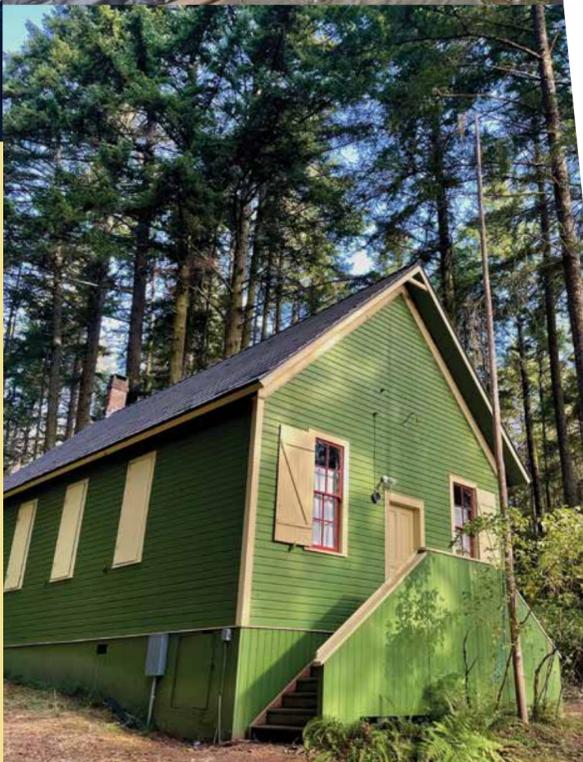


**ORCAS ISLAND  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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THE ORCAS ISLAND  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
WELCOMES YOU





Previous page: Crow Valley in the spring  
Clockwise from above: The Lummi Nation Totem Red Road to DC Celebration at Madrona Point; Hive work party at the Healing Arts Center; New roof on the Crow Valley School Museum; Goats at the Lum Farm on the Coffelt Farm Preserve; Farmers Market on the Village Green



**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Welcome home! We are delighted to have you as a neighbor and look forward to getting to know you.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce you to the Orcas Island Community Foundation (OICF).

Our mission at OICF is to foster philanthropy to enhance and preserve the quality of life for all who call Orcas home. A community thrives when all residents have the opportunity to have basic needs met — an exceptional education, a thriving environment, and access to amazing arts and cultural events. Working with individuals and organizations, OICF helps build the capacity of the community to meet those needs.

OICF frequently convenes community members to learn about the needs and opportunities facing the island. Working together to create innovative solutions, we help gather the resources needed to make solutions a reality. This community has the skill, knowledge, and heart to make it possible, we just need to work together to make it so.

What makes living on an island possible is that we look out for each other. We pitch in. We connect. When you feel connected, you create a stronger sense of belonging. You feel like you can make a difference and the entire community benefits.

What interests you? What do you want to learn more about? We welcome you to drop by the office and get to know a bit more about your new community.

Looking forward to getting to know you!

**Lindsay Jennings, Executive Director**  
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A winter morning in the Village; Mural at the Salmonberry School; Village of Eastsound from Indian Island



## ABOUT OICF

The Orcas Island Community Foundation is as unique as Orcas Island.

OICF was launched in 1995 by a group of islanders who wanted to build a stronger sense of community through philanthropy. Working together, they helped build the Medical Clinic, the Senior Center, expanded the Library and much more.

Over 30 years, OICF has grown into a nationally recognized organization, and was #1 in gifts per capita in 2023 according to CF Insights. We manage over \$27 million in assets, representing over 180 funds for organizations and individual donor advisors. In 2024, \$7.6 million in grants were processed through OICF. Remarkable given the size of this community.

OICF has developed the GiveOrcas Campaign ([go here to learn more](#)) to provide resources for programs serving the community. Twice a year, nonprofits submit proposals requesting funding, and we bring together a team of community volunteers to review and vet opportunities. The list is posted online, and the community is invited to contribute what they can, where they want. OICF handles all of the administration and even covers the credit card fees, so 100% of the donation goes to the proposals — GiveOrcas is a true community wide effort.



## THE ISLAND NONPROFITS

Orcas relies on the nonprofit sector to provide social services, education, cultural activities, housing and food support and so much more.

With over 100 active organizations there is an abundance of opportunities to get involved as a volunteer, donor, or active member.

Along with grantmaking, OICF supports building the capacity of local organizations through board and volunteer training, workshops, and fund management.

