

ORCAS ISLAND
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

BUILDING COMMUNITY





Cover: Crow Valley

Clockwise from above: Looking west from Orcas; Snowdrops; Food Bank Volunteer, Anika Blackman; Long Live the Kings Volunteer, Rick Doty; From at top Mount Constitution; OICF Trustee, Brian Moss



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

These past few years have taught us that we can't wait for a crisis to create the assets needed to carry the community through a crisis. Building resilience takes forethought, investment, and dedication.

It takes time to build trust with each other. It takes commitment to create solid programs and strong organizations. It takes ongoing investments to develop skilled staff and strong Boards. It also takes a deep and common understanding of what assets the community has and an understanding of where the gaps may exist.

The Orcas Island Community Foundation works to support these efforts and strengthen the community today for come what may tomorrow.

OICF helps build trusting relationships between neighbors, organizations, and throughout the community. We invest in sustainable programs and services to meet the changing needs of the community. Working together to preserve and enhance the community we love.

The last few years have provided us with a good understanding of what is needed when the community faces a challenge. Looking back at the remarkable efforts of our community during the Pandemic, I am filled with gratitude and appreciation for everyone who invested their time, expertise, and financial resources to ensure Orcas had what was needed to support each other during a time of crisis. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Hilary Canty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hilary" and last name "Canty" clearly distinguishable.

Hilary Canty, Executive Director
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The village of
Eastsound from
a kayak

BUILDING COMMUNITY

The Orcas Island Community Foundation was started in 1995 by a group of islanders who believed that by working together they could create a healthier community.

The first few projects were the establishment of the Medical Clinic, support for the Public Library, and helping to build the Senior Center. All wonderful and critical services for a growing community.

Over the years, OICF has continued to invest in the assets that make the community stronger. Sometimes that investment is financial, such as raising funds for the Food Bank building and making significant contributions to OPAL Community Land Trust for affordable housing. Other times the investment is training and Board support to strengthen programs like the Community Resource Center and the Senior Center. And many times, the investment is in gathering community members together to discuss issues, learn from one another, and build stronger connections.

We recognize that maintaining a strong community takes a sustained and varied effort. OICF is in it for the long haul.

2022 AT A GLANCE



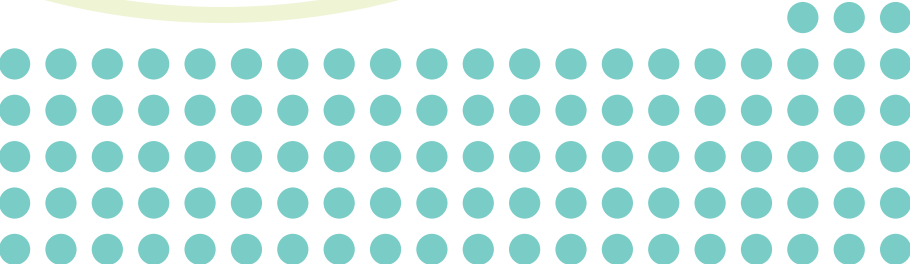
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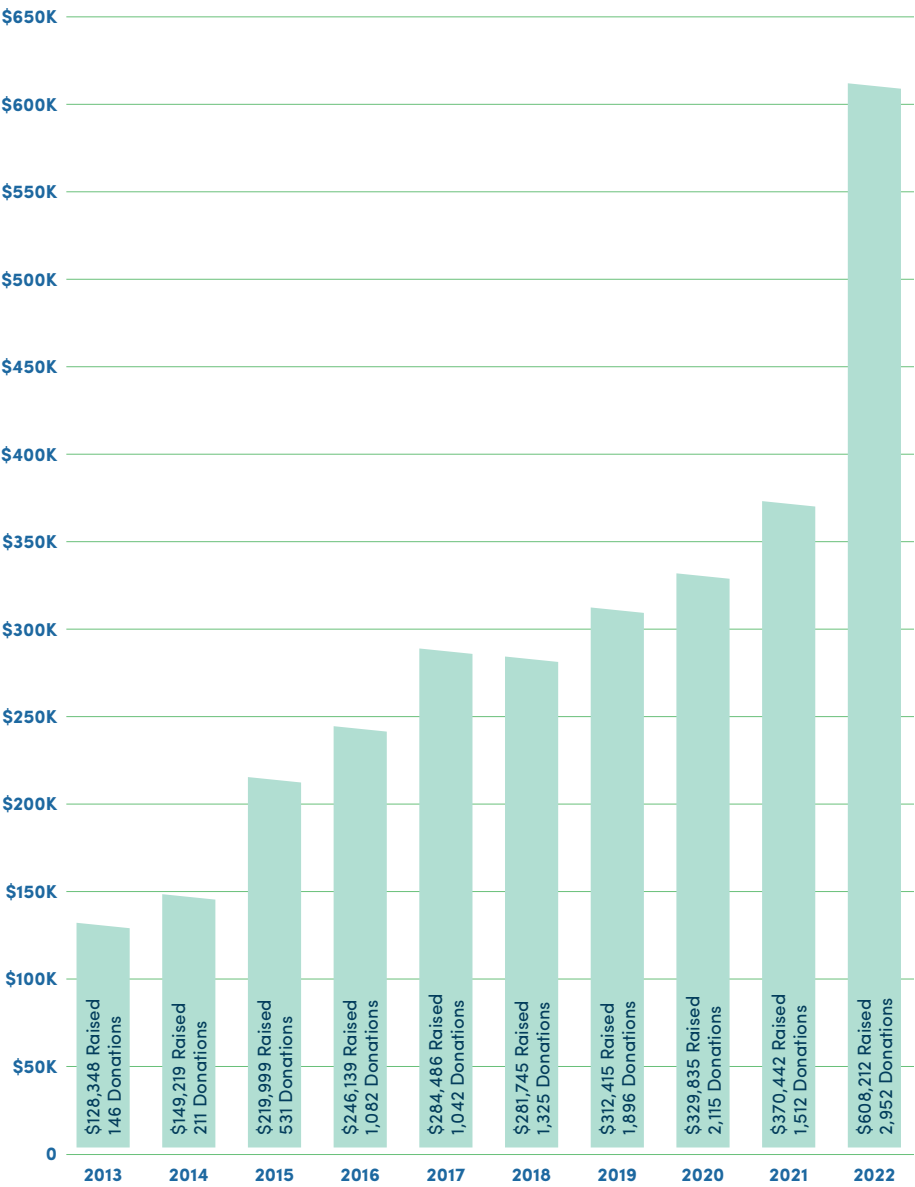
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AMAZING
TRUSTEES

