



**JEFFERSON**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**2025**

# 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,

2025 marked a year of unprecedented engagement and action by local changemakers who chose to work through Jefferson Community Foundation (JCF) to amplify their impact by working together. They did so because they understand deeply that we are stronger together, that a connected community is a more resilient community and that when we build on each other's gifts, we are able to achieve more.

In those twelve months, JCF worked with 95 nonprofits, 750 local donors, 2 local governments and 10 businesses. Highlights of their communal action and impact include:

- ✦ Raising over \$525,000 in funding for local basic needs organizations that lost federal and state dollars for resources such as food, shelter and medical care.
- ✦ Partnership with Jumping Mouse Children's Center to ensure they could continue to offer trauma-informed youth mental health services as the organization navigated significant leadership changes.
- ✦ Expansion of legal services and financial assistance for local immigrants through Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates.
- ✦ Sustaining operations for six education programs that suffered from Federal and state funding cuts, including outdoor learning programs that partner with local public schools and create critical opportunities for place-based learning.
- ✦ Support for Longhouse for the People and their work to raise the first Chemakum longhouse in Jefferson County since 13 of their longhouses were burned down in the late 1800s.

A strong community foundation is a critical action platform for any small rural community navigating growing needs with dwindling funding from outside sources. Thanks to a range of regional foundations and local donors, JCF itself is stronger than ever. In 2025, JCF made \$2.15 million in grants, hired two new full-time staff members, and opened the Nonprofit Resource Center community meeting space, a free and fully-equipped meeting space for community groups. We are ready for whatever comes next so that all residents of Jefferson County can thrive.

Thank you to each and every one of you who chose Jefferson Community Foundation to be a home for your charitable giving and community action. To those of you who don't know us yet, give us a call. We are here to help you plug in and find ways to build your own legacy of impact right here at home.

Onward,  
Siobhan Canty  
President & CEO

**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 issue-focused groups, like the Housing Solutions Network and United Good Neighbors.

# GIVE

JCF hosts, supports and guides a network of Fundholders to have the greatest impact possible with their charitable donations.

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

A local married couple, long active in Jefferson County, initially partnered with JCF to facilitate a gift of appreciated stock. As we discussed their multi-year charitable plans, they became interested in opening a Donor Advised Fund to bring greater strategy and flexibility to their giving. Through thoughtful planning — including bunching contributions for tax efficiency and investing assets for potential growth — they created a fund designed to maximize long-term impact. The structure allows them to recommend grants over time while the invested balance has the opportunity to generate additional dollars for the causes they care about. With tailored recommendations and insight into emerging community needs, their philanthropy has become more dynamic and responsive. Rather than limiting support to a fixed annual plan, they now have the flexibility to respond to housing challenges one year, youth workforce initiatives the next, or urgent community needs as they arise. Donor Advised Funds exemplify strategic local philanthropy — aligning financial stewardship with community leadership to strengthen Jefferson County for years to come.

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

When budget reductions raised concerns about the future of local public health services, one community member stepped forward with a proactive solution. Recognizing that a public agency cannot establish a designated fund on its own behalf, this individual partnered with Jefferson Community Foundation to create a fund dedicated to supporting public health in Jefferson County.

The goal was simple but powerful: create a trusted vehicle for community members to contribute toward maintaining essential services at a time of uncertainty. With changes to government funding and an increase in residents relying on marketplace health insurance, the long-term impact on local health resources was unknown.

By establishing a designated fund and launching a fundraising effort, this community leader created an opportunity for neighbors to invest directly in the health and well-being of Jefferson County. It is an example of how individual initiative, paired with philanthropic infrastructure, can mobilize community support when it matters most.

