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Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

Thank you, Rotarian friends, for your extraordinary commitment to turning Rotary's vision of service into reality through the Seattle Rotary Service Foundation (SRSF) this past year. True community impact requires a profound investment of time, talent, and resources—and each of you has given all three in abundance.

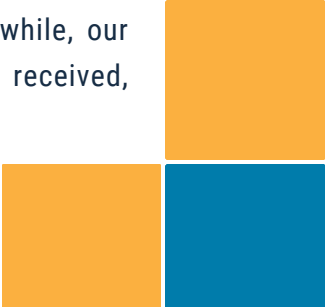
The mission of the Seattle Rotary Service Foundation is to raise, steward, and distribute funds in support of the service activities of the Rotary Club of Seattle.

Together, we raised \$303,000 with 67% of member donor participation and an average gift of \$1,015. This year, we successfully employed a matching gift strategy to encourage first-time contributions, inspire stretch giving, and increase the number of higher-level donations. Because of this collective effort, we are thrilled to report a double-digit increase in our Pinkham & Skeel and President's Circle donors.

In addition to the remarkable generosity of our annual membership campaign, we were humbled by three extraordinary gifts. We received two legacy bequests from the estates of Lynn Lindsey and Don Kraft—two long-time, incredibly generous members whose impact will live on. We are also deeply grateful to the Gates Foundation for a \$25,000 gift in honor of their anniversary and our decades of shared community partnership.

A special thank you goes to David Bobanick for leading this annual campaign with so much energy, passion, and dedication.

While we are thrilled by these fundraising milestones, we are equally inspired by the real-world impact they allow us to make. This marked the first full year of the Local Service Committee, created through our Future Vision strategic process. I am incredibly proud of how well our organization embraced this evolution. The Local Service Committee chose to fund fewer grants with the specific intention of delivering deeper, more focused support. Out of more than 50 applications, four outstanding organizations were selected: School Connect WA, FareStart, UW Business Mentors, and Operation Nightwatch. Meanwhile, our International Service Committee reviewed 14 competitive proposals out of 21 received, ultimately funding 6 impactful projects.



Letter from the President

To our grant-making leadership—Maddy Vonhoff, Jevon Powell, and Lori Walker—thank you for dedicating countless hours of your own time to completely revamp and streamline our application system. Because you cared so deeply about making this process accessible, SRSF can now deploy critical funding out into the world with the efficiency and care it deserves.

I also want to express my deep appreciation for RCOS President Jan Levy. By anchoring this year in the theme of “building a healthy community,” Jan truly helped us all deepen our resolve and inspired us to achieve even more.

Behind the scenes, our financial stewardship remains rock-solid thanks to our Treasurer, Paul Speildenner. Knowing that our donors' hard-earned gifts are being so meticulously cared for gives us all immense peace of mind. You protect the trust our community places in us.

Transparency remained a top priority this year, and the RCOS Program Committee provided a wonderful platform to share exactly how your generosity fuels local and global impact. Of course, there were also beautiful moments of fellowship and joy—such as our Pinkham & Skeel and President’s Circle gathering at the Sorrento Hotel—that reminded us all of why we love this work.

Serving as your SRSF President this past year has been an absolute honor, but the true joy has been working alongside each of you. Thank you to every single member for your profound generosity. Your gifts have made an impact felt deeply here at home and across the globe. We met this year with commitment, collaboration, and compassion, and because of you, our mission is growing stronger every day.

With gratitude,



Lillian Sherman
25-26 President, Seattle Rotary Service Foundation



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SRSF GRANTS APPROVED IN 2025 FOR FY 2025-2026