We have spent decades working with our island nonprofits, not only helping them become better organizations, but also working to strengthen the relationships between all of our nonprofits. Part of that is holding hour-long community check-in Zoom calls once a month to share updates and ideas with each other so that we maintain strong connections with each other and to make sure that everyone is well-informed as we work together.

Beyond our public and private schools, our arts and education sectors are rich and varied on Orcas. To name a few, the Airhawks Flying Club provides high school aged students with flight training, the Orcas Island Historical Museums shares the unique history of the island, and the Funhouse Commons provides a community center for kids of all ages.

It should be no surprise that the environmental nonprofits are also abundant, from the Land Bank, the Youth Conservation Corp, the SeaDoc Society, Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, and Farm to Classroom Program.

We have only started to scratch the surface of making Orcas a stronger and more resilient community. For a full list of the nonprofits in our community, see the list on the next two pages.

Douglas Kirby testing out the Airhawks Flight Simulator which was funded through the 2021 Holiday GiveOrcas Campaign; Madrona Sculpture at April's Grove by Zach Leck



## OUR NONPROFITS BY SECTOR

Orcas Island's 100+ nonprofit organizations are broken out into their various service sectors. If any of them interest you, do not hesitate to reach out to us to learn more. We are happy to help.

### ARTS & CULTURE

Actors Theater of Orcas Island  
 Art for Orcas Kids (A\*OK)/OIEF  
 Irthlingz Arts-Based Environmental Education  
 Music Advocacy Group (MAG)  
 Olga Strawberry Council  
 Olga Symphony  
 Orcas Center  
 Orcas Choral Society  
 Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival  
 Orcas Island Community Band  
 Orcas Island Film Festival / Orcas Open Arts  
 Orcas Island Historical Museums  
 Orcas Island Library  
 Orcas Island Lit Fest  
 Orcas Island Shakespeare Society (OISS)  
 Orcas Recycling Services / The Exchange  
 San Juan County Arts Council  
 San Juan Islands Museum of Art  
 Woman in the Woods Productions  
 Wooden Boat Society

### CIVIC

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #93  
 American Legion Post #93

American Legion Sons Unit #93  
 Deer Harbor Community Club  
 Doe Bay Community Association  
 Friends of the Olga Store Building  
 Friends of the Orcas Library  
 Helping Hands Noramisa  
 Leadership San Juan Islands  
 League of Women Voters of the San Juans  
 Madrona Club  
 Odd Fellows Hall  
 Olga Community Club  
 Olga Strawberry Council  
 Orcas Island Community Foundation  
 Orcas Island Farmers Market Association  
 Orcas Island Fire & Rescue  
 Orcas Island Library  
 Orcas Island Lions Club  
 Orcas Island Park and Recreation District  
 Orcas Island Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Association  
 Orcas LGBT Fund  
 Turn Point Lighthouse Preservation Society  
 West Sound Community Club

### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Kaleidoscope Preschool

Orcas Island Children's House  
 Orcas Montessori School  
 Salmonberry School and Learning Center  
 San Juan County ECEAP

### ECONOMY/BUSINESS

Friends Of Moran State Park  
 Friends of the Olga Store Building  
 Olga Strawberry Council  
 Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce  
 Orcas Island Farmers Market Association  
 Orcas Island Youth Conservation Corps  
 Orcas Recycling Services / The Exchange  
 Project Pal/OPALCO  
 San Juan County Economic Development Council  
 San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau

### EDUCATION

4-H of San Juan County  
 Airhawks Flying Club  
 Art for Orcas Kids (AOK)/OIEF  
 Canoe Island French Camp  
 Farm to Classroom/OIEF  
 Four Winds Camp  
 Friends Of Moran State Park

Friends of the San Juans  
 Funhouse Commons  
 Indralaya/Orcas Island Foundation  
 Irthlingz Arts-Based Environmental Education  
 Island Reproductive Health Initiative (IRHI)  
 Island Stewards  
 Keepers of the Patos Light  
 KWIAHT  
 Lahari  
 Leadership San Juan Islands  
 Moran State Park & Camp Moran Retreat Center  
 Music Advocacy Group (MAG)  
 Orcas Center  
 Orcas Community Participatory Agriculture  
 Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival  
 Orcas Island Community Church  
 Orcas Island Education Foundation (OIEF)  
 Orcas Island Film Festival / Orcas Open Arts  
 Orcas Island Garden Club  
 Orcas Island Historical Museums  
 Orcas Island Library  
 Orcas Island School District 137  
 Orcas Island Shakespeare Society (OISS)  
 Orcas Island Youth Conservation Corps  
 Orcas Recycling Services / The Exchange



