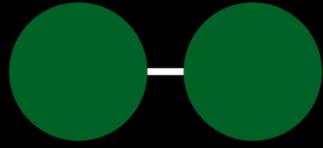


WHITE CENTER  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
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# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Prepared by the Data and Communications Team



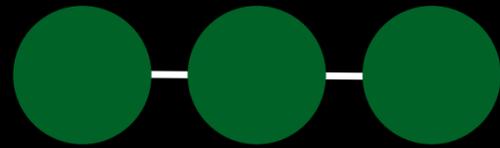
# ***ABOUT WCCDA***

## **Grounding Principles**

The WCCDA is committed to ensuring long-term equity and social justice through systems change for the benefit of the White Center community. We hold our obligation to sovereign tribal nations and the citizens/descendants of those sovereign tribal nations living in White Center and throughout King County.

## **Our Mission**

The WCCDA works to eradicate poverty, eliminate racism and build a vibrant diverse community. We envision a community of diverse, empowered, and connected residents coming together as stewards of the land, the people, and the natural assets of White Center.



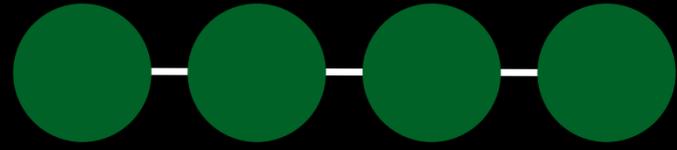
# ***MESSAGE FROM SILI SAVUSA***

For 2022, one of significant reflections I have is how WCCDA has moved with the community through the pandemic. I think the transition out of COVID this past year and the impact on CBO's, funding, systems, and all the things that touched the lives of families has really left communities feeling their way through 2022!

We have continued to do our best to stay with the community where they needed us. In time that disparities have been highlighted and struggles of BIPOC communities have been made even more apparent to society, I believe we've maintained an ability to keep our anti-racist approach to our work of building connected community that already has the leadership and strength to guide how we move in accountable ways with and for community. Our authentic connection to residents, young leaders, businesses and community groups in White Center is that kind of "special sauce" that helps guide us, but also helps give us the ability to do this work in a authentic way. As I've said before, that doesn't make us better, it just keeps us really close to the value of the work here with White Center community, period.

We're about to break ground in 2023 on a housing project of 76 units and a community HUB (Hope,Unity&Belonging). All of this that builds on our vision of strength of place and what the work looks like when community leads! White Center keeps giving gifts after gifts in ways that center the wisdom and richness of our collective community. Thank you White Center for who you are, this is what liberation looks like!





# ***SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE***

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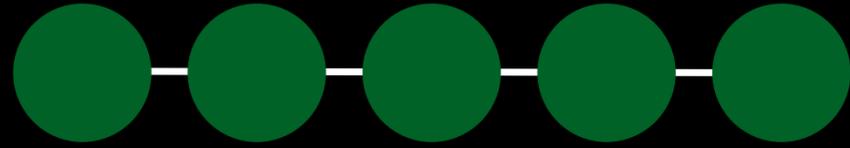
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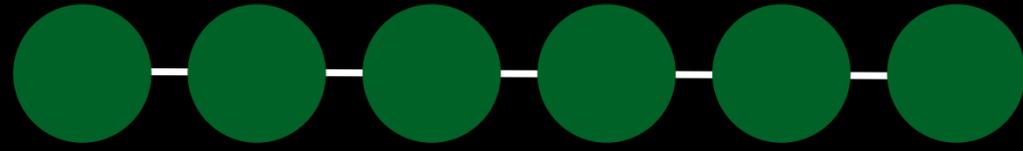
*WIX SESSIONS*



# ***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT***

## *HIGHLIGHTS*

- Continued to grow and build our relationships with White Center businesses*
- Continued our work with United for Community-Led Economy alongside our partners in Vashon and Skyway*
- Continued advocacy and support for businesses*
- Continued our collective advocacy in Equitable Recovery & Reconciliation Alliance (ERRA) alongside other community leaders and partners*