Organization	Focus	Amount
UW Consulting (Business Mentors)	Economic Support: Education & mentorship (underserved businesses)	\$15,000
Third Ave Project 2025 Expansion	Reviving Downtown: expand de-escalation services beyond 3 rd Ave	\$15,000
Fare Start	Reviving Downtown: employment training (Food Pathways Program)	\$10,800
Wellspring	Family Support: Support for WS Family Fair, provide reusable totes	\$15,000
School Connect WA	Educating Homeless Youth: After school academic prog at Daniel Bagley Elem.	\$20,000
Operation Nightwatch	Reviving Downtown: Shelter and support services	\$15,000
YWCA	Reviving Downtown: Supporting shelter for homeless women	\$10,000
Sawhorse	Educating Youth: Training high school youth in construction & design	\$15,000
Gage Academy	Reviving Downtown: Supporting creative events & programming downtown	\$10,000
Malaria West Africa (Guinea)	Malaria: Improve health and school outcomes for youth by testing & treating	\$6,000
Bukobero Community Health (Uganda)	Improving Health Outcomes: Outfitting the Health Clinic (equip, furniture, etc.)	\$6,000
Children's Water Safety (Thailand)	Education/Water Safety: Swimming lessons for disadvantaged 4 th graders	\$5,545
Senegal Water & Econ Security	Economic & Food Security: Training, sustainable food practices, equip for water	\$6,000
Kumasi Water & Sanitation (Ghana)	Water & Sanitation: Providing poor communities with water & sanitation	\$6,000
Kenya Household Water Supply	Clean Water: Provide clean water for the community in Nyatigo, Kenya	\$8,000
Stove Team Int'l. (Guatemala)	Food Security: Provide safe stoves for 110 families	\$6,000
Open Hearts, Big Minds (Ethiopia)	Education & Literacy: Provide reading rooms to foster love of reading	\$5,000
Harvest Against Hunger	Supporting Food Insecurity: Provides surplus produce to food banks & non-profits	\$15,000
Rotary Boys & Girls Club	Education & Youth Support: Scholarships, maintenance, nutrition	\$15,000
Rotary Boys & Girls Club (restricted)	Education & Youth Support: General support from restricted funds for RBGC	\$17,350
Uplift NW (Community Impact Grant)	Reviving Downtown: Workforce development: awarded/paid 24-25	\$75,000
Grant Total		\$296,695

Seattle Rotary Service Foundation Available Funds and Distributions July 2025-June 2026

Income	Amount
Member Donations	\$238,517
Non-Member Donations	\$14,757
Memorials & Honorariums	\$50,000
Annual Release of Funds from Investments	\$50,716
Supplemental Withdrawals from Investments	\$50,000
Total Unrestricted Income and Funds Release From Investments	\$403,990
Rotary Boys & Girls Club - Annual Release from Investments	\$14,534
O'Neil Annual Distribution	\$12,015
Bakken Scholarships-Annual Release from Investments	\$5,600
Total Restricted Income	\$32,149
Total Income	\$436,139
Expenses	
Administrative Costs	\$53,622
Grants Distributed in FY 2025-26	\$271,426
Total Expenses	\$325,048
Net Operating Revenue	\$111,091

Seattle Rotary Service Foundation Assets & Liabilities as of June 30, 2026

Assets & Liabilities	Amount
Current Assets	
Bank Funds	\$33,476
Funds for SRSF Income with 4% Annual Disturbations (Unrestricted)	\$566,720
Funds for Bakken Scholarships	\$59,149
Funds for Steve Crane Memorial Rotaract Scholarships	\$14,209
Funds for CK Holmes, Jr. with 4% Annual Disturbations (Unrestricted)	\$313,274
Funds for Art Mazzola with 4% Annual Disturbations (Unrestricted)	\$381,666
Permanently Restricted Investment Accounts	
Legacy Seattle4Ever Endowment - 4% Annual Disturbations (Unrestricted)	\$779,994
Funds for Large Projects	\$0
O'Neil Fund for Rotary Boys & Girls Club (RB&GC) Expenses	\$148,026
RB&GC Fund for RB&GC General Expenses	\$297,447
RB&GC Property at Cost (2024 Assigned Value \$4.8 mm)	\$178,103
Total Assets	\$2,772,064

Operation Nightwatch

In 2025, Operation Nightwatch brought unhoused people into a Dispatch Center - off the streets - providing a place to sit, eat, and check-in. Night staff and case manager made hundreds of referrals to mental health providers, detox programs and shelter. Volunteers and staff served 150+ hot meals at Nightwatch, each night. Rotarians were part of our volunteer core, 5 from the Seattle club and 5 from nearby clubs in the eastside. The Shelter Dispatch Program served 56,080 meals in 2025. Julia's Place men's shelter served 91 men and Donna Jean's Place women's shelter served 250 women. Senior citizens made up roughly 15% of those receiving assistance from Nightwatch. Being able to expand the women's shelter in 2025 allowed Operation Nightwatch to serve 250 women – all in need of a safe place to stay. Case management and basic medical care make the shelters a place where guests can stabilize at their own pace.

