



Seattle Neighborhood Group ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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Our Mission

The Seattle Neighborhood Group (SNG) educates, organizes and collaborates with residents, businesses, government entities and other organizations to create safe communities through equitable engagement, with a focus on underserved populations.



Our Vision

Seattle Neighborhood Group envisions crime-free communities where people work together to solve problems, children play without fear and businesses thrive.



Core Values

Seattle Neighborhood Group's role as a leader in community safety requires all persons involved with Seattle Neighborhood Group to assume the responsibility of maintaining the public's trust. To fulfill this obligation to the community and ourselves, our Core Values provide the foundation on which we base our actions and decisions.



Integrity

We act with the highest level of accountability, we provide fair, accurate and honest disclosure of information, and we treat all individuals in a fair and responsible manner, inspiring the highest level of trust within our communities.



Inclusiveness

We embrace diversity. We understand that Seattle Neighborhood Group is strong as an organization because of the respect, dignity, and value we give to all individuals, and because we aspire to involve people from all segments of our communities in every aspect of our work.



Teamwork and Communication

We value teamwork. We believe building trust among each other produces the best results. We believe that when we promote and practice effective communication, we will build an even stronger team that will make a difference in our community and the people we serve.



Community Collaboration

We successfully impact the challenges facing our communities through our spirit of collaboration. We are successful conveners, bringing together and working with the community to accomplish common goals. We consider the development of volunteer leadership a critical component of service to our communities.



Public Safety in South Park

In 2020, South Park received a new Public Safety Coordinator dedicated to bringing connection, engagement, and safety among youth, residents, businesses, and organizations.

The community members of the South Park neighborhood approached the Seattle Neighborhood Group with the idea of creating more community-led initiatives to connect people in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To connect neighbors and residents around safety, we collaborated with community organizations such as the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps, Safe Streets, and Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), coordinating monthly cleanups, skatepark renovation and construction, safety initiatives, crime prevention training, and youth programs.





We formed a partnership between South Park Arts and Urban ArtWorks to fund multiple youth-centered community-building programs, including teaching a youth writing circle, organizing Skate Like A Girl at the River City Skatepark, sharing crime-prevention tips, volunteer events, and assisting with a newsletter in multiple languages. South Park Public Safety Coordinator, Dennis Diaz, connected with residents by knocking on doors to inform families about social services as the public safety coordinator.

We also partnered with multiple food relief programs in South Park to bring community food pantries, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies.

Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth



Since 2013, Seattle Neighborhood Group has provided coordination support for Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth (ABSPY), a community-led, place-based initiative that uses evidence-informed and supports the implementation of non-arrest interventions to address violence against youth in highly concentrated Rainier Beach neighborhoods.

In 2020, Rainier Beach gained much attention across Seattle for the many initiatives put into place for community safety. Through using Place-Based Intervention, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), Business Engagement, and Campus Safety Team, we collaborated and

partnered with other organizations to provide recommendations for physical improvements to public spaces, providing a sense of community ownership to occupied spaces.

Seattle Neighborhood Group provides overall coordination and support to the initiative's Core Team, Intervention Team, and Community Task Force. Our mission in Rainier Beach and every community is to prevent crime and build community partnerships with residents, businesses, law enforcement, and other organizations. ABSPY's Core Team includes representatives from the City of Seattle, the Seattle Police Department, the Boys and Girls Club of King County Seattle, Seattle Public Schools, and Rainier Beach Action Coalition.

We use an innovative, community-led approach to reduce violence that affects youth in the Rainier Beach neighborhood of Seattle, Washington.



We identify and address the place-based causes of youth victimization and crime at five focus locations, known as “hotspots” in the Rainier Beach neighborhood.

Our new Project Manager for Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth, Cathie Wilmore, provided support to the families in the community in coordinating many food deliveries, registering elders and seniors to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and coordinating outreach programs in the community. Using CPTED, ABSPY has provided and initiated changes occurring in Rainier Beach, including community engagement, weekly community healing, activation spaces, and youth involvement.



East African Community Outreach & Crime Prevention



With the coronavirus pandemic leaving many BIPOC communities vulnerable in 2020, our East & Southeast African Program Coordinator, Michael, partnered with Horn of Africa Services, Yesler Community Center, Tilth Alliance, and Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands to connect and engage with at-risk populations.

Throughout the pandemic, East African seniors, refugees, and immigrants were supported in receiving culturally appropriate food, hygiene supplies, and a safe place for community events and programming in Northgate, Yesler, and at the Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands each week. With COVID-19 isolating many seniors and families and community centers closed, the Seattle Neighborhood Group organized and collaborated on opportunities to support many people affected by the pandemic.

The senior program continues to grow and connect with communities for receiving supplies, socialization, and services.



IMPACT!

Safe Schools

IMPACT! Safe Schools had a new look for exploring mental health awareness and suicide prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seattle Neighborhood Group partnered with Seattle University, Seattle Police Department, and National Alliance on Mental Illness Seattle (NAMI) to present high school students IMPACT! Safe Schools by bringing the conference into an online space.

