



# The Making A Difference Foundation

## 2021 Annual Report

### Our Mission:

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Making A Difference Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization with the mission to make a difference in the lives of others, one person at a time, by helping them acquire the most basic needs: food, housing, encouragement, and opportunity.

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# A Letter from the President/CEO

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As the founder and President/CEO of Making A Difference Foundation, I continue to be amazed and filled with gratitude with the continued support given to our organization and the Eloise's Cooking Pot Food Bank. Even as we each face our own fears and challenges through the pandemic and economic times, our community continues to dig deep within and continues to pay it forward to us and those we serve. The generosity shown by our neighbors and all our donors and funders is truly inspiring and makes all of us here even more proud to serve and make the lives of our clients better in whatever way we can. I am truly blessed to see the results of such selfless giving and I thank each and every person and organization that has helped us grow to what we are now today which allows us to continue doing what we do for those experiencing hunger around the Puget Sound area.

Ahndrea L Blue, Esq.

# A Letter from the Board of Directors

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We would like to thank you for your interest in the Making A Difference Foundation and the work we do in Tacoma and the communities around Pierce County and South King County, WA. We hope this annual report highlights how the organization works to support and fulfill the needs of individuals and families experiencing hunger and how it benefits the community in a unique way. We would not be able to continue our work if it wasn't for all the support and contributions made by generous individuals and businesses, volunteers, as well as corporate, foundation, and trust donors. We have all faced many challenges through the pandemic both in 2020 and 2021, yet our neighbors have risen to these challenges and continue to give. We are humbled and we thank you all deeply and warmly for your continued support.

MADF Board of Directors

# Eloise's Cooking Pot Food Bank

First opened in 2009, it is now the largest independently owned and operated food bank in Pierce County with the largest delivery program. Besides the onsite food bank and the delivery services, it also includes the Nurturer Program, a children's snack and literacy program, the Transitions Backpack Program for the homeless, 10 mini food pantries, a mobile food bank program, and an afterschool food box program to youth and their families to sustain them during non-school hours.



99,568

Households served



295,386

Guests served



7,467,600

Pounds of food given away



6,223,000

Meals provided

## Other Services to the Community:

- \* Pet Food Bank with a supply of both dog and cat food
- \* Baby food, formula, and diapers
- \* Senior supplemental program that provides a \$100 prepaid cash debit card monthly to pre-approved seniors who are on a small, fixed income.
- \* Senior Dreams Wish Program honors seniors by giving them the ability to fulfill an immediate need wish, a life celebration wish, or a bucket list wish.
- \* Random Acts of Kindness Project gives people the tools and inspiration needed to bring more kindness into the world by providing actionable ideas and documenting some of our own acts of kindness.
- \* Joy Box Ministry provides encouraging spiritual gifts to uplift the soul of individuals who are going through challenging times in their life.
- \* Financial Literacy Seminars, in partnership with Wells Fargo, equips our clients with the tools needed to take control of their finances through a series of seminars hosted at our Tacoma office.

# Other MADF Programs

## Homes For Veterans

The Homes for Veterans program provides safe, secure and stable housing for high-need veterans with families. We offer a home and a program that supports a new start in life by helping disabled veterans in breaking the cycle of homelessness. We strive to meet the needs of families with good housing locations in supportive communities. Our houses are selected in areas with good resources and schools as we work hard to meet individual needs by providing resources, case management, and referrals for accommodations and support in the home for our veterans with disabilities. Financial literacy and home-ownership education is also provided.

**Total Veterans Served in  
2021: 17**



## College Scholarships

The MADF believes that education is the greatest equalizer. We make a difference in education by providing scholarships to individuals who are furthering their education so they can gain the resources they need to make positive changes in their lives. We also partner with schools, non-profits, churches, and other programs by making financial contributions to their educational programs. Scholarships of \$1,500 are awarded to individual students to apply toward college education expenses including cost of tuition, books, supplies, room and/or board.

**10 Scholarships awarded  
and 5 renewed in 2021**



# Financial Summary

## Summary of Finances for 2021

This basic income statement provides a summary of our financial activity for the year. The Making A Difference Foundation's fiscal year ends each year on December 31st.

### INCOME

Program Revenue & Contributions	\$9,441,213
Investment Income	\$ 355,471
Other Revenue	\$ 4,722
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,801,406</b>

### EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$9,327,471
Administrative Expenses	\$ 163,230
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 18,602
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$9,509,304</b>

**NET INCOME, END OF YEAR** \$ 292,102

**TOTAL NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR** \$2,759,691

### 2021 Board of Directors

Darriel Menefee, Chairperson  
Shereda Holmes, Vice-Chairperson  
Anna Perrea, Treasurer/Secretary  
Barbara Laners Esq., General Counsel  
Pastor Arthur Bank, Member  
Dr. Karen Johnson, Member  
John Curis II, emeritus, Vice-Chairperson

# A Thank You to All Our Donors in 2021

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Ahmbur Blue	Emergency Food Network	Jungjoo Yi	Philip Schmertz
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## Closing Notes

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The Making A Difference Foundation cannot survive without community support. Please consider assisting the Making A Difference Foundation in the following ways:

- \* Donating food, household goods, baby items, pet food & supplies.
- \* Donating money so we may help more people in need.
- \* Share your time and talents as a volunteer.
- \* Remember our clients when you speak with local & state policymakers.

All donations stay here and help those locally within the Puget Sound area.