A woman experiencing human trafficking, “Ria” arrived at the doors of the shelter, just moments before the doors closed for the evening. After a brief check-in and without hesitation, staff welcomed her with open arms. She was able to sleep in safety, received clothing, and hygiene supplies, and started to feel like a whole person again.



YWCA Angeline's Day Center

In 2025, Angeline's Day Center exceeded its service goals to meet the growing and evolving needs of women experiencing homelessness in Seattle. While the program originally aimed to serve 550 women, Angeline's served 1,025 individuals over the course of the year through its Enhanced Night Shelter, offsite hotel placements, and expanded Day Center services. In response to demand, in December 2025, the Day Center expanded to seven days per week, increasing access to essential support services.

Project funds helped provide approximately 90,000 nutritious meals (an average of 7,500 per month), safe shelter, case management, and housing navigation for highly vulnerable participants. Among those served, 66% identified as BIPOC, 73% identified as living with a disability, and a growing number were older adults. Angeline's increasingly served women aged 70 and older, including women up to age 85, many of whom with high medical needs and could not access subsidized senior housing. Overall, 826 participants exited the program in 2025, of whom 25% moved to more stable housing representing meaningful progress toward stability. Rotary's investment ultimately helped Angeline's leverage additional public and private resources, expand capacity, and respond flexibly to emerging needs. Thank you again for your support of Seattle's most vulnerable women.



FareStart Food Pathways Program



Seattle Rotary funds were used to provide financial stipends for adults in our 2025 Food Pathways, adult culinary training program. This student support is a crucial component to empowering participants to access and engage in training, offered as part of wraparound services that includes housing stability support, a laptop, on-site counseling, healthy meals, clothing and transportation support. In 2025, 126 adults were enrolled in the Food Pathways Program, celebrated 86 program graduates and reported an average starting wage of \$22.28 per hour (well above Seattle's minimum) among employed graduates. Most importantly, 94% of students said FareStart is helping them meet their goals. 2025 was the first full year of piloting our redesigned Food Pathways program, which resulted in an 8% increase in program enrollment alongside valuable feedback and learning that are guiding the program with increased growth and impact in 2026. FareStart is able to promote long-term impact goals which are for our students and graduates to move out of poverty, gain stability and have greater economic opportunity through this grant award. "I strongly recommend FareStart to everybody. They don't have to be a chef or cook. It's not just job training. It's life training."- 2025 FareStart Program Graduate

Rotary Business Mentors Program



In 2025-26, 10 Rotarians and 47 professionals coached 115 students through consulting projects for 22 companies in underserved communities. This provided firms strategies to improve their competitiveness, grow revenues and jobs. Rotarians then coach the business owners through implementing the recommendations of their students. Since 1995, this has led to more than \$361 million in new revenues and 250,000 new jobs. The UW Consulting and Business Development Center hosted the Rotary Day and Year-End Program Celebration on 5/19 on the UW Campus. Students, Seattle Rotary members, mentors, advisors and small business owners from this program, attended this event where they learned about the work of the Business Mentors Committee, student projects and its impact and Seattle 4 and its mission. Rotary 4 awarded \$150 scholarships to ten students who participated in the Business Management Consulting Program and will award five additional \$150 scholarships to students who complete the Business Technology Consulting Program at the end of the Spring quarter. The scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate exemplary performance in team leadership, cross-cultural communication, and the application of business strategies for their clients.

Rotary Boys and Girls Club



The Rotary Boys & Girls Club continued to expand its impact over the past year, serving 603 registered members with a current average of 100 youth each day, up from 75 youth daily the previous year. In 2025, 49% of youth members qualified for the free/reduced-price school meal program, highlighting the continued need for affordable afterschool programming, nutritious meals, academic support, and safe spaces for youth and families. Seattle Rotary Service Foundation funding, volunteer support, and hands-on engagement helped strengthen our academic programming, food and nutrition services, youth leadership opportunities, and enrichment activities throughout the year. 25 Rotarians volunteered through service projects, fundraising support, donations, and special events, helping the Club meet growing community needs.

Some highlights from the past year include a new library, educational enrichment and academic support, garden club and environmental learning, Smart Girls Program, Keystone Teen Leadership Program, and the healthy food and nutrition program.

