



CHILDREN OF THE VALLEY  
**IMPACT REPORT**  
2022-2023



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# Children of the Valley

## Inspiring Kids to Dream Big

### Our Mission

COV serves under-resourced children and their families by valuing their cultural identity and empowering them through education, personal growth, and mentorship.

### About Children of the Valley

Founded in 2006, Children of the Valley works in partnership with the Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, and Burlington school districts to serve students K-5/6 referred by a school teacher, counselor, or administrator for exhibiting substantial personal or academic need.\* We currently operate five sites with a total of 15 classrooms.

Free to the families and students we serve, our program provides daily instructor-led academic assistance, enrichment activities, and social-emotional learning opportunities, in addition to assisting families with meeting basic needs.

*\*6th grade is available depending on the district*



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# Flora Lucatero

Executive Director

Since 2006



## Dear COV Partners,

Welcome to our third annual Impact Report! A parent of a COV student recently said, “It takes a village to raise a child and I have found my village.” In our community, we are blessed with the presence of several after-school programs and while COV provides after-school support, our program aims to serve the whole child through our five cornerstones of care: academic assistance, enrichment activities, social-emotional learning, family support, and mentorship. We are excited to share our revised mission statement and new cornerstone of care to reflect this point of difference, as much of the work we do takes place behind the scenes as we actively work to break the cycle and systems of poverty and trauma that many of these children and their families were born into.

We are humbled and honored by those who have recognized our program’s impact and want to join us in making a difference! This year, the Jack & Shirley McIntyre Foundation joined our Leadership Circle. I am also thrilled to share with you that to further the long-term impacts COV is making, a private donor is working with us to set up an annual scholarship fund eligible to COV students and volunteers upon graduation from high school.

At the end of the day, Children of the Valley was developed by our community to serve and benefit our community’s underresourced children. I am grateful to all of the people and organizations coming together to support our program’s recent growth. Thank you for helping us continue to inspire kids to DREAM BIG!

Sincerely,

Flora Lucatero | **Executive Director**



*“We are humbled and honored by those who have recognized our program’s impact.”*





# Beth Ashley

**Board Chair**

*Retired Middle School Principal*



## Dear COV Partners,

### **So Much to Celebrate**

Reflecting on this past school year and the expanded reach of COV in Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley and Burlington, there is much to celebrate. As you read through the Impact Report, the Board of Directors invites you to join us as we acknowledge the tremendous impact COV is making on the lives of children and families as well as the overall quality of life in Skagit County.

### **Program Success**

Over 200 children and their families have experienced everything from their fundamental needs of food and shelter being met to personal and academic success due to the inspired and comprehensive work of the staff and volunteers at COV.

### **Distinguished Leadership and an Energetic Board of Directors**

Flora Lucatero, Executive Director, received prestigious recognition in Skagit County this year: Change Maker Award, and Business Person of the Year from Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce. She is truly one of the foremost leaders in our county. Another cause for celebration is representation from each of the three communities on the COV Board.

### **Highly-Qualified and Impassioned Staff**

Flora has hired and trained outstanding staff for 15 classrooms in five sites. A priority for the Board has been to provide compensation to attract, maintain, and develop the best personnel to work with our students. It is impressive to see the number of staff who have earned higher education degrees and who are pursuing careers as teachers and social workers.

### **Community Investment in COV**

Our partners, donors, and volunteers value the impact COV is having. This is evident in the commitment from the Leadership Circle, increase in partnerships and donors across Skagit County, over \$100,000 raised at the Annual Art Auction, and the increase in volunteers.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for all you are doing to strengthen our community. Whether it is a child learning to read, a parent feeling supported, or a staff member investing in each child, you are making these dreams a reality! That is cause for celebration.

Sincerely,

Beth Ashley | **Board Chair**





# Our Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028

With Children of the Valley sites and classrooms successfully underway in Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, and Burlington, the Board of Directors has established a five-year strategic plan to support and expand program operations. It is clear from waiting lists and community input that the need for COV is high and growing among all grades.