*“Our community foundation feels like a true partner. They support the nonprofits that make this place stronger, and they help us structure our giving in a way that complements our financial and tax planning. That combination gives us confidence and peace of mind.”*

-Anonymous



*“Community foundations are shaped by the people and priorities of the places they serve. They support donors, strengthen local nonprofits, and respond to evolving community needs. When the Jefferson Healthcare Foundation launched a campaign three years ago to fund a new linear accelerator, JCF stepped forward to host our fund and accept a wide range of gifts. Today, cancer patients receive radiation oncology care close to home. Jefferson Community Foundation truly reflects the donors, nonprofit partners, and values of Jefferson County.”*  
— Jeff Swanson, CSPG, Jefferson Healthcare Foundation

## LEGACY FUNDS

Many Jefferson County residents share a common goal: ensuring that the place they love continues to thrive long after they are gone. Legacy Funds offer a way for donors to build that lasting connection by incorporating charitable giving into their estate plans.

Through Jefferson Community Foundation, donors can establish a legacy fund that becomes active after their lifetime. This approach allows them to thoughtfully plan future gifts without needing to update their formal will each time they wish to adjust the organizations they support or the allocation of their giving.

Some donors leave specific instructions directing portions of their estate to the nonprofits they care most about, while others choose to dedicate a portion of their legacy to the Jefferson Community Foundation itself so that future community leaders can respond to emerging needs.

These funds ensure that generosity continues across generations, creating a lasting legacy of support for Jefferson County.



**2025 GRANTMAKING  
BY JCF FUNDHOLDERS**



**104 TOTAL FUNDS  
UNDER MANAGEMENT**

# BUILD

JCF helps build strong and collaborative nonprofits by providing a wide range of resources, networking and trainings.

**The following organizations are among our many partners:**

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| Bayside Housing & Services                              | Food Bank Growers                                   | Jefferson Healthcare Foundation   |
| Black Lives Matter of Jefferson County                  | Foster Supports of Jefferson County                 | Jefferson Land Trust              |
| CedarRoot Folk School                                   | Friends of Fort Flagler                             | Jefferson Teen Center             |
| Center Valley Animal Rescue                             | Friends of Fort Worden                              | Jumping Mouse Childrens Center    |
| Centrum   | Friends of the Port Townsend Golf Park              | Key City Public Theatre           |
| Chemakum Tribal Services                                | Gatheringplace                                      | KPTZ                              |
| Chimacum Backpacks for Kids                             | Grace's Mahali                                      | North Olympic Salmon Coalition    |
| Chimacum School District #49                            | Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County       | Northwest Maritime Boat Building  |
| Chime In  | Housing Solutions Network                           | Northwest Watershed Institute     |
| City of Port Townsend Parks and Recreation Department   | Humane Society of Jefferson County                  | Northwind Art                     |
| Clallam-Jefferson County Pro Bono Lawyers               | JeffCo Aquatic Coalition                            | Nourishing Beloved Community      |
| Community Boat Project                                  | Jefferson Clemente Foundation                       | Olympic Angels                    |
| Community United Methodist Church                       | Jefferson County Beacon                             | Olympic Community Action Programs |
| Community Wellness Project                              | Jefferson County Farmers Markets                    | Olympic Forest Coalition          |
| Copper Canyon Press                                     | Jefferson County Food Banks Association             | Olympic Housing Trust             |
| Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue                          | Jefferson County Historical Society                 | Olympic Mountain Pet Pals         |
| Dove House Advocacy Services                            | Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates (JCIRA) | Olympic Music Festival            |
| ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization) | Jefferson County Library                            | Olympic Neighbors                 |
| Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy                       | Jefferson County Public Health                      | Olympic Peninsula YMCA            |
| First Step Family Support Center                        |   | OWL 360                           |



*"Jefferson Community Foundation has made an immeasurable difference to Jefferson County Public Health. In late 2025, Jefferson County Public Health had the privilege of working with a Jefferson Community Foundation board member and its executive director to learn about charitable giving and fundraising. As a result, we were able to establish, with the integral support of a group of passionate volunteers, the "Friends of Public Health" Designated Fund. These two sources of funding will help Community Health provide essential care to a variety of community members who would otherwise go without needed support."*