Orcas Island School District Kids at YMCA Camp Orkila for Education Day; Annual Book Sale at the Orcas Island Public Library; Conestoga Hut built by The Shelter Group



Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)  
SAFE San Juans  
Salmonberry School & Learning Center  
Wooden Boat Society  
YMCA Camp Orkila

**ENVIRONMENT**

Farm to Classroom/OIEF  
Friends Of Moran State Park  
Friends of the San Juans  
Irthlingz Arts-Based Environmental Education  
Islands' Oil Spill Association  
Island Stewards  
Keepers of the Patos Light  
KWIAHT  
Long Live the Kings  
Moran State Park & Camp Moran Retreat Center  
Orcas Community Participatory Agriculture  
Orcas Island Garden Club  
Orcas Island Youth Conservation Corps

Orcas Recycling Services / The Exchange  
San Juan County Conservation Land Bank  
San Juan Preservation Trust  
SeaDoc Society  
Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center  
YMCA Camp Orkila

**FAITH-BASED**

Emmanuel Episcopal Parish  
Micah 6:8 Prison Ministries  
Orcas Island Community Church

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit #93  
American Legion Post #93  
American Legion Sons Unit #93  
Kiwanis Club Of Orcas Island  
Odd Fellows Hall  
Orcas Island Lions Club

**HEALTH CARE**

Compass Health San Juan Islands/WISe  
Healing Arts Center  
Island Reproductive Health Initiative (IRHI)  
Lahari  
Mercy Flight / Orcas Aviation Association  
SAFE San Juans

**HOUSING**

Homes for Islanders  
OPAL Community Land Trust

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Compass Health San Juan Islands/WISe  
Island Reproductive Health Initiative (IRHI)  
Micah 6:8 Prison Ministries  
Orcas Animal Protection Society  
Orcas Community Resource Center  
Orcas Island Community Church  
Orcas Island Food Bank

Orcas Senior Center  
Project Pal/OPALCO  
SAFE San Juans  
San Juan County Senior Services  
United Way of San Juan County  
Washington Vocational Services

**SPORTS & RECREATION**

Four Winds Camp  
Friends Of Moran State Park  
Keepers of the Patos Light  
Long Live the Kings  
Moran State Park & Camp Moran Retreat Center  
Orcas Island Booster Club  
Orcas Island Park and Recreation District  
Orcas Island Rowing Association (OIRA)  
Orcas Island Sportsmen  
Orcas Off Leash Area (OOLA)  
Sail Orcas  
YMCA Camp Orkila



Clockwise from above: CERF Advisors Erin O'Dell, Susan Singleton, Kevin Ranker, Judy Scott, Brian Moss, Hilary Canty, Berto Gándara & Lisa Byers; Orcas Island Civilian Conservation Corps members working along Cascade Creek at Buck Bay; Daniela Pereira from the Orcas Community Resource Center; Village Green Playground; Sail Orcas sailboats at West Sound; Orcas Food Co-op signage; Volunteer Island Rides driver Mariann Carrasco; OICF thanks the community for GiveOrcas participation; Jake Perrine, Nicole Matisse, Bethany Marie & Dimitri Stankevich of the Orcas Center; Fresh organic food at the Food Bank





The end of the day at the Orcas Island School District; Cheddar sitting in front of the Ginny Lu Wood Water Fountain on the Village Green; Anemones in front of Monti



### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Foster family has multi-generational ties with a Mexican pueblo, dating back to 1945, when Jeremy's father was working as an anthropologist in Michoacan.

The Fosters decided to honor the Pichu family connection by starting the Pichu Fund, which provides an annual scholarship to a Latina/Latino High School student pursuing higher education. They set up the fund to ensure that the connection continues on.

Bob and Betty Lundeen set up an endowed fund at OICF. Their focuses were the Library, seniors, education, and medical services. Last year, it provided a Social and Emotional Advocate at the middle school—timely support for so many. This year, it went to the Senior Center. They will use the funds to support island seniors.

