



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a year! In 2016 we set out to have another year filled with great achievements while continuing to build relationships with residents, businesses, community groups, organizations and churches—and we did just that! We were fortunate enough to work with over 100 preschool children reaching for their Kindergarten dreams during weekly Play & Learns—we also distributed over 500 backpacks to future White Center geniuses at the Promise Celebration.

More than 1200 people attended our signature events last year and we partnered with over 70 organizations and groups throughout the region in 2016 to work on closing the opportunity gap in education; increase civic engagement (and voting) for immigrant and refugee residents; and to work with residents to address issues of homelessness. The CDA also supported at least 18 anti-racist organizing efforts (especially with our young leaders) to recognize and stop other manifestations of racism such as gentrification, isolation, and the fear mongering that has been so prominent in our society during the political clamor throughout 2016.

Regardless of the noise, we have remained strong in our commitment to the magnificence of White Center and the resiliency of our residents. We hear the stories every day. The proof is in the lives of the people we talk to in our work, the young people who touch the CDA and guide our agency to do things better. We remain committed to our partner organizations who share our values and continue to foster ideas and actions which remove barriers for the diverse White Center community. The CDA is striving to work with funders in ways that inspire them to fund from the heart of the community rather than the next philanthropic trend.

We can't do this work alone. Special thanks go out to our White Center Promise core partners, Southwest Youth & Family Services, King County Housing Authority, and Highline School District, and we want to give props to our Communities of Opportunity partners The Seattle Foundation and King County!

We're expecting to have another great year you guys, and on behalf of the Board & Staff of the White Center CDA let me just say with great admiration and respect, we heart YOU.

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- Amerigroup
- Bedrock Technologies
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Capitol Hill Housing
- Cascade Bicycle Club
- Child Care Resources
- Children's Alliance
- City of Seattle
- Community Center for Education Resources
- Department of Social and Health Services
- Equity in Education Coalition
- Equity Matters
- Evergreen Booster Club
- Food Empowerment Education Sustainability Team (FEEST)
- Highline College
- Highline Public Schools
- Highline Schools Foundation
- Kaboom!
- King County
- King County Housing Authority
- King County Library System
- LISC/HUD
- Navos | Coalition for Drug Free Youth
- Neighborhood House
- Noise w/o Sound
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- OneAmerica
- Open Doors for Multicultural Families
- Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority
- People's Institute Northwest
- Port Jobs
- Public Health Seattle & King County
- Puget Sound Educational Service District
- Puget Sound Sage
- Reconnect to Opportunity
- Rotary Club of Burien/White Center
- Seattle Jobs Initiative
- South Seattle College
- South West Boys & Girls Club
- South West Youth & Family Services
- Technology Access Foundation
- The Seattle Foundation
- Trusted Advocates
- United Way of King County
- Washington State Office of the Attorney General
- Westside Baby
- White Center Food Bank
- White Center Rotary
- Win/Win Network
- YES! Foundation of White Center
- Youth Development Executives of King County
- YMCA Seattle King Snohomish
- Communities of Opportunity



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ANNUAL REPORT 2016

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

1 — Community Building:

- a. The CDA Community Builder led community organizing and advocacy efforts throughout 2016. This work included a team of 16 interns who assisted with voter information, registration and preference card updates for over 1000 White Center residents in Summer and Fall 2016; the White Center to White House internships included 12 Evergreen High School women each devoting over 180 volunteer hours in a variety of community events and activities focused on keeping White Center a vibrant and inclusive community.
- b. Over 600 neighbors and residents attended the White Center 5K and the Spring Clean events. Both of these activities continue to draw in large groups of residents and volunteers throughout the County and drives home our “place based” work in connecting people to each other.
- c. In support of WCCDA’s education efforts/White Center Promise, voices of the community were elevated through targeted focus groups, including 10 listening sessions with Khmer, Samoan, Spanish-speaking, and African American White Center residents. Topics included experiences with Highline Public Schools and ways to build partnerships with families and schools. Look for invitations to join listening sessions in 2017.



2 — Family Development:

- a. In 2016 Family Success Partners at White Center Heights Elementary, Mt. View Elementary and Cascade Middle School provided direct services to families which included translation support, referrals to meet basic needs, and advocacy for over 225 students and parents.
- b. At Seola Gardens and Greenbridge Community Center CDA Early Learning Connectors facilitated over 250 hours of play time in Vietnamese, Spanish and Somali for a weekly average of 32 parents and 0-5 year old children during 2016. That’s a total of over 1400 participant hours at our weekly Play & Learns each Friday throughout the year.

3 — Neighborhood Revitalization:

- a. Driven by resident input, the CDA supports local small business and economic development; promotes affordable housing options; connects low and moderate-income tenants and homeowners to resources and opportunities; and help to improve built environments throughout White Center.
- b. The CDA pursues a community-based neighborhood revitalization strategy, where the voices and initiatives of residents are centered to direct policy and future development in the neighborhood. In 2016 we engaged hundreds of residents in community conversations about future development through focus group meetings, committees, summits, and interest group organizing.
- c. Our approach to Neighborhood revitalization also means we highlight local business at our annual events like the Spring Clean, 5K, and Summit. Over 40 businesses have been engaged through direct outreach and continued support of business district events like business mixers and ongoing WC Chamber of Commerce efforts.



4 — Data & Evaluation:

- a. Data gathered through community meetings, the community survey, and in partnership with organizations such as Highline Public Schools and King County have shaped current CDA initiatives in community building, neighborhood revitalization and early learning/K-12 family supports.
- b. 432 adults and 158 youth shared their thoughts on what can be improved upon and what makes White Center special in spring 2016. The key takeaways from the 2016 White Center Community Survey: Safety and affordable housing are the top concerns of residents, while the diversity of the community remains the most often cited strength by those who live, work and play in White Center. Look for the 2017 Community Survey in April and include your voice this year.



FINANCIAL REPORT

	(Unaudited) 2016
Assets	\$329,897
Liabilities	52,749
Net Assets	\$277,148
SUPPORT & EXPENSES	
Support & Revenue	\$821,629
Expenses	
Program	408,107
Administrative	275,646
Fundraising	20,206
Total Expenses	\$703,959
Change in Net Assets	\$117,670

2016 Revenue & Expenses



2016 Assets & Liabilities