Harvest Against Hunger



In a year during which Washington faced a hunger crisis unlike anything we've seen in years, Harvest Against Hunger (HAH) expanded access to fresh, nutritious, culturally relevant produce; strengthened community-based food systems; and responded quickly and effectively to the disruption in SNAP benefits last November. Because of you, in the past year HAH distributed nearly 2,700,000 pounds of healthy produce to over 400 hunger relief organizations across Washington through 1) Core Work of locating truckload-sized (40,000 lbs) donations of imperfect yet healthy produce and arranging donated or discounted trucking to deliver it to hunger relief organizations that need it 2) Three Farm to Community programs (Farm to Food Pantry, King County Farmers Share, and Growing for Good) , 3) Harvest VISTA program and 4) Washington Gleaning Network. As a result, families in need received approximately 5,400,000 million servings of nourishing food, bringing them hope and reliable access to fresh, healthy meals during a time of unprecedented need.

School Connect WA



School Connect WA's Aurora Rising project successfully expanded the Bethany Community Church afterschool program, serving over 30 students from Daniel Bagley Elementary (65% McKinney-Vento eligible, 85% multilingual learners). The \$30,000 Seattle Rotary grant funded a 0.5 FTE Program Assistant, enabling classroom expansion and intensive daily literacy and math intervention during the school year (M–F, 2:30–5:00 PM) and five week summer academy (5 weeks, M-F, 9 AM - 3 PM).

Recognizing that "know your rights" workshops alone are insufficient, School Connect WA partnered with immigration lawyers and community organizations to provide families with real legal guidance and referrals. The SRSF grant gave School Connect WA capacity to serve more students and families in this way. Moving forward, they are deepening these partnerships to ensure families have access to immigration legal support as part of our holistic model for student success.

Water 1st

Seattle Rotary Service Foundation grant funds were utilized to cover the cost of connecting 10 households to the newly completed Nyatigo community water supply system. Each household also received assistance in constructing a flush toilet at the home to improve sanitation conditions. Community members provided their labor for constructing the water system and the toilets. Households also paid a portion of the construction cost in cash. The 10 beneficiary households now experience better health, time and energy savings thanks to access to water at home, and greater productive use of their time. Over 100 neighboring households also have access to water at home from the water system and additional households will connect before the end of 2026, transforming the health and economic conditions for the entire community. This project has become a model project for the region. The Kisumu County Water Minister requested that we meet with the Governor on next visit to discuss the potential to repeat this type of project throughout the Kisumu County.



Chiang Mai International Rotary Club

This grant helped fund another successful year of survival swim and water safety instruction in two locations: Chiang Mai and Phrao .This has been the organization's 10th year teaching children how to be safe in and around water. Chiang Mai currently teaching approximately 750 4th graders every year!

Drowning is the leading cause of death for children between the ages of 1 and 14 in Thailand; over 1,000 children drown each year! Only about 20-25% of Thai children can swim and that % is much smaller for the children the organization works with. Programs like this increase awareness of the need to improve water safety and ultimately reduce the risk of drowning for children.

This year the program was offered to 391 4th -graders with 342 88% successfully passing the final swim skill tests at the end of the 15-hour, 10-session course. Of those who attended all sessions, about 95% passed.



Open Hearts Big Dreams



A new reading room was established at Hope for Korah serving some of the poorest communities in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. 1000 bilingual culturally appropriate locally printing in two local languages were provided, training for the library staff was held in country, and Rotary members attended a reading room launch with kids showing their reading skills, each given a brief book report on one of the donated books. Some of the donated books are going to support a local high schools and Hope for Korah is inviting community members to use the reading room.

Kumasi Rotary Club

This project has drilled 8 new boreholes so far. It is successfully impacting 34,254 lives with clean water and sanitation in poor communities in the Ashanti Region of Ghana. This grant also funded 182 micro-credit loans for boreholes, household micro-flush toilets, farms and small businesses to improve the economic strength of communities. This has been completed in first cycle of lending.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene training have also been conducted for 10 community leaders who will in turn train other community members on the best practices of hand washing and repairs of broken boreholes. The 47-seat charity toilet block for households will be completed in Phase 2. we plan to submit the progress report later in July 2026. Phase 2 funds from TRF will come after approval and the Rotary Cadre review. The Rotary Cadre will visit the project sites during the first week of August 2026.