Ginny Lu Wood left the proceeds from the sale of her home to OICF. In her lifetime, Ginny was a strong advocate for the Eastsound community and the Salish Sea. Her legacy gift has provided funding for the new playground and water fountain in the Village Green. We made sure the fountain was dog friendly in honor of Jesse, her wonder dog.

Legacy gifts come in all sizes and can be focused on what you love most. It is a lovely way to give back to this community that has given so much to each of us. We are happy to help you set up a fund at any time.



## WAYS TO GIVE

We invest in partnerships, nonprofits, and projects that tackle community challenges, help meet critical needs, and improve the quality of life for all of our neighbors.

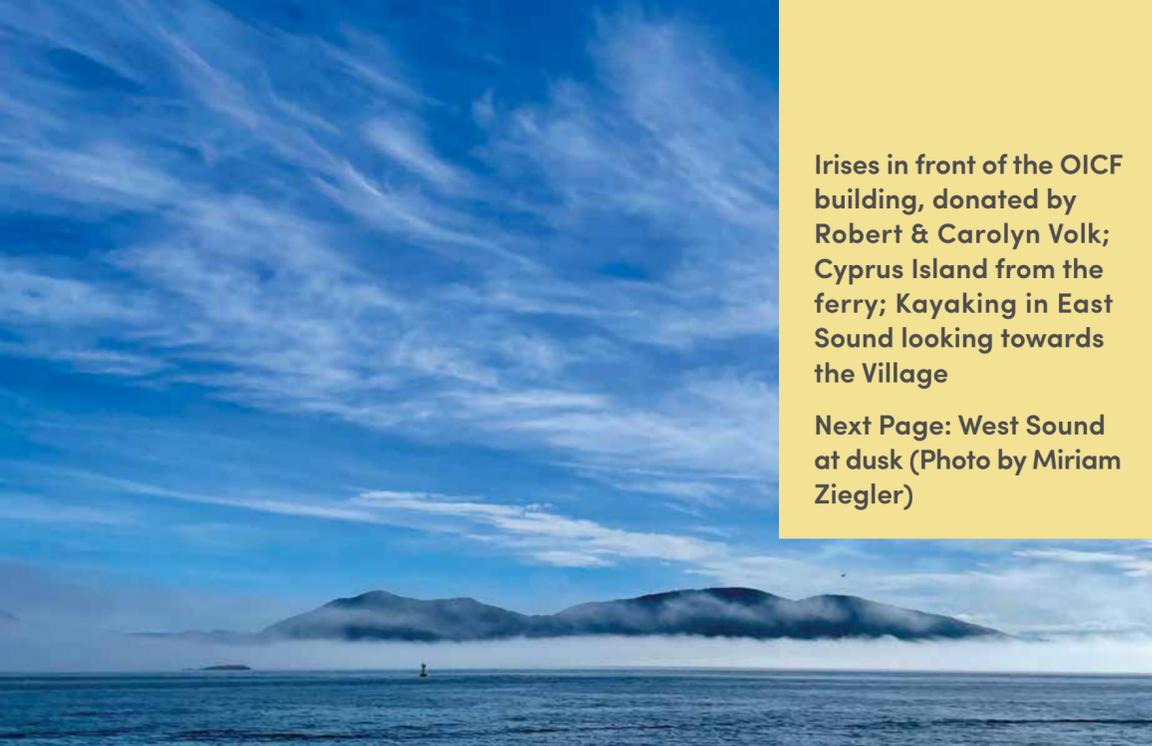
Investing in OICF is an investment in community. OICF currently holds over 170 funds for a variety of nonprofits, legacy donors, and donor-advised funds. Each year, the funds make distributions to programs and projects around the world, but mostly here on Orcas.

We invite you to consider opening a fund of your own. Setting up a fund is a simple process. We accept different kinds of assets and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving, including

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), stock transfers, pass through gifts/grants, and gifts of real estate. We offer five different investment options and have low administrative fees. All fund owners have cloud-based access to their accounts, making grantmaking a simple process.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact our office at (360) 376-6423 or [info@oicf.us](mailto:info@oicf.us), and we can walk you through the process.

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Irises in front of the OICF building, donated by Robert & Carolyn Volk; Cyprus Island from the ferry; Kayaking in East Sound looking towards the Village

Next Page: West Sound at dusk (Photo by Miriam Ziegler)



## **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU**

If you would like, stop by the office to say hi, visit our website, or sign up for our weekly community focused emails.

We look forward to getting to know you!

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