# ***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT***

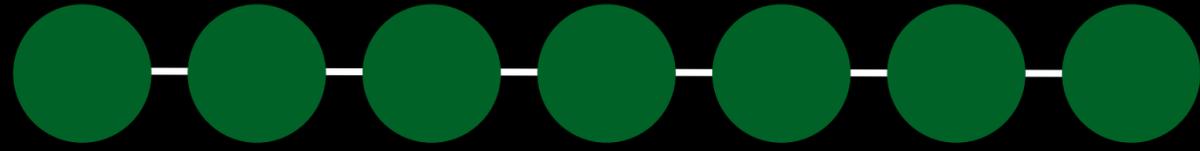
## **Business Support & Advocacy**

In 2022 we continued to focus on strengthening our relationships with White Center businesses. We met with 53 merchants to provide ongoing support, technical assistance, funding and partnership opportunities, and information and resources. Together with our businesses, we are working toward building a strong and resilient White Center Business Alliance, centering the voice of BIPOC communities in defining solutions, allocation of resources, and driving system and policy change for racial equity.

## **Economic Recovery**

Our team continued to work alongside our partners to build pathways toward a community-led economy within White Center and King County unincorporated areas. Our vision includes cultivating connections to local jobs, forming equitable economic innovation, shaping economic policies and budgeting, and sustaining community-minded businesses and employers. The CDA hosted a Made in White Center Community Pop-up in August centering White Center entrepreneurs and businesses to celebrate our efforts.

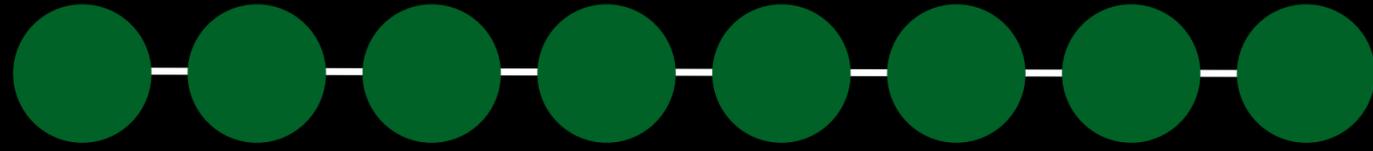




# ***FAMILY DEVELOPMENT***

## *HIGHLIGHTS*

- *Facilitated 140 weekly Play & Learn sessions to support children and caregivers in making learning fun*
- *Hosted 6 monthly Native Learning Circle Dinners with our Native community*
- *Outreached and connected families to Best Starts for Kids Child Care Subsidy*
- *Connected families to resources and opportunities such as rent and utility assistance, food, baby and school supplies, etc.*
- *Joined our partners in advocating for legislative invest in our Family, Friend & Neighbor (FFN) caregivers*



# ***FAMILY DEVELOPMENT***

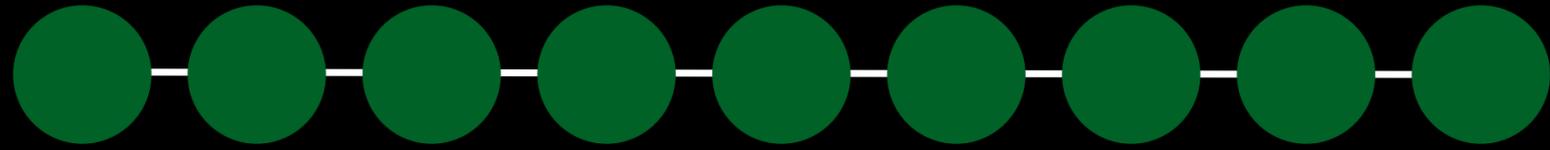


## **Early Learning Activities**

After 2 years of supporting our families remotely, we welcomed our families back to in-person spaces in 2022. Starting in June, our team facilitated weekly Play and Learn sessions in Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese, Native, and multicultural groups. Altogether, over 175 children 0-6 and their caregivers joined us in our Play and Learn activities. We also welcomed back 23 native families to our monthly Native Learning Circles to share food, cultural knowledge, and community resources at our monthly. At the end of the year, our families came together to celebrate at WinterFest with food, fun, gifts, and games.