-Denise Banker, Community Health Division Director

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| Peninsula College                            | Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra          | StrongerTowns   |
| Peninsula College Foundation                 | Produce for People                        | Sunfield Farm and Waldorf School                                |
| Pet Helpers Port Townsend                    | Quilcene School District # 48             | The Benji Project   |
| Port Townsend Ballet                         | Quilcene-Brinnon Dollars for Scholars     | The Brinnon Group   |
| Port Townsend Education Foundation           | Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship | The Color of Sound  |
| Port Townsend Film Institute                 | Rotary Club East Jefferson County         | The Production Alliance   |
| Port Townsend Kiwanis Backpacks for Children | Rotary Club of Port Townsend              | The ReCyclery of Jefferson County                               |
| Port Townsend Library Friends and Foundation | Skillmation                               | University Women's Foundation                                   |
| Port Townsend Main Street Program            | Sound Experience                          | Utility Assistance Grants at Jefferson PUD                      |
| Port Townsend Marine Science Center          | St Pauls Episcopal Church                 | Weekend Nutrition Program                                       |
| Port Townsend School District                | St Vincent De Paul East Jefferson County  | Winter Welcoming Center (Jefferson Interfaith Action Coalition) |
|  | Star of Hope Centre - USA                 | YEA Music   |

*"JCF was there for the Chemakum Tribal Services through a critical grant writing process. They jumped into action to help us solve a problem and continued to offer encouragement and support throughout. We appreciate their demonstrated deep commitment to growing good relationships with the first people of this place. They are here for us."*

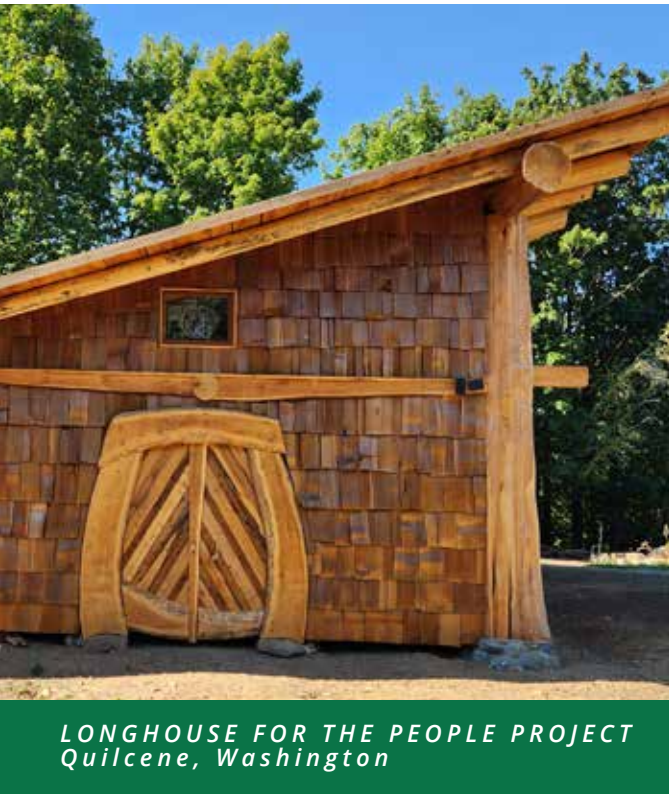
— Rosalee Walz, Chemakum Tribe



**2025 NONPROFIT SERVICE CATEGORIES**



**2025 NUMBER OF LOCAL NONPROFITS SERVED BY JCF**



LONGHOUSE FOR THE PEOPLE PROJECT  
Quilcene, Washington

## BUILDING A LONGHOUSE

The Longhouse for the People now stands on ancestral land in Quilcene, marking a historic moment for the Chemakum community and the wider region. After more than a century without a traditional longhouse in Chemakum territory, the project has been fully funded, built, and celebrated with community gatherings that honored culture, ceremony, and the many hands that helped bring the vision to life. The longhouse was made possible through widespread community support, including donations, volunteers, and partnerships with local organizations. The Jefferson Community Foundation played an important role in helping connect the project with funding partners and supporters, helping move the dream into reality. Today, the longhouse stands as a place of learning, cultural revitalization, and healing. In the years ahead, it will host classes, gatherings, and cultural events that share Indigenous knowledge and traditions, strengthening relationships between Indigenous and non-Native communities while supporting a renewed future for Chemakum culture.