Meanwhile, federal dollars designated for COVID learning loss are due to end at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. A significant amount of the COV expansion has been supported from our school district partners dedicating these funds to COV. With these needs and challenges in mind, the Board of Directors has identified three priorities to serve COV’s strategic plan.

## Priority One Fiscal Sustainability

Our growth was prompted by the pandemic, and because of funds from COVID relief being reduced and expiring a year earlier than expected, we are focused on achieving fiscal sustainability.

### Activities

- Expand our partnerships throughout the greater community.
- Continue our relationships with our sustaining partners.
- Continue to build brand awareness and our donor database throughout Skagit County.

## Priority Two Middle School Support

Expand vertically by developing a middle school component to COV for the purpose of student retention and academic success.

### Activities

- Create support services for COV students moving onto middle school.
- Engage COV graduates to continue their connection to COV by volunteering.

## Priority Three Program Fidelity

Ensure that COV’s mission and program integrity are maintained at each site and in each classroom.

### Activities

- Create systems to gather data and monitor student progression on Cornerstones of Care.
- Provide infrastructure support in order to maintain program quality.



# Our Cornerstones of Care

A+

## Academic Assistance

Through regular correspondence with teachers, we tailor efforts specific to each child's academic needs, helping them develop better study skills, increase knowledge of core classroom curriculum, and boost self-confidence.

Every day after school, COV children receive academic assistance.

- One hour of daily reading support
- Regular communication with school teacher
- Math-based games and activities
- Assistance with homework completion



## Enrichment Activities

COV strives to provide its children with a holistic, whole-circle approach to education which means opening the door to enrichment opportunities that may not be offered to them otherwise.

### COV Children Took 10 Field Trips!

- Northwest Career & Technical Academy tour
- Jungle Playland
- Bowling at Riverside Lanes and Sedro-Woolley
- Skagit Valley College tour
- Edgewater Park



## Social-Emotional Learning

A child's social-emotional well-being is one of the largest factors in their ability to learn. Our goal is to provide COV children with the necessary tools to understand and manage their unique, and often confusing, emotions.

Schools and programs that implement Positive Action in their curriculum have shown the following improvements:

- **75%** improvement in violent behavior
- **80%** improvement in suspensions
- **41%** improvement in bullying behaviors



## Family Support

Our goal is to establish meaningful relationships with families to better understand how we can be of assistance. Whether it's through direct support or connecting COV families to community resources, we help families through any challenges that may arise in their lives.

### Connect Families to Community Resources

- Well-child Checks with Skagit Regional Clinics
- Nutrition Workshop with Skagit Regional Clinics
- Picnic dinner & resource fair at Skagit Valley College
- Weekly/monthly food boxes from Helping Hands Food Bank



## Mentorship

To create positive and lasting change, we provide ways for COV children to stay engaged with the program through volunteering and employment opportunities. Community partnerships in higher education also allow COV to be a site for work-based learning.

How COV provides invaluable experience to our next generation of educators and immeasurable inspiration to COV children:

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Work-based Learning
- Middle School Support Services
- Hiring & Training Educators





*"They had 1.5 years worth of growth in reading when compared to their beginning of the year and end of the year reading level."*

**Teacher Feedback**



- Skagit Skate roller skating rink
- Children’s Museum of Skagit Valley
- Museum of Northwest Art (MoNA)
- Archery, hiking, & soapbox car-building at Fire Mountain with the Boy Scouts
- Hoop for the Valley Basketball Clinic with Tyler Amaya and Skagit Valley College Basketball



*"They have grown more confident and comfortable with school, they’ve made new friends, and are always smiling."*

**Teacher Feedback**



**Assist Families With Meeting Basic Needs**

- Housing & utilities
- School supplies & expenses
- Gift cards for life essentials
- Gifts from holiday wishlists
- Holiday food baskets