## **Family Resources and Support**

With continued support from our partners, our Family Development team provided direct support to 214 of our families in 2022. We connected families to resources such as fresh food, health services, rent/utility assistance, pet care, diapers and baby supplies, winter coats, etc. As a result of ongoing community advocacy for affordable access to child care, King County implemented a new child care subsidy program in 2022. We are excited to join 4 other community partners in supporting the Best Starts for Kids Child Care Subsidy program and connecting our families affordable child care!

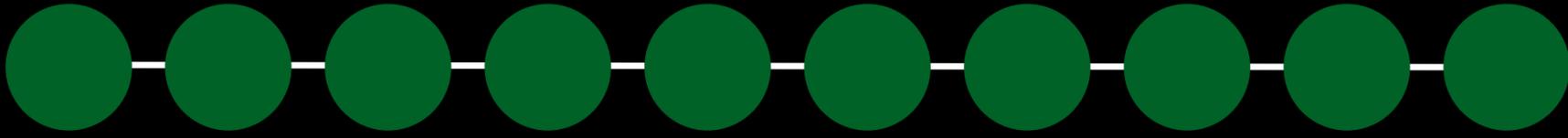


# COVID & HEALTH

## HIGHLIGHTS

- *Distributed 540 boxes of fresh food to the community*
- *Partnered with HealthierHere to support the Health Literacy Project with culturally responsive COVID health services and information*
- *Provided ongoing health information and resources*
- *Implemented a COVID-19 impacted survey and spoke to 103 community members about how COVID has impacted them and their families*





# COVID & HEALTH

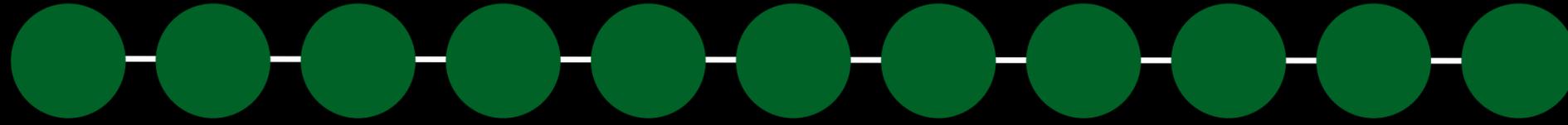
## COVID & Health Support

In 2022, resources and pandemic restrictions began to subside. However, the negative impact of COVID-19 continues to affect our community in various ways. In 2022, we wrapped up our work with the King County Eviction Prevention and Rent Assistance Program, supporting 205 families with \$2,110,931.56 of rental assistance. We joined Food4Good Food Justice Coalition and distributed food boxes to our community monthly. We also continued to support our families with health information, vaccination, test kits, and PPE.

## Health Advocacy

In partnership with HealthierHere, we continued to elevate the voices of our community and help improve health literacy systems so that our families can access culturally and linguistically relevant health information and services. We reached out to our families to help us better understand how COVID-19 has impacted our families more deeply and how the White Center CDA can further support our community. As a result of these conversations, we are developing programming to support community health and healing through gardening, food, and skill-sharing.