\$8,134,630
DONATIONS TOTALED

103
COMMUNITY PARTNERS



GIVE ORCAS YEAR-TO-YEAR COMPARISON





Airhawks new flight simulator being tested at the ribbon cutting ceremony; An Orcas Center performance in front of their new curtain



GIVE ORCAS & YOUTH PHILANTHROPY

During last year's GiveOrcas Campaign, a young fellow came in with a fist full of money. It was his 7th birthday, and he wanted to make a donation to celebrate.

He and his Mom had gone to the bank where he withdrew \$7 from his savings account, one for each of his years. He asked for help reading through all of the proposals listed in the campaign and then selected the one that he felt best about and made his gift. I think about that child often. What a heart!

When we give, we receive. We feel more connected. We feel like we can make a difference. We feel like we belong.

GiveOrcas provides everyone with the opportunity to engage. Nonprofits submit proposals that are vetted by a committee of community members. Once they go up on the website, the community is invited to contribute to those that match their interests. Gifts from \$10 to \$10,000 are contributed and the goal is to get every proposal fully funded.

OICF facilitates the process, provides some funding, and covers all the credit card fees, so every \$1 you donate goes 100% to the programs you support. It is truly a team effort! Building a strong community truly takes the work of all and we are grateful for your effort.



This page: Mount Baker Apartments, a OPAL Community Land Trust housing project

That page: Signage on the Orcas Community Resource Center building

COMMUNITY CHALLENGES

In the early days of the pandemic, Washington State instituted the “Stay Home Stay Safe” quarantine. While this was a wise safety measure, it presented unique challenges for the houseless population on the island and elsewhere.

With the Library closed, public showers locked, and many services fully remote, there simply was no place for many neighbors to retreat to.

OICF, OPAL Community Land Trust (OPAL) and the Orcas Community Resource Center (OCRC) collaborated to address the situation, creating the Shelter Program, providing secure camping areas with access to water, hygiene and cooking facilities. The Orcas Island Food Bank provided grocery deliveries and a social worker assisted in connecting to other services. Once the Stay Home declaration was over, the campsites were closed per the agreements with the landowners, leaving many to go back to fending for themselves.



The 2023 San Juan County Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Count identified 148 people who have no stable place to live.

