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QUARTERLY REPORT

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Reflecting on a Challenging Year

A year ago this month, none of us could've guessed where we would be in July 2021. Across the globe, we faced uncertainties. We struggled through an uprooting of our day-to-day lives. Many of us experienced loss—loss of jobs, loss of connection with loved ones, and sadly, even loss of life.

Needless to say, this was one of the toughest years Children of the Valley has experienced as an organization. COVID-19 challenged our staff and volunteers to innovate to serve the changing needs of our families. It challenged our students to be self-motivated—to learn and engage in ways they've never done before. And it challenged our community to recognize those in need and step up to help.

We are so proud of our staff, volunteers, students, and community for persevering through this difficult year, for facing these challenges head-on, and coming out stronger.



Finished the school year strong,
serving over 100 children.



Raised \$46,788 during the 2021
COV Annual Art Auction.



Solidified partnerships with
Sedro-Woolley & Burlington
School Districts.

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A Letter from Our Executive Director

Flora Lucatero



Dear COV Partners,

After a year like this, there are so many people to thank. Our staff and volunteers showed up every single day despite the danger to themselves. They adapted as COV pivoted multiple times throughout the year in accordance with guidelines and the changing needs of our students. They worked tirelessly to ensure each child stayed on task, completed their daily homework assignments, had healthy food to eat, and felt supported emotionally.

Thank you, staff and volunteers!! We truly couldn't have gotten through this without you!

We also couldn't be more proud of our COV students. Each day, they logged into their Zoom classrooms and engaged with their classmates and teachers. For many students, this was the first time they had ever used a computer!

The students worked hard from the minute they arrived at COV to the minute they left. For some this meant arriving at 6am and staying until nearly 6pm. While at COV, the students learned, ate, played, laughed, cried, and slept. They got mad and sometimes they got very sad. We worked through all of it alongside them. Most importantly, the students finished the year strong. They grew in many ways and we had multiple emails from school teachers regarding the childrens' growth and successes.

One student entered our program mid-way through the year and had not been in school yet this year. She had over 100 incomplete assignments but was able to complete them all by the end of the school year. Incredible!

Thank you, COV students, for your perseverance and adaptability!

And finally, we absolutely could not have made this year happen without the support of our partners and community. Thanks to you, we were able to serve 100+ children who wouldn't have had the academic and personal support they needed without our full-time learning centers. We are extremely grateful that you felt called to act when we needed you.

We're excited to share that thanks to your generous support, COV is growing again! As early as this fall, we're expanding services to the Sedro-Woolley and Burlington School Districts! We know we're called to make a difference in the lives of our community's under-resourced youth and we look forward to serving these kids from all over our county. We're excited to see what the Lord has planned for this coming year!

Thank you, Skagit Valley, for helping make this possible!

Sincerely,

Flora Lucatero | Executive Director



Announcement

COV is Expanding Locations to Sedro-Woolley & Burlington





Forging New Partnerships

We're thrilled to announce that as soon as fall of 2021, COV will begin providing academic assistance, enrichment activities, and social-emotional support for under-resourced children in the Sedro-Woolley and Burlington School Districts.

Thank you to our new partners for helping us support children-in-need and encouraging them to DREAM BIG!



By the Numbers: A Harsh Reality We're Trying to Change

School Districts	Burlington	Mount Vernon	Sedro-Woolley
 K-5 Students Enrolled	2,197	2,615	2,188
 Living in Low-Income Households	1,241	1,739	1,019
 Experiencing Homelessness	73	65	89
 Below Academic Standards (ELA Math)	1,378 1,494	1,142 974	975 1,090



Appreciation

Volunteers of the Year

These amazing volunteers went above and beyond to support the children in our community! THANK YOU!!

Every single day this past year, Dwight and Kathy spent at least 2 hours preparing 100+ snacks. They fulfilled a huge role and without them, we would not have been able to operate!

Kim was our shuttle driver who, at times, did two shifts per day. She also supplied classrooms with outdoor activities, games and a prize bin, and organized a holiday pizza party!



Dwight & Kathy Nelson
Snack Prep Leaders



Kim Lee
Shuttle Driver

Celebrating Our Students

Teachers Gush Over Their Students' Growth

"He entered as a non reader Level AA and is now leaving second grade at Level E. That is almost 1.5 years of growth in one year."

"She came into my class not knowing her multiplication facts at all. She is now proficient in her facts and has met proficiency on the unit tests in class."

"She wasn't reading at all before attending COV. She is making positive choices about who she plays with and is making more friends."

"He really shines! He loves to share his knowledge of math, and his number recognition has greatly improved!"



Upcoming Events



**Together We Rise
Apparel Fundraiser**

August 1 - Sept. 30



**COV Run
for the Kids**

November 2021



**Giving
Tuesday**

November 20, 2021

COV at a Glance

**Students
Served**



108

**Staff
Members**



17

**Total
Volunteers**



33

**Volunteer
Hours**



1,091



Want to Help?

There are many ways to get involved and support the under-resourced children in our community.



Learn more at childrenofthevalleymv.org