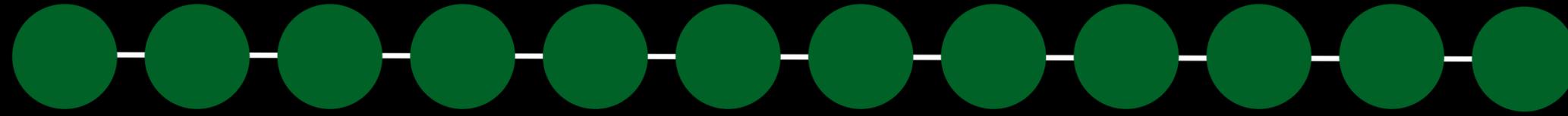




# ***HOUSING & HUB PROJECT***

## *HIGHLIGHTS*

- Continued partnership and capacity building through the development of the HUB and housing project*
- Continued partnership with community-based organizations in our Rise Together capital campaign*
- Received \$4.0 million of allocation from Senator's Patty Murray for the construction of affordable housing and community space*
- Received \$4.9 million from the state's Housing Trust Fund*



# ***HOUSING & HUB PROJECT***

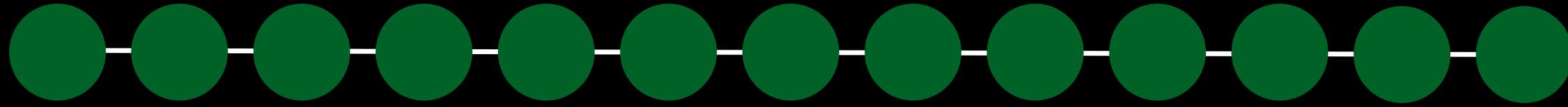
## **Project Development**

The White Center Community project launched in 2016 in partnership with SWYS and Community Roots. With the vision of creating a place of Hope, Unity, and Belonging (HUB) and affordable housing where families are nurtured with essential services and opportunities. Despite the many challenges, the development of the HUB and 76 units of affordable is on its way to becoming a reality with the continuing support from our community and new funding allocations from the state's Housing Trust Fund and Senator Patty Murray.

## **Community Advocacy**

With the continued rising cost of housing, we are intentional about development without further displacement and gentrification. As the HUB and housing project are scheduled to break ground in 2023, we are preparing our work to mobilize and advocate for a community-preference housing policy in King County in order to prioritize White Center residents and residents who have been displaced from White Center to have priority in accessing affordable housing.



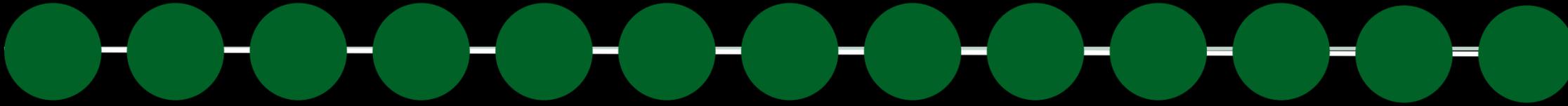


# ***MAKE IT R.A.I.N CLUB***

## *HIGHLIGHTS*

- R.A.I.N. 'Real, All-Inclusive, and No Limits' continued to hold safe spaces for our queer and trans youth to connect and support one another*
- LGBTQIA Youth Leadership Programming*
- Continued partnership and support for the LGBTQ+ Club at Evergreen High School*
- Held our second annual pride event Loud N Proud, celebrating people as they are with entertainment and unity*





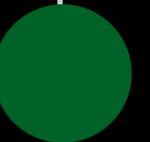
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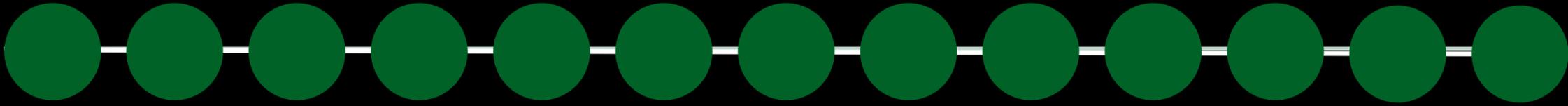
## LGBTQ+ Youth Leadership

In 2022, we held two 10-week LGBTQ+ Youth Leadership internships, exploring queer and trans issues within the music and entertainment industry and mental health care practices. Continuing to partner with Evergreen High School, we supported bringing LGBTQ+ club students together weekly to explore different social issues, share experiences, and have fun together while also providing students with resources and community opportunities to help our youths thrive.

