### **Letter from the Executive Director**

White Center Rocks! What else do I need to put in a statement about our work?!? I think about my past three years at the helm and how thankful I am to have a place like White Center to grow the dreams of a global, vibrant and caring community. 2015 had highs and lows. Stress and crying moments were inevitable, not all because of funding, but because we continue to struggle with racial inequality. We still marginalize communities of color, we don't care enough about the poor, and our society still refuses to recognize how much power, determination, leadership and wisdom communities like White Center possess. That's why our community's achievements in 2015 are heroic.

In addition to our extraordinary staff, our residents and partners have been stellar in guiding our strategies and keeping us accountable to priorities of the White Center community. WCCDA believes we can do things bigger and better when we do it together. Core partners like Southwest Youth & Family Services, King County Housing Authority, and Highline Public Schools help us maintain our White Center Promise of support and services: the glue that keeps our Family Development, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Community Building work together and aligned.



In 2015 we were honored to be selected as a Communities of Opportunities (COO) site for the next five years. COO is a regional effort launched by Seattle Foundation and King County in 2014 to improve health, social, racial, and economic outcomes by partnering with communities to shape and own solutions. We are also thankful for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation investment over the next three years to strengthen partnerships with schools and build off our work in engaging families!

There isn't enough room in this report to list all of the folks who helped us through 2015, and there aren't enough words to capture how thankful we are to all of you who helped us through another year of letting White Center shine through the thick of things! White Center truly does rock!

Fa'afetai Tele Lava (Much love with thanks), Sili Savusa

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# Annual Report 2015

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### What We Do

### **Community Building**

We increase resident voice in the neighborhood by supporting resident-led activities, strengthening resident connections and leadership, and creating opportunities to build relationships that result in a vibrant, multi-ethnic, and proud sense of community.

Programs include:

- White Center Community Summit
- White Center 5K Walk & Run
- Spring Clean
- White Center Promise Celebration







#### **Family Development**

We support White Center children and adults in knowledge-building, access to services, and leadership opportunities that will assist them in achieving their goals. We connect families to schools, community, resources, opportunities, and each other. Our activities are offered in multiple languages including English, Vietnamese, Somali, and

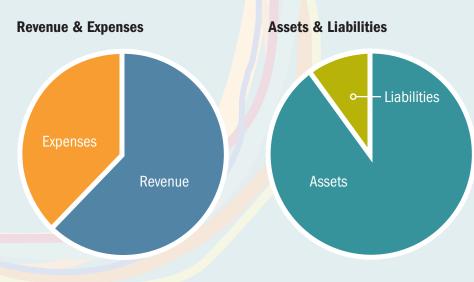
#### Spanish. Programs include:

- Early Learning Connectors (ELC): weekly Play & Learns, semi-annual Early Learning Events, and Community Conversations.
- Family Success Partners (FSP): coffee hours at local elementary schools, Guiding Good Choices Conversations about substance abuse, and family support groups.



### **Neighborhood Revitalization**

## **2015 Financial Report**



**ASSETS & LIABILITIES** 

	(Unaudited)
	2015
Assets	\$545,326
Liabilities	56,457
Net Assets	\$488,869
SUPPORT & EXPENSES	
Support & Revenue	\$1,115,808
Expenses	
Program	366,527
Administrative	286,428
Fundraising	29,691
Total Expenses	\$682,646
Change in Net Assets	\$433,162



We seek to attract investment into the neighborhood, support entrepreneurship and small business development, improve community health and safety, and increase affordable housing options using a community-based economic development approach.

#### Programs include:

■ White Center foreclosure prevention campaign Business mixers for local business owners Homeownership education workshops



#### **Data and Evaluation**

We strive to incorporate data in all our activities through surveys, interviews, and data dashboards. Our community-oriented data approach makes our work unique and keeps us accountable to White Center residents.

