



three projects | one community
Doing things differently in West Seattle

NEWS FROM THE NEST

INAUGURAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

THE GATES AND ALLEN FOUNDATIONS JOIN WEST SEATTLE IN THE "ONE COMMUNITY" EFFORT

The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** has awarded an extraordinary challenge grant of \$1 million to the three projects|one community capital campaign. The campaign, a joint effort of the West Seattle Food Bank and Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association, will build three projects with both community facilities and affordable housing. This is the largest gift the foundation granted in this fundraising cycle. This grant supports renovation of the former Cooper Elementary School into the Historic Cooper Cultural Arts Center and construction of the new West Seattle Food Bank & Community Resource Center. A \$350,000 grant from the **Paul G. Allen Charitable Foundation** also supports the Cultural Arts Center. These gifts build upon other record-breaking grants, including:

Washington Mutual – \$150,000 – the largest grant in their fundraising cycle.
"This grant is clearly in the top tier of all of our grants in Washington State, so it's a very sizable gift from our standpoint..." Tim Otani, Vice President for Community Relations

Seattle Foundation – \$75,000 – the largest grant in their fundraising cycle.
"We are proud to support the West Seattle Food Bank and their strategic partnership with Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association to leverage organizational resources for a significant community benefit." Phyllis Campbell, President/CEO

Nucor Steel Seattle, Inc. – \$50,000 – local business demonstrates community support in a tangible way. *"We see this as a tremendous way to support our community in the hundred year anniversary of the steel mill. The old Cooper School was built to educate kids of the mill workers and we're glad to be part of its future."* Doug Jellison, General Manager

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant essentially challenges the community to meet the \$5 million private fundraising goal by awarding the gift when \$4 million has been raised. We need the whole community to help us meet this challenge by securing meaningful gifts.

CAMPAIGN SNAP SHOT: WHERE ARE WE NOW?

We have currently raised **46%** of our **\$7,295,174** goal to build the community facilities in the three projects. Total raised to date for the community facilities is **\$3,323, 739 -- \$1.37 million in March alone!** Our next benchmark is to reach 50% of our goal by the end of April. That is an additional \$323,848. Hitting the 50% mark will leverage \$20 million in public and private housing dollars.

WEST SEATTLE FOOD BANK BOARD MEMBERS INCREASE PERSONAL GIFTS

Christi Sifri-Steele, President of the Food Bank Board, just announced that another member of the board has increased their personal pledge by \$5,000. This exceptional gesture brings the campaign even closer to realizing our vision of One Community. This is the third West Seattle Food Bank board member to increase their gift, bringing the Board's total close to \$100,000!

CLEAR CHANNEL JOINS THE ONE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

The Business Subcommittee, chaired by **Francis D’Addario** and **Terry Williams**, welcomes as its newest volunteer, **Frank Podany, President of Clear Channel Outdoor**. Frank brings a wealth of energy and resources to the campaign, and we are thrilled to have him on board!

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DISTRIBUTOR BMG JOINS THE CAMPAIGN

The Arts & Youth Subcommittee, chaired by **Simon Grant** and **Alby Allen**, welcomes **Scott Pappas of BMG**, one of the world’s leading music distributors. Scott is working to make the One Community Campaign a giving priority for local BMG employees.

STARBUCKS EMPLOYEES INVESTING FOR WEST SEATTLE

Under the leadership of **Francis D’Addario** and **Marc Osborn**, employees of Starbucks have joined forces and contributed over \$71,000 to date, and the number is still growing! Starbucks partners decided to pave the way by raising money through an internal campaign and will be asking the Starbucks Foundation to join their efforts.

REACHING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Under the leadership of **Terry Williams, Deanne Sposari, Dan Wiseman** and **Jim Guenther**, the Business Subcommittee is soliciting support from the West Seattle Chamber of Commerce and other local merchants and business owners. The committee’s goal is for every business in West Seattle to participate in this community-wide undertaking.

OVER 20 LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT

Many thanks to **Vivian McLean**, Co-Chair of the Campaign Steering Committee and the One Community Subcommittee with **Carla Cole** for campaigning throughout West Seattle. Below are some of the endorsements received to date:

Artist Trust	Pigeon Point Neighborhood	Raj Manhas, Superintendent,
Arts West	Council	Seattle Public Schools
Eileen L. Cody, State	Friends of the Junction	Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural
Representative, 34 th District	High Point Community Council	Affairs
Delridge Neighborhoods	Friends of Westcrest Park	Peter Steinbrueck, AIA, Seattle
District Council	Highland Park Action Committee	City Council
The Duwamish Tribe	Southwest District Council	West Seattle Herald

PROJECT UPDATES

- Croft Place Townhomes set to begin construction June 1!
- Historic Cooper School Building permit application submitted March 31, building to be purchased this fall!
- West Seattle Food Bank & Community Resource Center schematic design complete!

ARE YOU IN THE NEST?

- Join one of the Campaign Committees: Business, Arts & Youth, Major Gifts, One Community
- Sign up for a tour and invite a friend – 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 16, May 14 and June 11
- Pledge a gift
- For more information, contact:
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