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Dear Supporters and Friends –

For nearly two decades, you have been the heart of our community’s foundation. Your generosity has enabled the GGHF to deliver over **\$19 million** in lasting impact—sparking discovery and a love of learning, providing hope and opportunity to those in need, protecting our lands and environment, and ensuring that seniors remain connected, cared for, and valued. Together, we have built bridges of opportunity and created a legacy of brighter futures—**one act of kindness at a time.**

Imagine this: A family sitting down to a warm meal on a chilly evening, a child exploring nature while building confidence and curiosity, or a senior finding joy and purpose in the companionship of others. These moments are the legacy of your compassion and commitment to our **ONE COMMUNITY.**

The Greater Gig Harbor Foundation continues to grow and evolve because of your belief in the power of collective action. Over the past year, your support has driven incredible transformations:

- **Education:** Over 250 children immersed themselves in hands-on, nature-based learning at Curious by Nature School, fostering curiosity, resilience, and a lifelong connection to the natural world. And more than 300 seniors impacted through lifelong learning programs.
- **Empowerment:** \$75,000+ in scholarships provided to support early childhood education and help young scholars and women overcome barriers to their dreams. Empowered seniors to thrive by offering spaces for socializing, peer interaction, and recreation, helping alleviate loneliness.
- **Sustainability:** EnviroCorps volunteers removed hundreds of pounds of waste from our roads, trails and waterways, preserving the beauty and health of our shared environment.
- **Conservation:** Awarded \$50,000+ in grants to protect critical salmon-bearing stream and other vital lands, preserving natural habitats and strengthening our stewardship commitment.
- **Hope:** Provided more than 660 full Thanksgiving meals to local families in need. Through the Basket Brigade, and Gig Harbor Senior Center, we bring not just meals but the gift of hope and a reminder that even in challenging times, our community stands together to support and uplift one another.



GOOD REASON

This year, we face new challenges and new opportunities to make an even greater impact. **But we need your help.** As we look to 2025, your support will enable us to expand programs, reach more families, and invest in the future of our shared community.

Every gift matters. A contribution of:

- **\$50** can impact a child or senior in profound ways
- **\$500** can help feed 40 families in need for an entire week, or
- **\$1,000** can open doors for dozens of disadvantaged youth, sustain environmental stewardship programs, and more!

Your gift—at any level—will uplift lives, strengthen our community, and build a better future for everyone who calls this place home.

Join us in making a difference. **Together, we can uplift our ONE COMMUNITY.** Donate online at gghf.info/ONE, text 'GIVEONE' to 44-321, or mail your year-end tax deductible gift. Interested in discussing Planned Giving? Reach out and let’s chat!

With heartfelt gratitude for your support and best wishes for a joyful new year,

Judson Morris
Board President
Greater Gig Harbor Foundation



The Difference Your Gift Makes

The Gig Harbor Senior Center Fosters Connection and Belonging

When Peter moved to Gig Harbor to be closer to family, the transition was tough. At 78, he struggled to find a sense of belonging—until his son introduced him to the Gig Harbor Senior Center.

"At first, Dad was hesitant," Jim recalled. "But within weeks, he made friends, joined bean bag baseball, and looked forward to his visits."

The Senior Center became a lifeline for Peter, improving his health, his outlook, and his joy for life. For families like Jim's, it's more than a place—it's a bridge to connection and purpose.



Inspires the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders

When Sarah and Michael enrolled Emma in GGHF Curious by Nature School, they hoped she'd learn and grow. What they didn't expect was how profoundly it would shape her.

Now in high school, Emma is confident, compassionate, and a leader in her school's Key Club. "She learned teamwork, problem-solving, and respect for the environment at CBNS," Sarah shared. "Those lessons shaped who she is today."

GGHF Curious by Nature School gave Emma—and so many children—a foundation for success and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.



Students of Distinction Scholarship Fund Inspires Pride and Achievement

When Olivia received a Students of Distinction scholarship, it didn't just cover her first semester's books—it changed her perspective on herself.

"The interview made me reflect on my achievements and articulate my goals," Olivia shared. "Standing on stage to accept the award was the first time I felt truly proud of myself."

That confidence stayed with Olivia. Now a sophomore studying nursing, she credits the scholarship for teaching her to believe in herself and embrace opportunities outside her comfort zone.

Big or small, GGHF scholarships empower students to chase their dreams and prepare for a bright future.



Together, We Are ONE COMMUNITY

Your generosity has already touched countless lives, and with your continued support, we can do so much more.

By choosing a monthly recurring gift, you help provide the steady foundation we need to sustain vital programs year-round, ensuring lasting impact and reliable support for those who need it most.

Interested in Planned Giving or other ways to give? Please reach out—we would love to discuss how your enduring generosity can transform lives for generations to come. As we close this year, please consider making a year-end gift to help us continue this legacy of hope and impact.