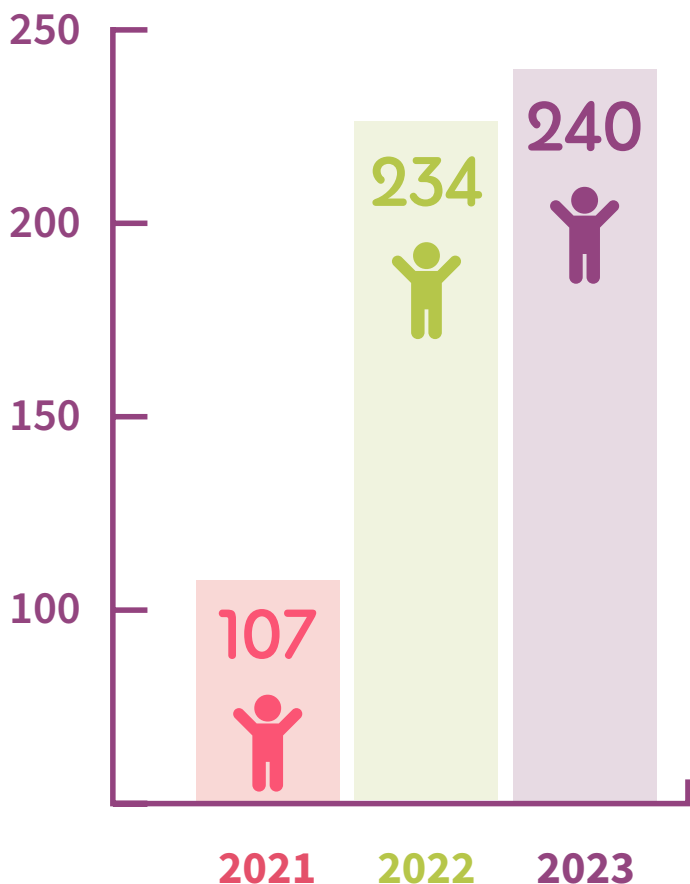


*"Mentoring at the Children of the Valley program is one of the greatest experiences that I have had in college. The program now has a new teacher, and he is everything that I want to be as a teacher, he is the embodiment of kindness and patience."*

**WWU Compass-2-Campus Participant**

# COV Students

## COV By The NUMBERS Number of Children Served



A random sample of COV children shows that, on average, test scores in math improved by 17% and test scores in reading improved by 30% between the fall and spring.

### Teacher Feedback

*"At the beginning of the year, they did not register on STAR reading assessment. They now are reading at 4 level which is excellent growth. Math has increased dramatically as well."*



*"They have made lots of friends in COV and are less shy in class."*

*"They have blossomed this year. They are participating more, are more confident, and putting more effort into school."*

*"Both students exhibited huge academic growth this year! I can directly attribute their success to their participation in the COV program! One student grew 5 reading levels (based on the district's new ARC reading curriculum). They advanced the most reading levels of anyone in the class!"*

#### Bethany Site

85 Students served  
57 Families served

#### Centennial Site

34 Students served  
26 Families served

#### Washington Site

41 Students served  
25 Families served

#### Sedro-Woolley Site

49 Students served  
24 Families served

#### Burlington Site

31 Students served  
21 Families served



### Class of 2029 & 2030

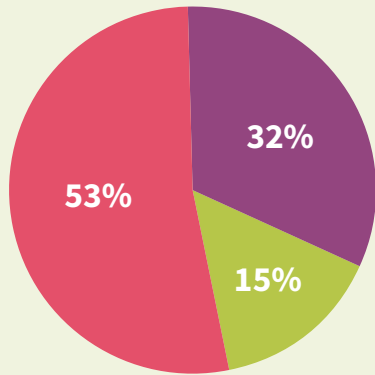
When students graduate COV after 5th and 6th grade, we help them DREAM BIG about their next graduation!



