking)
- Birthday Dreams
- Bryn Mawr Elementary
- Buckley Veterinary Hospital
- Cedar River Animal Hospital
- Centro de Rendu
- Communities in Schools Renton
- Companion Veterinary Hospital
- DADS
- Eastside Veterinary for Microchip services
- Encompass
- Hadlock Veterinary Clinic
- Horsecart Small Animal Hospital
- Key to Change
- Lien Animal Clinic
- Lindbergh HS
- Luther’s Table
- Mercer Island United Methodist Church
- Mother Africa
- Music Aid NW
- NAACP
- Pet Doctor
- Philanthropy Northwest (for Census Pooled Fund)
- REACH - Center of Hope
- Renton Annual Art Show
- Renton Area Youth and Family Services (RAYS)
- Renton Art Show
- Renton History Museum
- Renton Innovation Zone Partnership
- Renton Kiwanis Clothing Bank
- Renton School District: MYoN; teacher grants, STEM, and Robotics
- Renton Schools Foundation
- RTC Foundation
- Salvation Army
- Seattle Urban Academy
- Second Chance Ranch
- Snoqualmie Ridge Veterinary Hospital
- South Bay Veterinary Hospital
- St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church - Across the Street afterschool program.
- Ubumwe Women’s Association
- Union Gospel Mission
- Vine Maple Place
- Vision House
- WA Wind Symphony
- Wayback Inn
- Wellspring Family Services
Funds

2019 New Funds

We were pleased to welcome four new funds into the RRCF family in 2019.

**Fiscal Sponsorship:**
EmpowerWOC (Women of Color): creates spaces and tools for women of color to live their lives to their fullest potential.

Renton LGBTQ+ Community: builds a strong inclusive sense of belonging, empowering members to promote positive change in our communities, combating prejudice and discrimination, and providing support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and similarly-identified people.

**Agency Fund:**
Key to Change Empowering Youth For Change Fund: supports Key to Change, which offers world-class music instruction below the market rate and extends the benefits of a classical music education to a new generation of young musicians. This fund goes directly towards scholarships, an instrument library, and resources to help build the program’s capacity.

**Designated Fund:**
Renton Innovation Zone Partnership (RIZP) Innovation Fund: supports grassroots projects in the Skyway-West Hill and Renton Sunset-Highlands neighborhoods. These projects will work to improve academic outcomes by supporting students and families.

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**Our Funds**

**Community Benefit Fund** – A general community support fund managed by the RRCF Board. In 2019 we supported the Philanthropy Northwest Pooled Census Fund, Mother Africa, and Rwandan Women’s Association.

**Circle of Giving** – A circle of community members who pool their resources to make grants to local non-profit organizations. In 2019, 20 donors contributed $23K towards this granting pool.

**Harper Employee Giving Fund** – Harper Engineering provides an opportunity for their employees to decide on where the company invests its philanthropic dollars at the end of every year. We are happy to provide them with information on organizations and administrative support.
Donor Advised Funds
• Aaron Adair Memorial Fund
• Bergquist Family Fund
• Richard Baima Bisiack Fund
• Sam Chastain Scholarship Fund.
• Cugini Family Fund
• Charles L. Custer Renton Historical Society Fund
• Charles L Custer Renton Park Department Memorial Fund
• Beth Donofrio Memorial Endowment Fund
• Dolores Gibbons Scholarship Fund
• First Savings Bank of Renton Fund
• First Financial Northwest Foundation Fund
• Jeremy Gidlund Memorial Scholarship Fund
• John and Petra Hansen Fund
• Harper Engineering Children’s Need Fund
• Harper Employee Fund
• Andee Jorgensen Fund
• Kohlhes College Scholarship Fund
• Maxwell Fund for Youth and Families
• Medzegian Family Philanthropic Fund
• Paul Padgett Fund
• Parker Family Memorial Fund
• Joy Poff Fund for Education & Families
• Eda and Teresa P佐佐宝基金
• Randall Rockhill Student Instrumental Music Fund
• Reeder Family Fund
• Renton Senior Center Fund
• Renton Schools Graduate and Educator Fund
• Searing Family Endowment Fund
• Wallace Family Scholarship Fund
• Roger & Marlene Winter Fund