## Loud N Proud

The Make It R.A.I.N Club organized and held its second annual signature Loud N Proud pride event, celebrating people as they are with entertainment and unity with the White Center community. Our youths focused on mental health as the theme of the event and intentionally created a space for the LGBTQ+ community to truly feel belonging in White Center by highlighting local queer and trans entertainers, vendors, and resources!

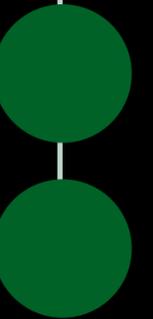




# ***20TH ANNIVERSARY***

2022 marked the White Center CDA 20th anniversary of working in community. Partners and community members joined us in celebration with food, music, and fun at our WCCDA 20th Anniversary Gala: Truth in Community. Truth encapsulates all that has happened within the last 20 years of our history. We are thankful to our community and partners for our collective work. Our work could not have been done without the brilliance of the White Center community and the tireless support from our community and partners!

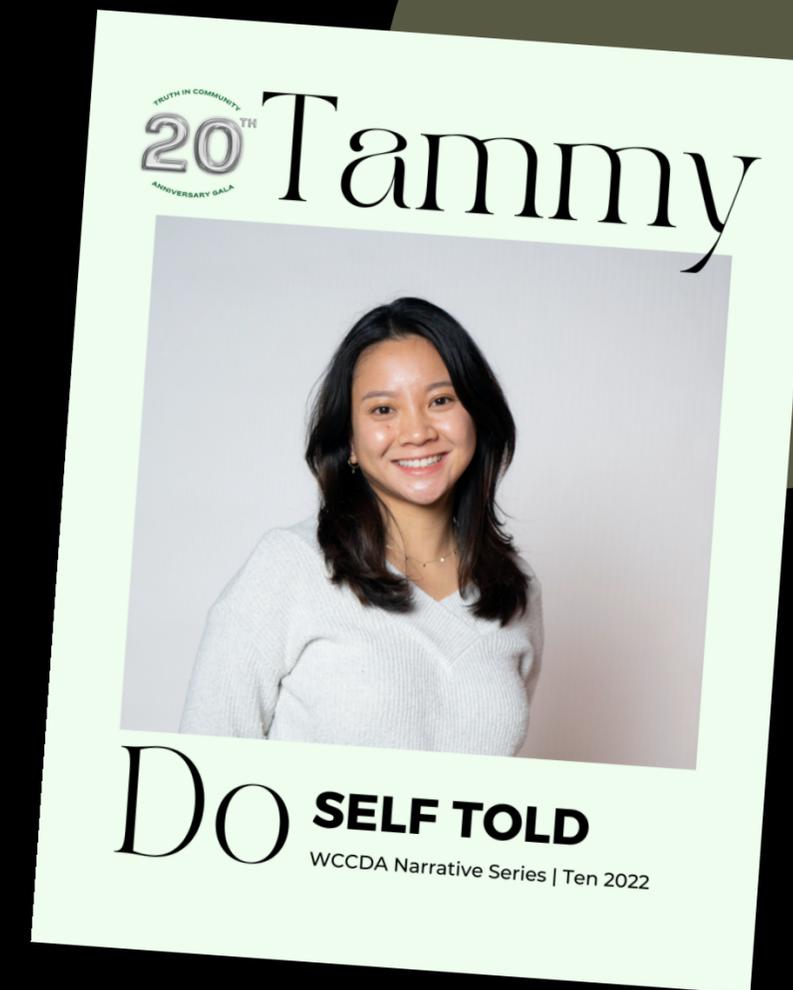
A recap of the event can be found here: <https://www.wccda.org/post/gala-recap>.