Students were able to experience IMPACT! in a remote way by participating in three separate presentations focused on Mental Health Awareness. NAMI started the conference with an End the Silence presentation designed to teach the signs and symptoms of mental illness and recognize the early warning signs. NAMI's Ending the Silence also included a Young Adult sharing their recovery journey with a mental health condition. Afterward, IMPACT! Students joined discussion breakout rooms with Seattle University college students as facilitators navigating youth responses.

We partnered with Skyline High School students featured in The Seattle Times for their collaborative state-wide mental health survey, gathering hundreds of students' responses, we collaborated on a second presentation for students to engage in. They shared their process of becoming advocates for their own change in schools and bringing student voices to light in Washington state surrounding COVID-19 and remote learning.

Our extraordinary Keynote Speaker, Clinical psychologist Dr. Laura Kastner of the University of Washington, brought her credible background and knowledge of mental health. Students learned in-depth how mental health affects the brain in youth and young adults. Students participated in a Question-Answer-led discussion with Dr. Kastner on understanding and acknowledging warning signs. We couldn't have done it without the many youth-led voices and opinions surrounding mental health awareness during the COVID-19 pandemic.



IMPACT!
SAFE SCHOOLS
Student Leadership Conference

**"HEALTHY MINDS,
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES"**
STRESS, ANXIETY, DEPRESSION

HOW DO WE DEAL?
Let's talk about Mental Health Awareness
and Suicide Prevention at your school.

COME TO IMPACT!
THURS | NOV 12 2020
10AM - 2PM | REMO ONLINE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Dr. Laura Kastner, Clinical
Psychologist, University of Washington

WORKSHOP LEADERS:
SKYLINE High School
National Alliance on Mental Illness

FREE!
INTERACTIVE
WORKSHOPS
EARN COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS!
MEET STUDENTS
FROM OTHER
SCHOOLS!
RAFFLE PRIZES!

**REGISTER BY
FRIDAY, NOV 5**
Contact your
Student Activity
Coordinator to sign
up!

QUESTIONS?
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Financials

Total 2020 Revenue

<i>Contracts & Grants</i>	\$ 931,507.60
<i>Community Partner Projects</i>	\$ 344,983.01
<i>Fees & Product Sales</i>	\$ 1,027.89
<i>Contributions, Investments & Misc.</i>	\$ 31,314.68

Total 2020 Expenses

<i>Crime prevention Community Building</i>	\$ 1,112,953.04
<i>Community Partner Projects</i>	\$ 65,801.40
<i>Crime Prevention Products & Fundraising</i>	\$ 7,285.09
<i>Intervention Projects</i>	\$ 253,552.26



Response to COVID-19

During the COVID-19 outbreak, our communities have been deeply affected through job loss, low access to health information, increased stress at home during quarantine, food insecurity, lack of hygiene supplies, and as targets for fraud. Neighborhoods have experienced a decrease in service while the city reduced maintenance schedules.

In response to these issues, Seattle Neighborhood Group shifted its focus to keeping communities safe, informed, and connected to resources throughout the many neighborhoods we serve.

We supported communities in different aspects, including:

- 1. Establishing stronger partnerships with organizations to create and share resources for food insecurity, hygiene supplies, target fraud, and crime-prevention assessments.**
- 2. Partnering with Seattle Tilth and Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands, we provided culturally appropriate groceries to East and Southeast African refugee and immigrant communities in Seattle, including North, Central, and South Seattle.**
- 3. Connecting with the vulnerable and at-risk elderly within the South Seattle area to address food insecurities and connect seniors to resources like food banks.**
- 4. Supporting communities by connecting residents with outreach, coordinating, scheduling, receiving, and transporting to vaccination sites.**
- 5. Engaging with senior community residents in engaging in letter- writing campaigns to create and maintain social engagement while socially distancing.**



A Change in Leadership

A Message from Our Executive Director

Thomasina Schmitt



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I am passionate about community engagement and I am thrilled to lead the SNG team into the next chapter. Together we can build on the amazing work that started with founding director Kay Godefroy and continue to prevent crime, create safe neighborhoods, and build strong communities.

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Meet the Team



SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP BOARD MEMBERS

Denise Harnly	Chair
Steve Shulman	(passed away in March 2020, was co-chair)
Tienney Milnor	Vice-Chair
Beth Steinhaus	Treasurer
Sokha Danh	Secretary
Abigail Chandler,	Board member
Claire Bellefleur	Board member
Manny Apostol	Board member
Dan Wiseman	Board member

IN MEMORIAM TO STEVE

Steve Shulman was SNG's board Chair for 10 years, a second generation small business owner in the Leschi neighborhood, and the founder of the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition. Steve lived in South Seattle, and was involved in many community efforts. Steve passed away in 2020. We will miss his insight and guidance deeply.

SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP STAFF

Thomasina Schmitt	Executive Director
Tari Nelson-Zagar	Associate Director
Michael Neguse	SE & East African Program Coordinator
Cathie Wilmore	Project Manager
Jake Hellenkamp	Senior Project Coordinator
Dennis Diaz	South Park Safety Coordinator
Aaliyah Boyd-Ivey	Project Coordinator
Emily Trbovich	Project Coordinator





**SOUTH
PARK**

It is in COLLECTIVES
that we find RESERVOIRS
of HOPE & optimism."
-ANGELA DAVIS

**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**

