



BEN B. CHENEY FOUNDATION
Helping people and their communities

2020 Annual Report

Executive Director's Report

Since 1975, the Ben B. Cheney Foundation has been making grants and serving those communities where the Cheney Lumber Company was active. Our grant making has been consistent and true over the years. Capital and equipment projects, scholarship support, arts programming and education, and a special focus on youth activities and supports have been continual areas of funding.

Consistency in our grant making procedures has changed very little since 1975. Then came 2020. We all entered a world that was suddenly and radically changed. Nonprofit organizations needed immediate support as they lost volunteers, funding streams, and saw the needs of their clientele multiply overnight. The need for food, shelter and childcare quickly rose to the top of the pyramid due to COVID-19.

Normally, the Cheney Foundation has not been a supporter of general operations. That decades-long policy was quickly altered to support our partners in their efforts to remain open and serving many of our most vulnerable and needy neighbors. The Cheney Foundation also streamlined its requirements of applicants by incorporating a one-page Emergency Response application. We sped up the timeline to get grant dollars out the door and we convened several special board meetings to consider requests. We also sought out the needs of numerous nonprofits. We proactively worked with food banks, United Ways in Washington and Oregon and many organizations providing supports to students. To best serve our community partners, we are incorporating many of these COVID-era efficiencies into our daily operations going forward.

In looking at 2020, I can say with pride that the Cheney Foundation became more nimble and staff became further involved in our community in pivotal ways. Notable among these was our participation in the quickly formed coalition of funders, social service, medical and governmental agencies to communicate, coordinate and fund immediate needs across the nonprofit spectrum. The Pierce County Connected Fund raised and distributed over \$7M to Tacoma-Pierce County nonprofits in record time while gathering and communicating real time needs to the community's providers.

You will see in this report that we awarded almost \$1M in COVID emergency response grants. We also awarded \$100,000 to United Way of Jackson County to support recovery and rebuilding efforts from the terribly devastating Almeda and South Obenchain fires. Our agile grant making could not have occurred without a caring and working board of directors. They have my gratitude.

In closing, 2020 also saw the mournful passing of my sister, Piper. She was a friend and the longtime vice president of the board. Piper served with passion and concern, always with a servant's heart. She will be deeply missed by our family, the Foundation and all who knew her.

