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KITSAP COMMUNITY RESOURCES
IMPACT REPORT 2019





our mission statement

Kitsap Community Resources is committed to creating hope and opportunity for low-income Kitsap County residents by providing resources that promote self-sufficiency and stability.

our vision

We envision a community in which everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

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Dear Community Friends,

Annually, KCR touches 10% or 27,000 lives in Kitsap County. As a nonprofit, KCR is committed to creating hope and restoring lives for residents in Kitsap County experiencing low-income. We do this by providing services that promote self-sufficiency and stability. We strive to create a community where everyone has an opportunity to thrive.

"If it weren't for KCR, I would have been on the street with my daughter. It was a dark time in our lives. KCR gave me hope by helping us find housing, utility assistance and job training. I've since graduated from school and am working again. I have my self-esteem back."...
Anonymous

KCR is a well-kept secret in Kitsap County. Its purpose as a community action agency created 56 years ago was to address the root causes of poverty. The KCR 'ecosystem' includes programs in Housing, WIC, Head Start, Food Service, Employment and Training, Financial and Business startup classes, Weatherization, Energy and Veterans assistance. We've been referred to as the 'one stop shop' of nonprofits.

In 2019 our priorities included raising community awareness and building capacity to touch more lives. Resources were committed to staff retention, expanding community outreach and increasing awareness through social and other forms of media.

KCR's board of directors, led by Shannon Turner is required to be 'tripartite'; elected officials, representation from the low income population and members of the community at large. Both board and staff are extremely passionate about leading with servant hearts and providing tools that help families overcome obstacles to stability.

Thank you to them and all the public and private community partners, donors and friends that enable us to continue



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Yours truly,

Jeff Alevy
Executive Director

Shannon Turner
Board President

2019 accomplishments

AmeriCorps

Seventeen service members served host sites and engaged in 11 community projects. Projects included food collection for the Bremerton Backpack Brigade; hygiene kits made for Kitsap Connect; seed packets through Kitsap Harvest; and food distribution through Kitsap Conservation District to mention a few.



early childhood development

Provided comprehensive child development services for 570 children ages 0-5 and their families with Head Start and ECEAP funding. Services include pre-school, childcare and health, disability, nutrition, parent involvement and family services.

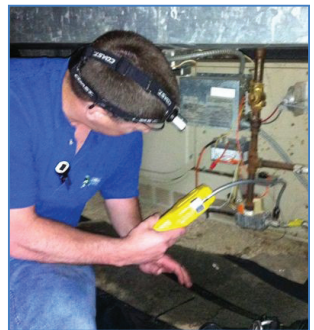


employment and training

More than 100 local businesses and 3500 Kitsap residents received on-the-job-training, career assistance, GED readiness classes, financial literacy and improvement classes, vocational training assistance and job placement through the WIOA (Workforce Opportunity and Innovation Act), WorkFirst, BEST (Business Education Support Training services), and other grants and contracts.

energy and weatherization

Weatherization served 130 households with energy efficiency upgrades with an average energy cost savings of 35%. Weatherization's Plus Health program which can help clients with reducing asthma triggers in their homes have shared they are experiencing a decrease in medicine use and hospital visits. Provided financial assistance with utility bills for 2,204 low-income Kitsap clients.



fresh and healthy cooking for families

Offered classes and resources to 55 families to help family members build positive family relationships and create healthy home environments. Each family receives a tool kit of 30 household kitchen items.

healthy meals

Prepared 179,357 low-cost nutritious meals and snacks for home-bound seniors, senior meal sites, KCR Head Start and ECEAP classes, and two military based childcare sites.

housing and homelessness

The Housing Solutions Center (HSC) helped 2,877 clients experiencing or at risk of homelessness navigate towards appropriate resources for their household. 603 clients received transportation assistance and 703 clients received housing interventions including eviction prevention, rapid re-housing, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and long term housing. 220 clients received housing interventions to reach housing stabilization goals through KCR Family Development Specialists.



kinship caregivers

Financial assistance and emergent basic needs such as clothing purchases, food assistance, childcare referrals and relocation costs were provide to 60 grandparents and relatives raising children by assisting them to obtain resources to help stabilize the family.

the parenting place

Parenting classes and resources were provided to 50 parents. Classes are designed to help families of children who have witnessed domestic violence.

veterans assistance

Provided financial assistance and guidance to 274 in need on behalf of Kitsap County and the local Veterans Advisory Board. Vets received assistance with food, utilities, medical bills, car repairs and funeral costs.

women, infants, and children (WIC)

Nutritional assessment and guidance, health referrals, breastfeeding counseling, supplemental healthy foods, and Farmers Market checks were provided to more than 7,044 women, men and young children.



Annika's story

loss | hope | success

"I was a pregnant mom with a young son, escaping from domestic violence when I found Kitsap Community Resources. My husband had been recently incarcerated. I had just enrolled in Olympic College and felt lost. I had no idea what I was going to do or how I was going to make it."

Luckily, Annika was already enrolled in KCR's WIC (Women, Infant, Children) nutritional program for help with food for her children. She was referred to the KCR home base prenatal Early Head Start program. Upon having her second son, she was able to utilize KCR's childcare programs while working and in college.

KCR's emergency housing, rental, and energy assistance programs also helped her during this very difficult time.

Annika now has earned an AA, Bachelors and Masters degrees and she has a professional career. She is happily remarried to a loving father of her four boys. Each has gone through KCR's Head Start programs and they are blossoming.

As Annika says, "I created a network that encouraged and supported me when I had nowhere to turn. I had love poured into me that continues to improve my overall self-confidence every day."



Unfortunately, Annika's story isn't uncommon in Kitsap County. Kitsap Community Resources helps assure everyone in our community, like Annika and her family, has a chance to thrive.

When a family like Annika's struggles, it impacts the entire county. KCR strives to create a community where every person has the chance to grow and succeed independently.

- When a disabled veteran struggles to pay their heating bill...



- When a young family faces the stresses of work, home, childcare and tight budgets...



- When our community's senior residents need food delivered...



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2019 financials*

revenues

■ Contracts & Grants (85.6%)	12,171,726
■ Contributions (1.07%)	151,183
■ Rents (1.7%)	241,082
■ Donated Goods/Facilities (3.67%)	521,418
■ Food Services (4.42%)	627,307
■ Other Income (3.54%)	501,982
Total Revenue	14,214,698

expenditures

■ Housing & Community Services (36.31%)	5,257,129
■ Employment & Training/AmeriCorps (8.92%)	1,290,328
■ Early Learning & Family Services (40.60%)	5,881,773
■ Food Services (3.99%)	576,509
■ Other KCR Programs (2.15%)	310,632
■ Fundraising (0.72%)	104,181
■ General & Administrative (7.31%)	1,057,861
Total	14,478,413

*unaudited

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