Wellspring Family Services



Seattle Rotary Service Foundation's \$15,000 grant helped Wellspring Family Services increase access to essential resources for families experiencing or at risk of homelessness while promoting dignity, stability, and community connection. A total of \$10,000 funded the purchase of durable, reusable shopping bags for Wellspring's Family Store. In 2025, the Family Store served 4,066 individuals, including many young children, 56% were age five or younger, and 92% identified as members of BIPOC communities. The reusable bags enabled families to safely transport diapers, clothing, hygiene products, books, toys, school supplies, and other essentials while replacing the disposable plastic bags previously used. Because families continue using the bags for groceries, appointments, school, and everyday errands, this investment provides practical benefits long after each Family Store visit. The remaining \$5,000 supported Wellspring's Back-to-School Family Resource Fair in August 2025, which welcomed 270 community members. Seattle Rotary funding helped create a welcoming, family-centered event where children and caregivers accessed backpacks, school supplies, diapers, hygiene products, meals, children's activities, and connections to housing and community resources. Together, these investments addressed immediate needs while strengthening long-term family stability. Seattle Rotary's support leveraged additional in-kind donations, volunteer engagement, and partnerships with local organizations, expanding the reach of both initiatives and maximizing the impact of every grant dollar.

Gage Academy of Art

This report highlights Gage Academy of Art's (Gage) Seattle 4 Rotary-funded project, Activating Downtown Seattle Recovery through Creative Community, supported by a \$10,000 SRSF grant. The project activated Gage's South Lake Union (SLU) facility as a central, ADA-accessible creative hub - bringing together residents, workers, youth, and visitors through artmaking, public programs, and expanded access to classes. In FY26, Gage advanced these goals by increasing participation across programs and events. Teen Art Studios provided free drop-in programming, serving 857 teens across 123 sessions. Public engagement expanded through after-hours events (109 participants), Drawing Jam (550+ attendees), and seven student exhibitions drawing 50-100 visitors each, contributing to increased downtown foot traffic and community connection. Gage also launched the Youth Arts Advisory Board (YAAB), exceeding participation goals with 11 teen members across 10 meetings. YAAB members contributed to programming, led art activities at community events, and are developing a mural for the SLU space. Additional youth programs included two Highline Big Picture interns and partnerships with Mary's Place, serving both children and teens through onsite programming. Grant funds supported teaching artist fees, art supplies, tuition assistance, community outreach, and staff capacity - helping reduce barriers to access and participation. Gage also advanced a long-term youth pathway through curriculum development and a Universal Design for Learning approach.