# Financial Overview



## Revenue & Expenses



In-kind Donations & Support **\$140,136**



Grants, State & Local Contracts **\$505,758**



Individual Donations & Fundraisers **\$304,463**



### 2022- 2023 Totals

Income **\$950,358**  
Expenses **\$934,963**

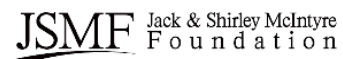


*"SaviBank's mission is to be a source of financial strength, support and involvement in our communities. We understand the value Children of the Valley brings to our communities, and we enthusiastically support their vision of empowering students to dream big and fulfill their greatest potential."*

**Andy Hunter | President & CEO, SaviBank**

## Our Leadership Circle

The Children of the Valley Leadership Circle comprises businesses and organizations that are committed to providing access to education, enrichment, and social-emotional support for our communities' most under-resourced children. Those in our Leadership Circle have made a commitment to support Children of the Valley and our efforts for a minimum of three years.



Interested in seeing your name on this list? Contact our Executive Director, Flora Lucatero, at [flora@covmv.org](mailto:flora@covmv.org) to set up a meeting to learn more!



# COV Alumni Spotlight



## Yaritza Martinez Santacruz

Yaritza attended COV from 4th through 6th grade.

### Q: What was your life like when you joined COV?

I was raised by a single mother who only spoke Spanish and she was not able to help me with my homework when I was falling behind on turning in homework I was struggling with. My teacher then referred us to COV.

### Q: What were the immediate impacts of COV on your life?

I was able to meet other students who shared the same culture as me. I actually met one of my best friends in this program who I still have close contact with. My grades were better each year with the help and support from the teachers and volunteers. I remember running to wash my hands after getting off the bus to get a snack. We would always race to see who would get to the cafeteria the fastest. We were always super hungry after school.

### Q: What were the lasting impacts of COV on your life?

My hopes of becoming a teacher came from attending a program just like this where some of the tutors were of color and empowered me to become an educator as well and come and teach my own community. I would like to thank Flora and everyone who made it possible for me to have opportunities like this and for future generations of students as well.



Graduate of Mount Vernon High School. Graduated Western Washington University with a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish.



Pursuing Secondary Education Masters Program at WWU in 2023 to receive teaching certificate and endorsement in dual language and ELL.

## Family Impact

### The Suarez Family

The Suarez family has been part of COV for two years. We recently asked them about their experience with COV.

### Q: How has COV helped you and your family?

As a single mother living in WA without family to count on, COV has given me just that, peace of mind and a family that I can count on while I am at work. A safe place for my daughter to go after school where she can be herself and feel welcomed. I have always wanted to just give a huge hug to whoever makes this happen and tell them how it truly blesses my family. To be honest, I can't find words on how much the COV program and the staff meant to me. I hope to be able to give back one day. Thank you COV for making some of my hard times easier for me and for allowing me to breathe some relief in the middle of a storm.

### Q: What is the difference you have seen in your children since attending COV?

I have seen her learn more about herself and how to deal with different personalities and situations. How to resolve conflict in a positive way.





# Volunteers Make A Difference

Many of our volunteers are former COV students who want to continue to inspire kids to dream big just as volunteers did for them while they were in the program. We love seeing faces of all ages and backgrounds in our volunteers.



Scan to learn more about volunteering at COV!  
[www.covmv.org/volunteer](http://www.covmv.org/volunteer)

## Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you, Gladys & Gary, for helping us inspire our kids!

### Gary Lorenz

Gary has been volunteering with COV since November, 2021. He has a total of 72 hours at COV!

#### Q: What do you love most about volunteering?

I love to be involved in our community and do volunteer community service. I think it's important to give back in whatever ways we can.

#### Q: Why did you choose to volunteer at COV?

The reason that I chose COV was because of past support and knowledge about the program through the Mount Vernon Rotary Club. Education and the support of kids is key to a better and more vibrant community.



72 hrs

### Gladys Gonzalez

Gladys has been volunteering with COV since April, 2022. She has a total of 133 hours at COV!

#### Q: What do you love most about volunteering?

What I loved about volunteering at COV was I got to be able to help the kids with their homework and I was able to connect with all the kids and have good bonds with one another.