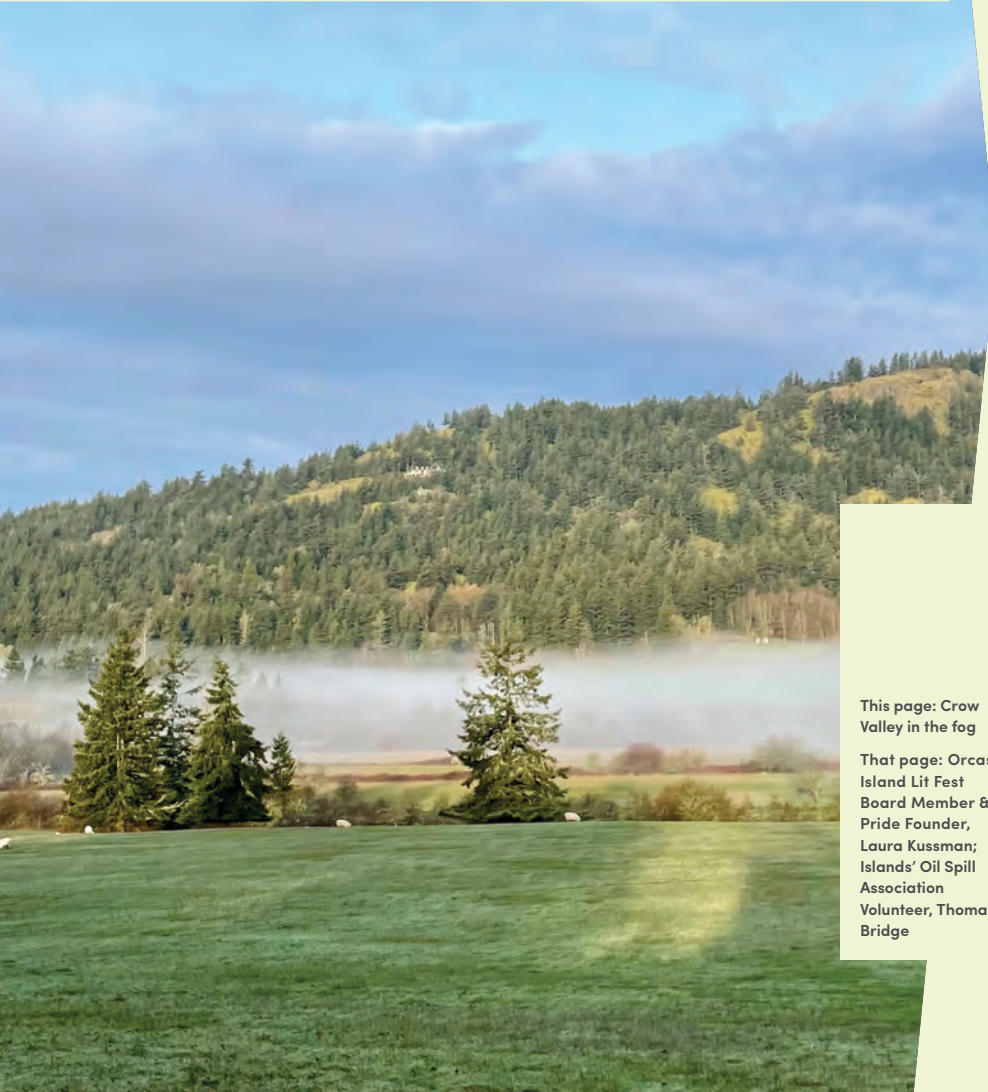
With our increased awareness, OPAL, OCRC and OICF decided to collaborate on a lasting solution. We secured a Rural Technical Assistance Grant from the State, providing access to a team of rural housing experts. Over 18 months, we researched options, and explored models to see what would be a good fit for Orcas. In the end we focused on providing more rental housing and also creating a Day Use Center with access to showers, laundry, food, and a social worker, providing a bridge to housing as a goal.

During this time, the Orcas Island Food Bank was also exploring options for a new facility, having outgrown their space with the increased needs sparked by Covid and associated inflation.

When 11 acres on Pea Patch Lane came on the market, we saw it as an ideal location to co-locate the Food Bank, Resource Center, a day use center, and affordable rental homes. As we go to press with this report, we are still doing the due diligence to ensure the property can hold all of these possibilities. If it can, we will complete the purchase and start the design process. If not, we will keep looking for the right spot. No matter what happens, we have gained so much trust and understanding throughout the process and that will certainly serve us well into the future.

“One of my favorite things about volunteering as an event producer is being in the very cool position of getting to curate a vibe! I love the feeling of enjoying shared collective interests together. I have really found that in this community, giving is receiving and vice versa.”