Brad Cheney

2020 Grants

Category	Organization	Project Title	Amount Awarded
COVID Emergency Response Grants			\$961,500
	Bellarmine Preparatory School	Tacoma, WA Scholarship Aid for Low-Income Students	10,000
	Bonney Lake Food Bank	Bonney Lake, WA Purchase Additional Freezers	10,000
	Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound	Tacoma, WA Provide General & Programming Support	50,000
	CASA of Jackson and Josephine Counties	Medford, OR Laptops for Staff Working from Home	15,000
	Cascade Regional Blood Services	Tacoma, WA COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Program	21,000
	Emergency Food Network	Lakewood, WA General Operating Support & Food Purchase	100,000
	Gig Harbor Peninsular FISH	Gig Harbor, WA Purchase Food & Provide Financial Assistance	10,000
	Goodwill of Olympics & Rainier Region	Tacoma, WA Operational Support for the Workforce Development Team	50,000
	Great Northern Services	Weed, CA Meals on Wheels Program Support	10,000
	Greater Tacoma Community Foundation	Tacoma, WA Support the Pierce County Connected Emergency Fund	100,000
	Greentrike	Tacoma, WA Whole Child Summer Partnership	35,000
	Harbor Christian Center	Gig Harbor, WA Road Trip 2020 COVID Needs	5,000
	Jefferson Community Foundation	Port Hadlock, WA Meet Escalating Needs in the Community	10,000
	Josephine County Food Bank	Grants Pass, OR Hire Staff for Work Normally Done by Volunteers	10,000
	Junior Achievement of Washington	Auburn, WA Program Support	10,000
	LeMay-America's Car Museum	Tacoma, WA General Operating Support	25,000
	Lutheran Community Services Northwest	SeaTac, WA Support Emergency Programming for Seniors	40,000
	MultiCare Health Foundation	Tacoma, WA Special Support Staff & Caregivers	15,000
	Multicultural Child & Family Hope Center	Tacoma, WA Support Programming Seeing Major Increases	20,000
	Nourish Pierce County	Tacoma, WA Purchase of food & Safety Supplies	40,000
	Options for Homeless Residents of Ashland	Ashland, OR Staffing the Laundry & Shower Trailer	10,000
	Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolution	Tacoma, WA Support Technical Needs	15,000
	Pierce County Library Foundation	Tacoma, WA Purchase Digital Content for Patrons	15,000
	Puyallup Food Bank	Puyallup, WA Purchase Food to Meet Increased Need	10,000
	RAIN Incubator	Tacoma, WA Support Labwork to Hinder the Spread of COVID	10,000
	Rescue Mission	Tacoma, WA Operating Support for Increased Needs	40,000
	Sound Outreach	Tacoma, WA General Operating Support	20,000
	South Bend School District	South Bend, WA Internet Access for Low-income Students	15,000
	South Bend School District	South Bend, WA Purchase Chromebooks for Students	25,500
	Southern Oregon Humane Society	Medford, OR Care for Animals During COVID	5,000
	Tacoma Arts Live	Tacoma, WA Assist with Healthcare Premiums of Staff	10,000
	Tacoma Pierce County Chaplaincy	Tacoma, WA General Operating Support	10,000
	The Arc of the Peninsulas	Bremerton, WA Full Circle Meals Partnership Project	15,000
	United Way of Jackson County	Medford, OR Meet Escalating Needs in the Community	50,000
	United Way of Pierce County	Tacoma, WA Support Increased Operating and Program Costs	75,000
	Y.M.C.A. of Pierce and Kitsap Counties	Tacoma, WA Development of the Community Café Platform	50,000

Charity			\$402,500
Access, Inc.	Medford, OR	Summit House Renovation	10,000
Emergency Food Network	Lakewood, WA	2020 Holiday Grant	7,500
Food Connection	Tacoma, WA	St. Leo's Food Storage Replacement Project	30,000
Habitat for Humanity Pierce County	Tacoma, WA	HUD-Certified Housing Counseling for Low-Income Families	15,000
Nourish Pierce County	Tacoma, WA	2020 Holiday Grant program	7,500
NW Furniture Bank	Tacoma, WA	Technology Infrastructure Project	20,000
Recovery Cafe Orting Valley	Orting, WA	Recovery Cafe Orting Valley	10,000
Rescue Mission	Tacoma, WA	A Pathway Home Capital Campaign	150,000
Rescue Mission	Tacoma, WA	2020 Holiday Grant Program	7,500
Salvation Army	Puyallup, WA	2020 Holiday Grant Program	7,500
Salvation Army	Tacoma, WA	2020 Holiday Grant Program	7,500
Shared Housing Services	Tacoma, WA	Home Sharing Program Expansion	30,000
United Way of Jackson County	Medford, OR	Almeda and Soluth Obenchain Fire Disasters	100,000
Civic			\$272,405
Candid	New York, NY	2020 Support	1,000
Oregon Nonprofit Leaders Conference	Ashland, OR	Annual Conference Support	1,000
Philanthropy Northwest	Seattle, WA	Support 2020 Grant Making Activities	5,405
Points Northeast Historical Society	Browns Point	Browns Point Lighthouse Restoration	50,000
Tacoma Historical Society	Tacoma, WA	Museum Relocation	15,000
Y.M.C.A. of Pierce and Kitsap Counties	Tacoma, WA	Morgan Family Rebuild	200,000
Culture			\$35,000
Tacoma Arts Live	Tacoma, WA	Strengthening Community Engagement	35,000
Education			\$541,000
Brehm Preparatory School Foundation	Carbondale, IL	Options Program Support	1,000
College Success Foundation	Bellevue, WA	Pathway of Student Supports Curriculum Initiative	35,000
Degrees of Change	Tacoma, WA	Tacoma Completes Project	60,000
Eagle Point School District	Eagle Point, OR	Charley Givan Scholarships.	10,000
Foundation for Tacoma Students	Tacoma, WA	General Operating Support	75,000
Kid Time Children's Museum	Medford, OR	Kid Time Capital Campaign	40,000
Pierce College Foundation	Puyallup, WA	Student Success Campaign	100,000
University of Puget Sound	Tacoma, WA	Cheney Foundation Scholarship Program 2021-2022	60,000
University of Washington Tacoma	Tacoma, WA	Milgard School of Business Sports Enterprise Management	60,000
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Elderly			\$157,000
HumanGood Affordable Housing	Lafayette Hill, PA	Harbor View Manor Healthy Living Program-Tacoma	50,000
Key Peninsula Community Services	Lakebay, WA	Capital Improvement Project; Safety and Security	7,500
Mustard Seed Project	Vaughn, WA	Key Peninsula Elder Community Campaign	100,000