#### Q: What's your most memorable COV moment?

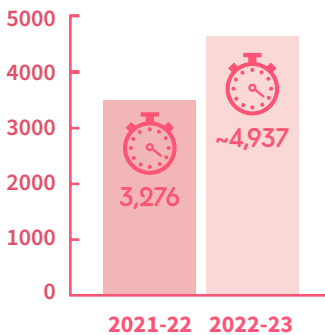
My memorable experience at COV was when I first went to the Centennial site. All the kids were so welcoming. They were asking me lots of questions and ever since I went, they asked if I was going to come back which melted my heart because all the kids were just so sweet and adorable.



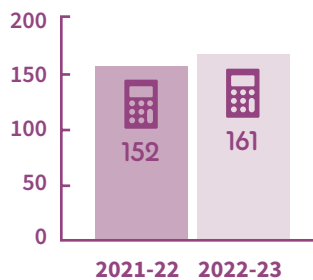
133 hrs

# Volunteer Report

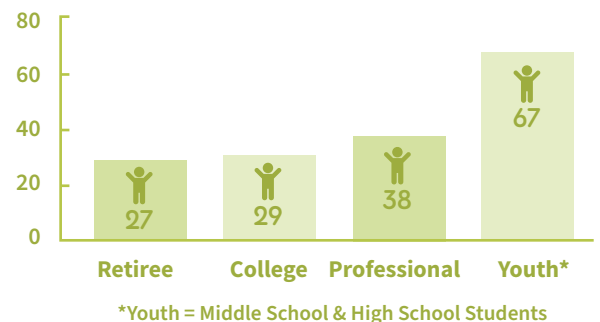
Total Volunteer Hours by Year



Total Number of Volunteers by Year



Volunteer Summary Years 2022-2023



*"It was important for me to be around a community that isn't as privileged economically because it helps me to see that these kids have hopes and dreams, and are talented just like everyone else."*

COV Volunteer



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# Honoring Our Team!

COV Site Instructors, Activity Coordinators, and Office Staff realize the program's mission each day. With smiling faces and big hearts, their compassion promotes a safe and welcoming environment for our children and families to thrive and DREAM BIG. We are continually inspired by our staff's passion for the program and owe a great deal of our program's success to their dedication!



## Training the Next Generation of Educators

We are proud to hire and train former COV students and volunteers as instructors in our program. Many of them go on to become teachers as well. This is yet another way our program makes a lasting impact on the lives of the children we serve.





# Donor Recognition



Children of the Valley is sustained through the generous donations received from individual community members, churches, businesses, grants, and foundations. Your contribution allows us to continue providing vital services and support to the children most in need from our community at no cost to their families. We do receive monthly donations from many of our COV families who are able to give what they can.



## Partnerships

We'd like to thank our community partners for their invaluable support. Each of our partners has given us their space, supplies, or expertise just when we needed it most!

Baylii Branding  
Bethany Covenant Church  
Birdsign Consulting  
Mt. Baker Council, Boy Scouts of America  
Burlington-Edison School District  
Camp Korey  
Central Skagit Library  
Children's Museum Skagit

Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce  
Christ the King Skagit Church  
Compass to Campus  
Dimensional Communications  
Foundation of Academic Endeavors  
Helping Hands Food Bank  
Hoop for the Valley

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
Mt. Vernon City Library  
Mt. Vernon Conway Youth Baseball  
Mt. Vernon Pitbulls Wrestling  
Mt. Vernon Police Department  
Mount Vernon School District  
Museum of Northwest Art  
MV Hope Coalition

PNW Rain  
Sedro-Woolley School District  
Skagit Audubon Society  
Skagit Community Foundation  
Skagit Conservation  
Skagit Law Group-Laura Minton-Breckenridge  
Skagit Regional Health  
Skagit Valley College

Skagit Valley College Men's & Women's Basketball Team  
Skagit Valley Tennis Association  
Skagit Valley YMCA  
Skagit Watershed Council  
SNAP-ED Program  
The Salish Sea School  
Washington Vocational Services



## Rainmakers

We are indebted to the donors who provide recurring financial support to COV. This includes monthly, bi-monthly, and quarterly donations, as well as individuals who have given consistently throughout the year.

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# Dreamcatchers

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