—Laura Kussman, Orcas Pride Co-Founder &
Orcas Island Lit Fest Trustee



This page: Crow
Valley in the fog

That page: Orcas
Island Lit Fest
Board Member &
Pride Founder,
Laura Kussman;
Islands' Oil Spill
Association
Volunteer, Thomas
Bridge



ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rural communities like Orcas Island thrive when neighbors help neighbors. The relationships and support given strengthens bonds between all of us.

Gestures large and small can make all the difference in a person's day. It can be as simple as sharing a smile or saying "have a nice day." It can also be as significant as giving an organization that you value and admire a day of your time to help them do whatever needs to get done.

Last year, the Community Foundation started a campaign called One Person Can Make a Difference. The campaign told the stories of those folks who so kindly give their time to the community to make it stronger and more resilient.

Many of the folks that we featured are shown in the pages of this annual report. They include volunteers, trustees, board members commissioners, mentors and just all around good people. As well as having the opportunity to learn a bit about them, their stories also included a bit about the organizations that they give their time to and why they volunteer.

While celebrating these amazing people in our community, our hope was that others might see themselves in these folks, connect with the mission and good work of the organizations, and that they might decide they want to get involved too.



Clockwise from above: Orcas Island Park & Rec District Commissioner, Justin Paulsen; Orcas Island Booster Club Volunteer, Keri Duenn; Orcas Island Library & Friends of the Orcas Island Library Volunteer, Michael Armenia; Friends of the San Juans Board Member, Janet Alderton; OICF Trustee & Treasurer, Patricia Benton; Salmonberry School Board Chair, Monee Harrington; Funhouse Mentor, Jesse Fabrikant; Deer Harbor Community Club Board President, Howard Barbour; OIEF Board Member, Susan Stoltz; San Juan County Land Bank Board Chair, Sandi Friel; Orcas Island Historical Museums Board Member, Rachel Riddle; Arts for Orcas Kids Volunteer, Susan Singleton; OCRC Board Member, Steve Jung







This page: A field of flowers on Orcas

That page: Island Rides Volunteer, Robert Pregulman

BUILDING A STRONG NONPROFIT NETWORK

OICF looks for opportunities to build connections between nonprofits, community members, and neighbors, as that is truly the foundation of community.

During the pandemic, OICF hosted a weekly Community Check in Call on zoom. The calls were well attended by many nonprofit and County leaders, providing a real time understanding of the ever changing needs and challenges facing Orcas and an opportunity to collaborate on solutions. Participants were able to openly discuss issues and concerns as well as celebrate successes.

Now, three years later, we are still holding those calls on a monthly schedule. Through understanding the work of our peers and the issues they face, we have developed a much deeper awareness of the multifaceted efforts needed to support a thriving community. This has opened up opportunities to work together on projects providing better support to each other and the community.

Connection is key to community strength.



“OICF is so much more than a foundation dedicated to giving grants to good causes. The insight and understanding you provide is instrumental in allowing funds to be used in the most impactful ways.”

— Sandy Playa,
Island Rides Orcas Coordinator

ISLAND RIDES

With the support of OICF, Island Rides expanded from San Juan Island to Orcas in the Spring of 2021, providing transportation services with a fleet of electric vehicles.

In the midst of the pandemic, transportation needs arose for many island residents. Seniors who no longer drove, folks convalescing from medical procedures, and neighbors who did not have a vehicle faced challenges getting to critical appointments or having supplies delivered as needed. OICF installed a charging station with a dedicated hook up for the Island Ride vehicles as well as a hook up for the community.

Island Rides is staffed by a group of skilled volunteer drivers. They serve a wide variety of neighbors who need assistance getting around, providing rides to and from medical appointments, ferries, banks, the airport, auto repair facilities and workplaces. They also deliver food and medical supplies as needed. For many neighbors, Island Rides is a true gift, helping to keep them healthy and connected.



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Asleep at the Wheel at the Orcas Center Summer Concert Series

FINANCIALS

OICF manages over \$23 million in assets while keeping our administrative expenses exceptionally low.