Health			\$155,000
American Cancer Society	Tacoma, WA	Colorectal Cancer Prevention in Pierce County	50,000
Ashley House	Federal Way	Ashley House Construction & Remodel	30,000
Medical Teams International	Portland, OR	COVID Response Pierce County, WA	15,000
Mercy Foundation North	Redding, CA	Mt. Shasta Emergency Expansion	50,000
Rebuilding Hope!	Tacoma, WA	Community Advocate - Child Advocacy Center	10,000
Social Services			\$222,500
Comprehensive Life Resources	Tacoma, WA	Youth & Young Adult Homelessness Campaign	75,000
Dove House Advocacy Services	Port Townsend, WA	Recovery Cafe Jefferson County Remodel	20,000
Friends of American Lake Veterans Golf Course	Lakewood, WA	Front Nine Renovation - Adaptive Sports Program	10,000
L'Arche Tahoma Hope	Tacoma, WA	The Campaign for L'Arche Tahoma Hope	25,000
New Phoebe House	Tacoma, WA	Furnace Replacement in Residential Houses	12,500
Northwest Association for Blind Athletes	Vancouver, WA	Scaling a Vision: Providing Opportunities Across Pierce County	10,000
Turning Pointe Survivor Advocacy Center	Shelton, WA	Addition for Youth Advocacy Program	35,000
VADIS	Sumner, WA	Accessibility Ramps Project	10,000
Valeo Vocation	Tacoma, WA	HIRE-Helping Individuals Reintegrate into Employment	15,000
Violent Crime Victim Services	Tacoma, WA	Office Relocation	10,000
Youth			\$277,500
Alliance for a Better Community	Raymond, WA	Riverview Playground replacement	15,000
Bates Technical College Foundation	Tacoma, WA	Field of Dreams Playground Project - Phase II Canopy	20,000
Ben B. Cheney Foundation	Tacoma, WA	High School Scholarship Program (28 schools)	84,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound	Tacoma, WA	Willie Stewart Matching Fund	5,000
Commencement Bay Rowing Club	Lakewood, WA	Update Coach's Launch	18,500
First Tee of South Puget Sound	Tacoma, WA	Renovate Office at Meadow Park Golf Course	10,000
Jefferson Universal Movement Playground	Port Townsend, WA	JUMP! - Playground Project	30,000
Pacific International League	Mercer Island, WA	2020 Season Support	25,000
South Bend School District	South Bend, WA	Multi-Sport Athletic Field & Synthetic Turf Campaign	50,000
Southwestern Illinois Jet Basketball Club	Alton, IL	Team Uniforms	1,000
Wilderness Trails	Medford, OR	Van Purchase	15,000
Willapa Harbor Sea Scouts, BSA	Tacoma, WA	Sea Scout Registration & Boat Moorage	4,000
Matching Gifts			\$28,976
Ben B. Cheney Foundation	Tacoma, WA	Personal Giving by Directors, Family, & Staff	28,976

2020 Total Giving **\$3,053,881**

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