# COMMUNITY QUOTE

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*I am a teacher at Cascade Middle School in White Center. I was born and raised in the White Center community. I am immensely proud of White Center. The community has really changed a lot since growing up here. I know community changes, but it is not a change that looks like me. There is an acceptance of change. There is an allyship from people moving in. But I wonder, is the change honoring the existing cultures and community or is it newcomers claiming and gentrifying White Center?*

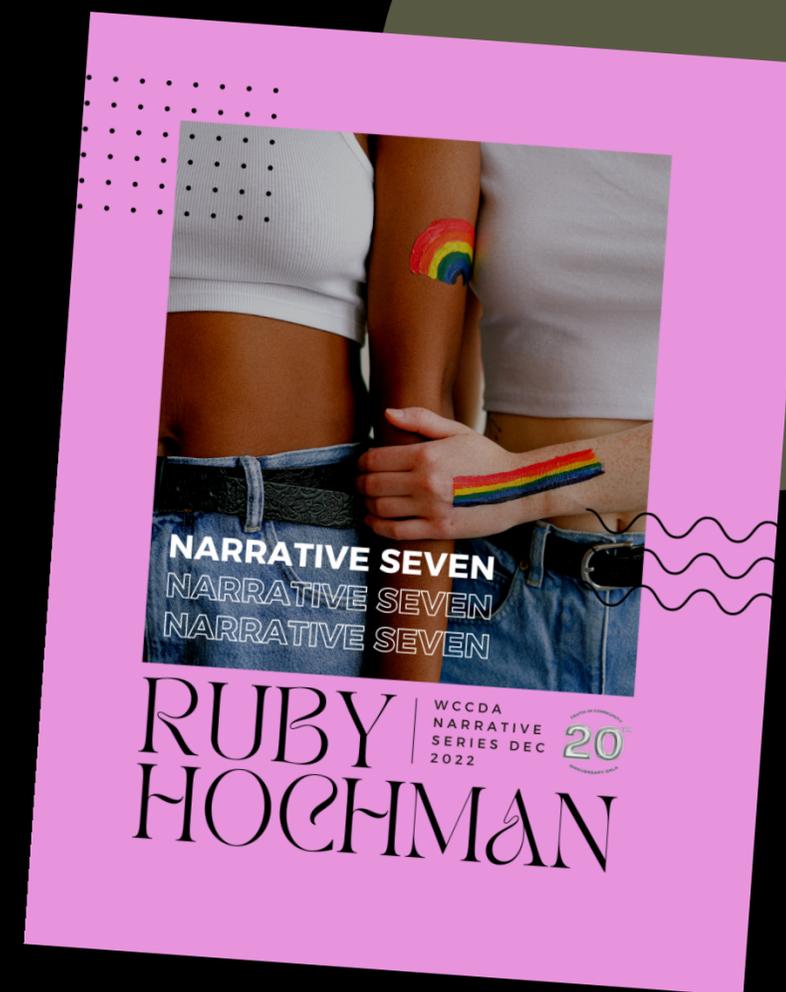


Narrative Project for our 20th Anniversary, more at <https://www.wccda.org/community>

# COMMUNITY QUOTE

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*This internship has given me the chance to bond more closely with the people around me and in my community, which has been wonderful. I've also been given the chance to access resources for LGBTQ+ youth outside of my school and to learn more about the activism going on in the community.*



