

2024 IMPACT REPORT

Our Mission

Jefferson Community Foundation connects diverse people, ideas, and resources to build a future of opportunity for all in Jefferson County.



Dear Friends,

Jefferson Community Foundation (JCF) is a beacon of hope, connection, and possibility for everyone who calls this place home. Whether you've lived here for generations or are just

beginning your journey in our community, JCF is your trusted partner in making a real, lasting difference for our people and our place.

In 2024, more than 1,000 neighbors—donors, fund holders, nonprofits, and peer organizations—joined hands through JCF to tackle urgent local challenges and embrace new opportunities for all. Thanks to this incredible spirit of collaboration, over \$1.72 million in grants fueled vital initiatives, from supporting youth mental health in Chimacum Schools, to empowering the advocacy of Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates, to basic needs like food and clothing for our friends and neighbors who need a bit of extra help in these extraordinary times. These are just a few shining examples of the countywide change made possible by JCF's unique role as the heart and hub of local giving and nonprofit action in Jefferson County. As we look ahead to our 20th anniversary in 2025, we celebrate a remarkable milestone: more than \$10 million in lifetime grantmaking and free services to over 130 Jefferson County nonprofits.

JCF is the gathering place for dedicated changemakers like you, and serves as the backbone of Jefferson County's nonprofit and philanthropic ecosystem. We offer tailored giving programs (including donor advised funds, and planned giving opportunities), expert guidance, and deep local knowledge of organizations and community to help you make your giving more strategic and impactful—whether you want to address today's urgent needs or build a legacy for the future.

Now, more than ever, our community needs your heart, your hands, and your hope. Join us—become part of this extraordinary movement. Together, let's build a future where every person in Jefferson County can thrive. Your involvement, your generosity, and your vision will shape the legacy we leave for generations to come.

With deep gratitude and hope for what we can achieve together,

Siobhan Canty, CEO & President

JCF'S MOTTO: GIVE, BUILD, SOLVE.







To help your charitable choices have immediate impact and build long-term legacies, we offer:

- Knowledge on local issues, organizations and charitable giving practices.
- Donor-advised funds and grants administration.
- Connections to other donors and organizations with similar goals.
- Tailored giving programs that meet your charitable goals.

To help local nonprofits succeed and collaborate, we offer:

- Grants, connections to potential donors, trainings, knowledge exchanges and peer-to-peer networking.
- Agency Fund management services.
- Free access to research tools, meeting space and other resources.

To help our community co-create solutions to regional needs and challenges, we offer:

- An engine for new ideas and networks that meet existing gaps.
- Information about our community and nonprofits so we can build on each other's efforts.
- Hosting and administration for issuefocused groups, like the Housing Solutions Network and United Good Neighbors.











COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Young people across Jefferson County gained confidence and career readiness through hands-on job training, mentorship, and skill-building programs supported by JCF. Grants to OWL360, the Northwest Maritime Center, Jefferson Teen Center, Cedar Root Folk School, Community Boat Project and the NW School of Wooden Boat Building provided real-world learning, mental health support, and inclusive job-training programs. JCF funded the development of a county-wide Workforce Development Plan developed by partners including Jefferson Healthcare and The NW School of Wooden Boat Building.

AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE HOUSING JCF and our advisors supported the essential work of Bayside Housing & Services, Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County, Olympic Housing Trust, and Dove House Advocacy Services. The Housing Solutions Network, incubated at JCF, undertook critical work to ensure that affordable workforce housing was included in the new ten-year Comprehensive Plans for the City and the County.

ARTISTS & MAKERS Jefferson County's vibrant creative community is thriving through support for arts education, performance, and infrastructure. JCF advisors provided grants to Northwind Art, Centrum, Key City Public Theatre, music programs at Jefferson County schools, and Port Townsend Film Festival. The Creative Entrepreneurs Network, incubated by JCF and now housed at the Economic Development Coalition, received support to bring Tribal Artisans to participate in Chautauqua. Investments in arts infrastructure and scholarships ensured greater access and equity in our local arts scene.

ENVIRONMENT To preserve our local lands, waters, and ecosystems, JCF funding supported Jefferson Land Trust, North Olympic Salmon Coalition, Port Townsend Marine Science Center, and Friends of Fort Worden. Projects ranged from youth-involved restoration engineering to native plantings and museum upgrades that foster marine science learning.

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS To help ensure access to food, shelter, legal support, and medical care for neighbors across Jefferson County, support went to organizations including St. Vincent de Paul, ECHHO, Community Wellness Project, Jefferson County Food Banks Association, JC MASH, Foster Supports, First Step Family Support Center, JC MASH Medical Services, and Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates.



UNDER MANAGEMENT



\$240.000 program services

BUILD

JCF provides grants, trainings, networking and skilled volunteers to nonprofits working on a range of issues in Jefferson County.