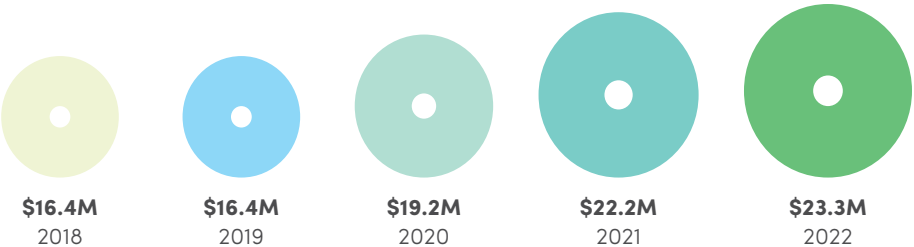
REVENUE

Contributions	\$8,134,629
Investment Income	\$(1,852,044)
Administrative Fee Income	\$34,301
Rental Income	\$32,553
Total Revenue	\$6,349,439

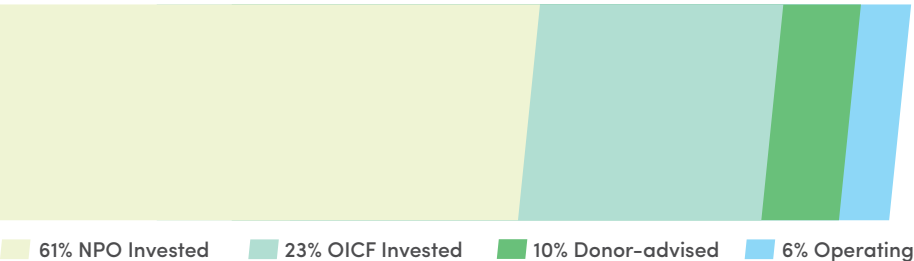
EXPENSES

Grants	\$4,706,434
Salaries	\$319,309
Operating	\$214,829
Total Expenses	\$5,240,572

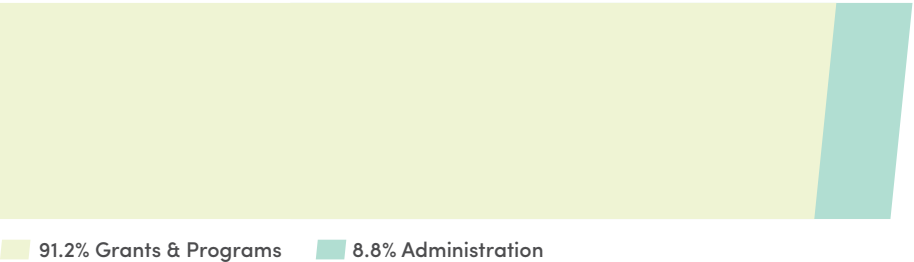
TOTAL ASSETS



TOTAL ASSETS BY FUND TYPE



EXPENSES





This page: The new Food Bank Grocery Store

That page: The Food Bank Crew; A young girl harvesting carrots

COMMUNITY FUNDS

This past year, two long time Board Members serving for the Food Bank decided to retire. Susan McBain and Margie Bangs served on the Food Bank Board for 10 years.

OICF is a great local option for establishing charitable funds. Currently, over 36 local organizations invest through OICF. These include endowments and designated funds providing consistent annual distributions for programs and services.

OICF offers four investment options:

Mid-to-Long Term Fund: A diversified global strategic approach featuring a blend of active, passive and private investment funds including real estate and private equity investments.

Blue Marble Fund: A lower cost strategy comprised of ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) and Mutual Funds focused on investing in companies with best practices related to environmental, social and governance attributes.



Indexed Fund: A diversified 60% stock and 40% fixed income portfolio invested in highly liquid exchange traded with exceptionally low internal-fund costs.

Short-term Fund: A short-term bond fund managed by PIMCO, with the primary goal of minimizing principal loss. Interest is earned on balances of \$50k or higher.

Many of the funds have been established as legacy gifts by donors who want to leave a gift to support the community beyond their lifetime. If you are interested in learning more about Legacy planning or Donor Advised Funds, give us a call.

“The Food Bank has served islanders for 40 years and serves more people today than it ever has. The Endowment Fund is a commitment to food security in our community in perpetuity.”

—Margie Bangs

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Thank you to our Cornerstone Donors who give annual, sustaining gifts of \$1,000–\$25,000 to fuel the programs & operations of the Community Foundation.

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“The Community Foundation is a partner of just about every nonprofit on Orcas Island. It strengthens us in so many ways: GiveOrcas, board development, holding and investing our funds, helping us coordinate our efforts, use of their bulk mail permit, to name just a few. By donating to the Cornerstone Fund, we enable the Foundation to do its work that benefits us all.”

—Rick Rhoads, Board Member, Orcas Island Food Bank



This page:
Crow Valley in
the morning

That page: OICF
staff, Molly
Donovan, Hilary
Canty & Tera
Andaya



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Clockwise from above: United Way of
San Juan County Board Member, Bruce
Benton; Orcas Island Lit Fest Event at
Darvill's Bookstore; A happy child at
Children's House; SailOrcas Sailing;
Children at Arts for Orcas Kids (A*OK)