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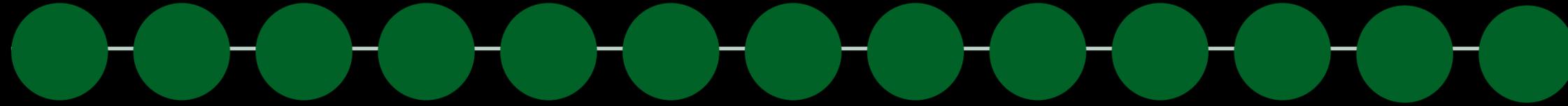
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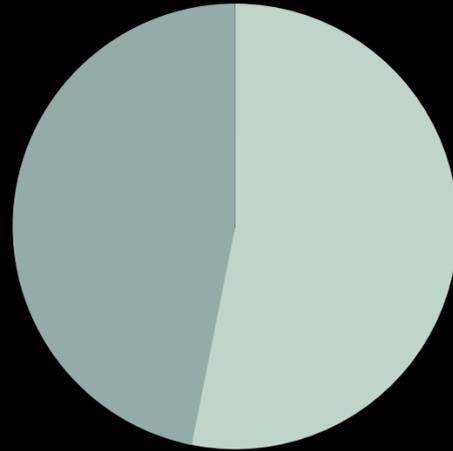
*Owning a store is a way for my family to make a living. But for me, the best thing about owning a store is being able to provide for our customers and being able to build relationships with our community through the store. We have seen many changes in the White Center area throughout the years of being here. However, White Center is still a quiet place with good people.*



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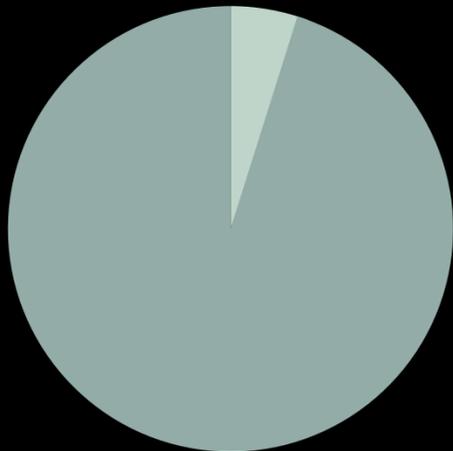


Expenses  
\$1,829,422.99



Revenue  
2,074,459.46

Liabilities  
\$72,099.63



Assets  
\$1,410,814.26

Assets: \$1,410,814.26  
Liabilities: \$72,099.63  
\*Net Assets: \$1,338,714.63

### SUPPORT & EXPENSES

Revenue: \$2,074,459.46

Total expenses: \$1,829,422.99  
Program: \$458,537.85  
Administrative: \$458,537.85  
Fundraising: \$29,766.05

Change in Net Assets: \$245,036.47

# UNAUDITED FINANCES





# ***THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS***

A 4 Apple  
Alimentando al Pueblo  
Arts Corps  
Africatown Community Land Trust  
Black Community Impact Alliance  
Byrd Barr Place  
CAPACD  
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Cham Refugees Community  
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City of Seattle  
Coalition for Drug Free Youth  
Communities Rise  
Community Roots Housing  
Comunidad Latina Vashon  
Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center  
Educare - PSESD  
Education for All  
ERRA

Evergreen Aquatic Center  
Evergreen High School  
Family Ways  
FEEST  
GenPride  
Healthpoint  
HealthierHere  
Highline Public Schools  
Highline College  
Inamaka Family Program  
Kaiser Permanente  
Khmer community of Seattle King County  
King County Department of Local Services  
King County Communities of Opportunity  
King County Best Starts for Kids  
King County Metro  
King County Library System  
King County Parks  
King County Housing Authority  
King County Equity Now



# ***THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS***

La Roxay Productions  
Lake Burien Presbyterian Church  
Lambert House  
LEAD  
Liberated Village  
Magic Cabinet  
Na'ah Illahee  
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Nepantla Cultural Arts & Art Gallery  
NDC  
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Puget Sound Sage  
ScholarFund  
Seattle Chamber of Commerce  
Seattle Foundation

Seattle Public Library  
Sheng-Yen Lu Foundation  
SKL Architects  
Skyway Coalition  
South Seattle College  
Southwest Youth and Family Services  
Technology Access Foundation (TAF)  
Tiny Trees Preschool  
Trusted Advocates  
Village of Hope  
Voices of Tomorrow  
WA COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund  
WA Department of Commerce  
WA State Dept. of Children, Youth, and Families  
WestSide Baby  
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