

24th Annual All County Breakfast Results in Record-Breaking Total

Special Thanks to Our Presenting Sponsor



FERNDALE REFINERY

This popular event was held at the Ferndale Clubhouse on November 2. Guests enjoyed breakfast, celebrated this year's prestigious award winners, and received updates on Club & early learning center activities.

Former board president Terri Salstrom spoke enthusiastically about the expanded reach of our programs, and invited attendees to consider a gift of hope. Thank you to our corporate sponsors and generous attendees for your dedication to providing opportunities for the next generation.

2023 Community Award Winners

★ *Individual Champion of Youth Award:* Patricia Ann received this award for her decade-long commitment to our mission.

★ *Business Champion of Youth Award:* Hotel Bellwether received this award for hosting two transformational Paella Parties with a Purpose.

★ *Coach of the Year Award:* Alisson Bonner received this award for her year-round support and mentorship of athletic teams.

136 event attendees

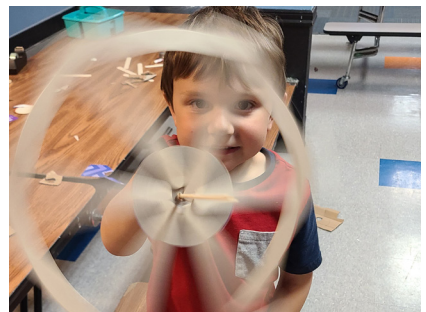
\$108,171
dollars raised

Community sponsors: 27

1 great morning



Adult mentors
Year-round athletics



homework help
Nutritious snacks

Your Gift Provides...



STEM activities
social-emotional
support



Message from the CEO

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I find myself reflecting about how our community is a source of inspiration, resilience, and unwavering commitment to our mission of empowering young people.

Our Clubs and early learning centers continued to be a beacon of hope and support for young minds, providing a safe space for youth to grow and thrive.

We have witnessed countless success stories. From developmental milestones to academic achievement and career exploration to character development and healthy lifestyles, the young people participating in our programs continue to amaze us with their potential.

The heart of our organization lies in the tireless dedication of our staff. Their passion and commitment make a profound impact on the lives of the children we have the privilege to serve.

As we step into 2024, our mission remains the same and it is this community's collective commitment to our mission that strengthens our resolve to continue to meet the changing needs of our youth, ensure inclusivity and equity and broaden our reach.

Thank you for your steadfast support and belief in the potential of every young person, together we will continue to empower futures and change lives.

- Heather Powell, CEO



Great Futures Campaign 2023

\$340,000



\$270,896
as of November 16

It's not too late to



**BE A
DIFFERENCE
MAKER in the
lives of local youth.**

*Please consider giving a gift to the
kids who need us most this year.*

Upcoming Events

**YOUR WEEK
TO GIVE**

from the heart

February 11 - 16, 2023

This online event features an exciting matching gift and an impressive silent auction. More information to come soon at whatcomclubs.org

**INSPIRE HIGHER DREAMS
Gala & Auction**

April 26, 2024

Please join us at the Semiahmoo Resort for a most elegant evening. This event will include a plated dinner, and silent & live auctions. More information to come soon at whatcomclubs.org



The annual Spreading Smiles campaign with Whatcom County McDonald's restaurants launched on November 23rd. From now until December 31st, we encourage the community to visit any McDonald's location in the county to donate \$1 or more to the Clubs.

This successful fundraiser has raised \$419,000 for youth during the past 15 years. Please join us in continuing to support young people during this upcoming season of giving.

program spotlight



Teens in Lynden have been participating in a forensic science module as part of their career exploration exposure. Members collected their own fingerprints with pencil lead and tape, and dusted cocoa powder on surfaces to find others' prints.

To further explore careers, they learned about chemical analysis of various household items. Working in groups, they investigated and problem solved to guess substances based on their reactions.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ATHLETICS NEWS



Flag football and volleyball players from across the county took part in over 60 matches this season. More than 150 kids from ages 6 to 14 took part in our fall athletic programs from September through November.

Next quarter, we'll be doing all things basketball. Our mini's began their practices earlier, on November 6th. Registration for our middle school basketball will open on January 15th.

The elementary leagues will begin their practices on January 17th. We hope to see all of you on the court!

Licensed Care Spotlight

We recently invested in three brand new, state-of-the-art mini busses to replace our outdated 15 passenger vans.

Each van is equipped with fold-down car seats for children who require it, further supporting our commitment to safety. Providing transportation to and from school as well as off-site field trips is a vital part of our early learning program and greatly enhances our members' experiences.



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1715 Kentucky Street
Bellingham, WA 98229



YOUTH of the YEAR Celebratory Dinner

February 1, 2024
5:30 - 7:00 pm

We are hosting a free dinner at the Ferndale Clubhouse to celebrate our Youth of the Year candidates. We will announce the winner who will represent Whatcom County at the state level of the competition.

To register, visit whatcomclubs.org

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Together, we are shaping the future of the next generation.



Our youngest members enjoy engaging activities daily



Teens experience career paths through virtual reality technology



Field trips help kids explore the world around them



Healthy snacks fuel growing minds & bodies

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