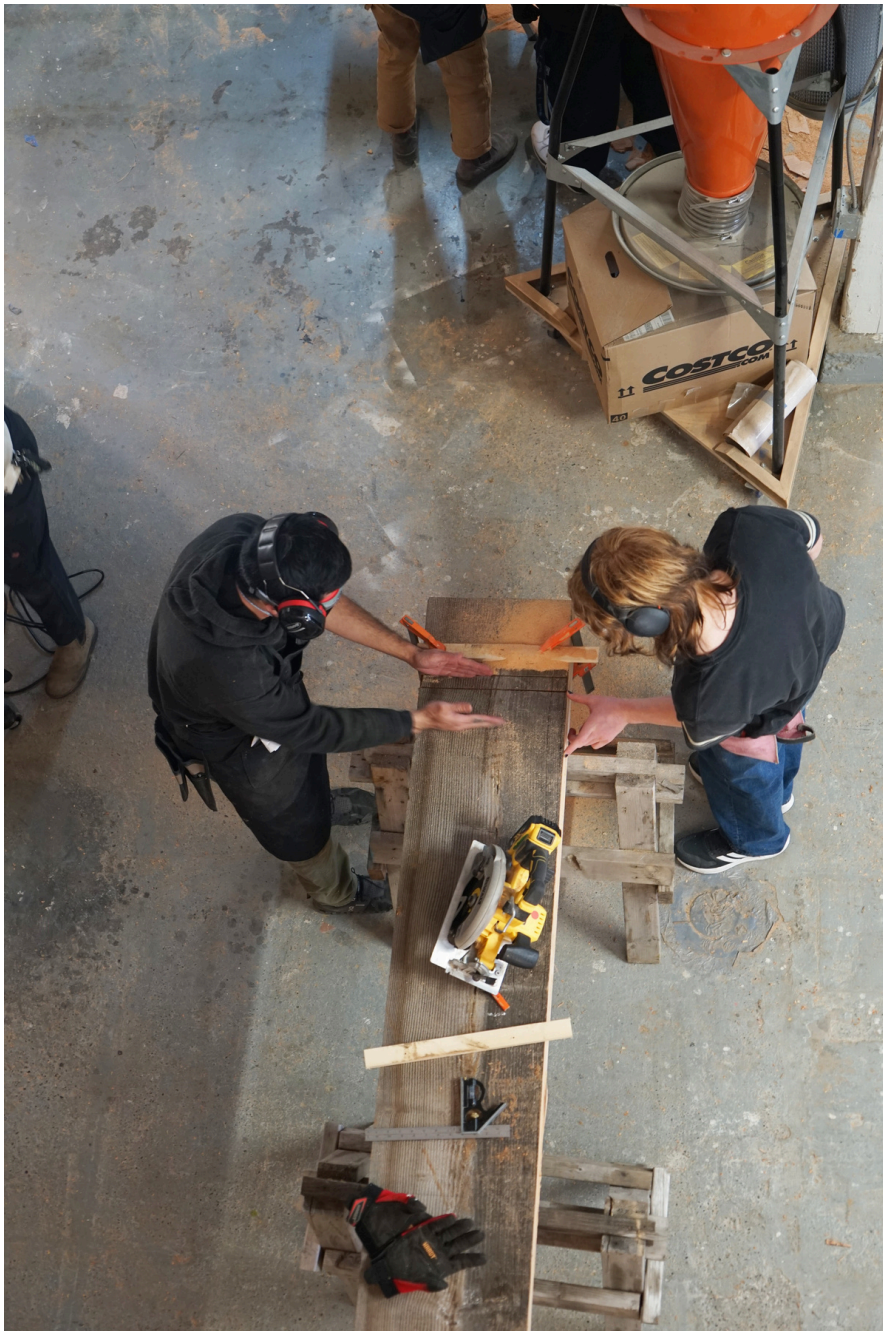
StoveTeam International



With funding from the Seattle Rotary Club Foundation, StoveTeam installed 24 Justa Cookstoves in the community of Nuevo Palmar, Guatemala. The project was made possible through the partnership and on-the-ground support of the Rotary Club of Retalhuleu, whose members assisted with household inspection surveys, stove demonstrations, and the distribution of materials. Four Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Retalhuleu worked alongside the StoveTeam staff throughout these activities, providing valuable support to participating families. As a result of the project, 24 families received fuel-efficient Justa Cookstoves, directly benefiting more than 120 individuals. StoveTeam International will continue to support these families through ongoing follow-up visits, maintenance, and repairs, including replacing stove components as they naturally wear over time to help ensure the stoves remain safe and effective for years to come. This project was part of a large Rotary Partnership Initiative to install 400 cookstoves for families in Nuevo Palmar between 2025-2027.

SawHorse Revolution

22 total youth designed and built a seating area for Daybreak Star Cultural Center in our Rotary Funded Resilient Environments Labor. They studied environmentalism, Native American Justice movements, architecture, and construction in the creation of four, triangular table-bench sets for the Daybreak Star Cultural Center. Youth worked with mentors from Olson Kundig and HenryBuilt to create these beautiful benches.



Third Avenue Project (TAP)

We Deliver Care (WDC) is a small, Black women-owned organization and a key partner in the Third Avenue Project (TAP). WDC deploys skilled Community Safety Ambassadors in the upper Third Avenue corridor seven days a week, 15.5 hours a day, including all major holidays. They de-escalate a wide range of situations through milieu management and by responding to calls from local businesses on their dispatch line.

in response to growing community concerns about Third Avenue in the evenings, WDC extended its downtown service hours from 9pm to 10:30pm as of June 2026. This change was supported by downtown community stakeholders at the Third and Thrive monthly stakeholder meeting, as well as by other downtown residents.

In 2025, WDC responded to 1,387 phone calls from stakeholders in the Downtown Commercial District and the Chinatown International District. That same year, they engaged 1,713 unduplicated individuals. So far in 2026, WDC has responded to 805 phone calls from stakeholders in the downtown corridor, the Chinatown International District, and Belltown. WDC engaged 1,033 unique individuals in Q1 and 1,179 unique individuals in Q2.



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