## MEETING HUMAN BASIC NEEDS

United Good Neighbors (UGN) serves as the United Way of Jefferson County and is housed at Jefferson Community Foundation. In 2025, UGN's Give Jefferson campaign engaged more than 650 donors to contribute over \$525,000 for local organizations that had been impacted by Federal and State funding cuts. Thanks to this collective effort, 28 local organizations met their fundraising goals, ensuring continued support for essential services including food, shelter, healthcare, advocacy, and mental health care for neighbors in need. In Jefferson County, about 12.6% of residents—nearly 4,000 people—live below the federal poverty line, while rising housing, food, and energy costs continue to challenge many families and seniors. JCF is proud to be UGN's partner in bringing people together to strengthen community care and ensure a strong network of support.



## SUPPORTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Youth mental health services in Jefferson County are scarce. This in a time when young people are still dealing with the ripple effects of the pandemic and Jefferson County's youth disengagement rate is the second highest in Washington State. One of the most critical organizations in the youth mental health landscape here is Jumping Mouse Children's Center, which provides free counseling to young people aged 3 to 12 and their families. As the result of significant leadership changes in 2023, Jumping Mouse faced growing financial challenges. To help, in 2025 JCF connected with donors passionate about youth mental health to educate and engage them. In response, twenty-one JCF donors collectively contributed \$120,000 to help stabilize services while a strong new leadership team took the helm. Today, Jumping Mouse is in a strong position with a bright future.

## SUPPORTING LOCAL IMMIGRANTS

In 2025, Jefferson Community Foundation's Fund for Women & Girls awarded Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates (JCIRA) a three-year sustaining grant of \$75,000 to establish a Legal Support Fund providing services ranging from naturalization applications, citizenship test preparations, family immigration petitions, asylum, and referrals for clients who have experienced domestic violence or other crimes. The grant also provides for free mental health counseling as well as participation in Women's Justice Circles Projects, a program offered by the Seattle-based Inter-community Peace & Justice Center. The goal of the JCIRA Women's Justice Circle is to bring voices of immigrant women and families living on the margins who are not typically included in organizing for change into conversation around what their needs are and how to best meet them.



# SOLVE

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

1,000+  
CHANGE MAKERS

## HOUSING SOLUTIONS NETWORK

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#### Local Economy. Local Workforce. Local Housing

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 on the impact a lack of affordable housing has had 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

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#### Strengthening the network of urgent support

The Financial Assistance Network is comprised of local nonprofits and agencies who respond to emergency financial needs in Jefferson County. In monthly convenings, members share updates on urgent community needs, available funds and available assistance programs. This helps ensure that residents facing financial crises are connected quickly and efficiently with the resources they need. 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

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#### Network for food access, justice and security across the north Olympic Peninsula

The Food Security Network in Jefferson County worked for years to bring together emergency food providers, local farms, and community partners to collaborate on addressing local food insecurity. In 2026, the network merged with the bi-county Peninsula Food Coalition in order to promote regional continuity and collaboration. JCF will continue to serve as a co-convenor for this network and encourage participation from Jefferson county food system organizations and programs.

## HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE

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#### Collaborating to serve basic human needs

The purpose of the Jefferson County Human Service Collaborators gatherings is to support the organizations and agencies working locally in the human services sector to stay connected, informed and collaborative as they navigate one another's agencies and resources. The HSC convenes quarterly to gain and share knowledge of emergent issues, and to problem-solve and find possibilities together. This gathering evolves to meet the needs of the sector and the changing dynamics within our community and county.

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## WAYS TO SUPPORT JCF

### MAKE A DONATION TO JCF:

*Donations help JCF connect people, ideas and resources to build a future of opportunity for all.*

### 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.*

### 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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