Fiscal Sponsorship Funds
• Empower WOC Fund
• The Next Curve Fund – ended in 2019
• Renton LGBTQIA+ Community
• Renton Schools Foundation Fund
• RUFF Fund (Renton’s Unleashed Furry Friends
• Sister Cities Fund

Designated Funds and Field of Interest Funds
• Harry & Janet Blencoe Scholarship Fund
• Budkis Fund
• IKEA Performing Arts Center Fund
• Norma Denzer Cugini Fund
• Renton Innovation Zone Partnership Innovation Fund
• Renton Kiwanis Clothes Bank Fund
• Renton Regional Fire Authority Fund
• Renton Senior Activity Center Fund
• SeaTac Senior Program Fund

Renton Regional Community Foundation Funds
• Betty Jacobsen Memorial Scholarship Fund
• Carl and Betty Rochet Scholarship Fund.
• Sue Carlson Memorial Scholarship Fund
• Helen Dyrdal Memorial Scholarship Fund
• Community Benefit Fund
• Family First Community Center Fund

Agency Funds
• Allied Arts of Renton Fund
• Communities in Schools of Renton-Tukwila Fund
• Key to Change Empowering Youth for Change Fund
• Lindbergh High School Memorial Scholarship Fund
• Puget Sound Group of NW Painters (Rudolph Bundas Memorial Fund)
• Frank Raphael Scholarship Fund
• Renton Area Youth & Family Services Fund
• Renton River Days Fund
• Renton Rotary Foundation Fund
• Renton Rotary Rotacare Fund
• Renton Technical College Foundation Fund
• St. Matthews Lutheran Church Endowment Fund
• Valley Medical Center Fund
• Vision House Fund
Scholarships

In 2019 we were pleased to award scholarships totaling nearly $120,000 to 31 students from around the region. This was the tenth year the Foundation has presented scholarships to youth who show promise not only in academics but in their community. Our 16 scholarship funds make this support possible.

Students who received scholarship awards have plans to become doctors, teachers, artists, social and mental health specialists, and more. All of the award-winners say their life’s work moving forward is to help others live in safe and healthy environments where they can thrive, prosper, raise families and be productive, caring citizens.

“By awarding me the Helen Dyrdal Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of college, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.”

-Mustafa Musa Ahmed Mohamed, Renton Technical College in Computer Network Architecture program.
League of Extraordinary Givers

In 2019 we welcomed eight exceptional community leaders into the League of Extraordinary Givers. These individuals were selected because of their generous contributions of time, talent, and/or treasure to a variety of non-profit organizations and community projects. Former League winners presented the awards. Awards went to:

**Lifetime of Giving Award**
Mij & Chuck Charbonneau, Nancy Monahan, Sonja & Doug Kyes

**Rising Star Award**
Chris Franco

**Public Spirit Award**
Risho Sapano

**Luminary Award**
Betty Nokes Capestany

**Community Legacy Society**
These individuals are partnering with RRCF by designating a gift through their will or some other planned gift to ensure our region has a pipeline of support for future generations. We are truly grateful for their thoughtfulness and visionary leadership.

Peter Aiau and Susan Ormbrek
Harry and Janet Blencoe
Lynn Bohart
Chuck and Mij Charbonneau
Denny and Bernadene Dochnahl
Estate of Helen Dyrdal

Diane M. Figueroa
Douglas and Teri Head
Estate of Betty Jacobsen
Dan and Nancy Kellogg
Dave and Melody Kroeger
Craig and Cathy Landon
Marcie Maxwell

Estate of Iona Muhich
Michael and Valerie O’Halloran
Eda Pozzobon
Sue Scott
Estate of Donald A. Tershin
Chuck and Rondi Tiernan
Roger and Marlene Winter
Statement of Financial Position

*Data reflects 2019 Audited Financial Statements*

**Assets**

Cash and Cash Equivalents ............... $520,710
Prepaid expense ......................... $20,612
Investments ................................ $13,195,094

*Total Assets* ......................... $13,736,416

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable ......................... $7,475
Accrued Liabilities ....................... $16,429
Deferred Revenues ....................... $158,474
Funds held for others .................... $1,256,733

*Total Liabilities* ....................... $1,439,111

**Net Assets**

Without donor restrictions .............. $6,737,587
With donor restrictions .................. $5,559,718

*Total Net Assets* ....................... $12,297,305

Total Liabilities and Net Assets ........ $13,736,416

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**Joined in 2020 to date