Admiralty Audubon Society American Association of University Women American Farmland Trust PNW Region **Bayside Housing & Services** Black Lives Matter of Jefferson County Brinnon Fire Association **Brinnon School District** Camp Beausite Catholic Community Services Cedarbrook Early Learning Center CedarRoot Folk School Center for Ethical Leadership Center Valley Animal Rescue Centrum **Chemakum Tribal Services** Chimacum Backpacks for Kids **Chimacum School District** City of Port Townsend Parks and **Recreation Department** Clallam-Jefferson County Pro Bono Lawyers

Community Boat Project Community Build Community United Methodist Church Community Wellness Project Concerned Citizens Birth to Adult Copper Canyon Press Count Me In for Quilcene **Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue** Discovery Behavioral Health **Dove House Advocacy Services** ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization) EDC Team Jefferson Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy First Step Family Support Center Food Bank Growers Fort Worden Foundation Foster Supports of Jefferson County Friends of Chimacum Schools Friends of Fort Flagler Friends of Fort Townsend Friends of Fort Worden

Friends of the Port Townsend Golf Park Friends of the Port Townsend Library Gatheringplace Goosefoot Community Farm Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County Housing Solutions Network Humane Society of Jefferson County JC MASH JeffCo Aquatic Coalition Jefferson Clemente Foundation Jefferson County Farmers Markets Jefferson County Food Banks Association Jefferson County Historical Society Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates (JCIRA) Jefferson County Library Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation Jefferson County Public Health Jefferson County Shelter (COAST)





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Olympic Park Advocates **Olympic Peninsula YMCA Organic Seed Alliance** OWL 360 Peninsula College Foundation Peninsula Trails Coalition Pet Helpers Port Townsend Port Townsend Aero Museum Port Townsend Ballet Port Townsend Cooperative Playschool Port Townsend Education Foundation Port Townsend Film Institute Port Townsend Kiwanis Port Townsend Library Friends and Foundation Port Townsend Marine Science Center Port Townsend Public Library Port Townsend School District Port Townsend School of Woodworking Quilcene Fair and Parade Association Quilcene Historical Museum Quilcene School District Quimper Grange Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



2024 NUMBER OF LOCAL NONPROFITS SERVED BY JCF

Real Estate Professionals for

Affordable Housing Rotary Club East Jefferson County Rotary Club of Port Townsend SeaLife Response, Rehabilitation and Research (SR3) Skillmation Skookum Sound Experience St Pauls Episcopal Church St Vincent De Paul East Jefferson County Strongertowns Sunfield Farm and Waldorf School Swan School The Benji Project The Brinnon Group The Color of Sound The Port Townsend Film Society The Production Alliance The ReCyclery of Jefferson County The Rotary Foundation Trinity United Methodist Church Weekend Nutrition Program Well Organized Whidbey Institute Winter Welcoming Center (Jefferson Interfaith Action Coalition) YEA Music!

SOLVE

JCF is a Community Network Builder. We foster and sustain groups of change makers who work together on specific issues to create positive social, economic, and civic momentum.



HOUSING Solutions Network

HOUSING SOLUTIONS NETWORK

Housing Solutions Network was formed to facilitate connectivity, communication, and the co-creation of new strategies to increase the availability of affordable and attainable housing in our region. In 2024, HSN completed a survey of local businesses and the impact of a lack of affordable housing on staffing. Additionally, HSN facilitated the inclusion of plans for affordable workforce housing in the new Comprehensive Plans for the County and for Port Townsend.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK COORDINATING HELP WHEN IT'S NEEDED MOST

The Financial Assistance Network members respond to emergency financial needs in Jefferson County. In monthly meetings, members share updates on urgent community needs, available funds and new assistance programs. This ensures that residents facing financial crises are connected quickly and efficiently with the right resources. The network strengthens our community's safety net by fostering collaboration, reducing duplication of services, and keeping all providers informed and aligned.

FOOD Security Network

FOOD SECURITY NETWORK WORKING TO END HUNGER AND STRENGTHEN LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS

The Food Security Network brings together emergency food providers, local farms, and community partners to collaborate on addressing local food insecurity. Members meet monthly to coordinate services, share updates, and work toward long-term strategies that improve access to healthy, culturally appropriate food. A key focus is the integration of locally produced food into emergency food programs, supporting community health and local agriculture.

BASIC NEEDS NETWORK

BASIC NEEDS NETWORK MAPPING AND STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY SAFETY NET

Co-hosted by Jefferson Community Foundation and the YMCA of Jefferson County, the Basic Needs Network includes public agencies, nonprofits, and service providers who share information, and collaborate. These meetings offer a comprehensive view of the services available in our region—ranging from housing and food access to mental health and transportation—and help identify gaps and overlaps in support. The network fosters cross-sector collaboration to build a more resilient and coordinated human services system.

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WAYS TO Support JCF

HOW YOU CAN SHAPE THE NEXT 20 YEARS WITH JCF:

START A DONOR ADVISED FUND (DAF):

Establishing a DAF at JCF is a simple, tax-smart way to manage your charitable giving. You can contribute cash or appreciated assets, recommend grants to the causes you care about, and involve your family in philanthropy - all while benefiting from JCF's deep local expertise and personalized service.

CREATE A NAMED FUND:

Honor a loved one or highlight your family's commitment to Jefferson County by establishing a named fund. JCF will work with you to ensure your fund supports the issues and organizations that matter most to you, now and into the future.

MAKE A BEQUEST:

Leave a lasting legacy by including JCF in your estate plans. A bequest ensures your generosity continues to support Jefferson County's nonprofits and community initiatives for generations to come.



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To all of you who put your trust in JCF to amplify your community impact...

we thank you!

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