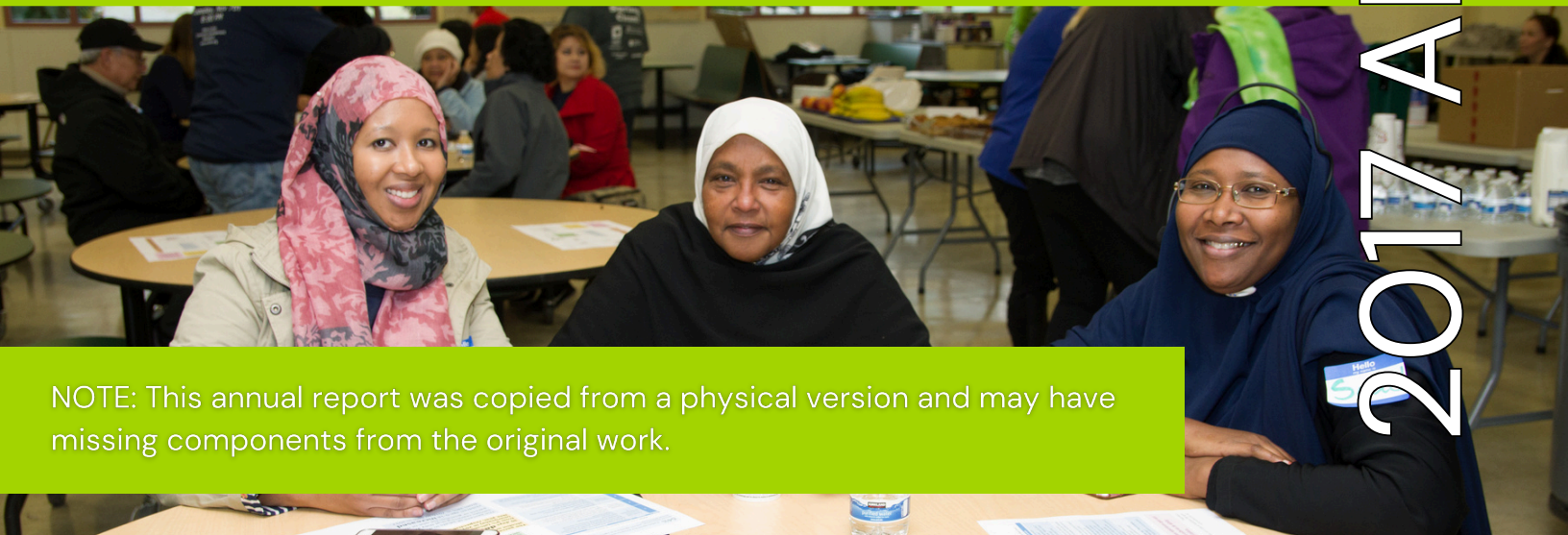




# Connecting People & Place to Build Community



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## LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The constant news alerts and occasional tweeting over social media made 2017 a year of double takes. Double takes like, “What did they say?” to “I can’t believe this is happening!” and a lot of “I must be losing my mind.” Often times this past year, residents and community groups were unsure as to what the future had in store for themselves and their families. The divisive and racist rhetoric commentary at the national level pertaining to immigrant left a lot of White Center community members unsure and unsafe.

Given this backdrop, the WCCDA has continued our work of lifting the voices of a strong community, determined to reclaim the narrative on how thankful we are to know that we are a community of indigenous people and immigrants who inspire and make White Center an amazing neighborhood!

We have launched into another year with the Communities of Opportunity (COO) work focusing on strategies related to health, housing, neighborhood revitalization and community building efforts! COO has been critical for the work in White Center as it has provided the WCCDA the capacity to continue the work of resident led sustainable development!

I hope you enjoy our annual report that is filled with details in each of the components of what we do! If you need more information or want to get involved with White Center fabulousness, just give us a call at (206) 694-1082 or email us at [info@wccda.org](mailto:info@wccda.org).

Finally, we can’t do this work without the residents who guide us, the partners that support us and the White Center Community that keeps us motivated!

If you do one thing this coming year, encourage folks to vote!

Sili Savusa, Executive Director,  
White Center Community Development Association

# COMMUNITY BUILDING

WCCDA led community organizing efforts in 2017, including a team of interns who helped with our annual voter registration campaign, reaching out to 940 residents about voting and updating voter information for 160 residents. The White Center to White House internship program included 20 high school students who donated 480 volunteer hours in White Center.

The 2017 Summits (January and November) were attended by over 250 residents and 40 community partners in a diverse multicultural celebration of community. Residents participated in a variety of workshops and identified two primary priorities that the community wanted to address - safety and education. The January Summit served as a catalyst for the formation of at least two community action groups that prioritized needs around safety and education for White Center families. The November Summit focused on immigration and the lack of affordable housing.

As a result of Summit feedback, the White Center Family Education Council (FEC) was created. The FEC is a family-led organization that advocated for equity in education. A Neighborhood Advisory Council was also formed to advise the WCCDA on affordable housing and anti-displacement issues.

## FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

The newly created Family Education Council meets on the first Saturday of every month at Educare with childcare and interpretation services provided. Our Parent Ambassadors, in partnership with the Puget Sound Educational Services District and Washington State Association for Head Start and ECEAP, advocated in Olympia, WA for the Dual Language Bill that passed in 2017, increasing funding for more dual language schools.

Early Learning Connectors facilitated over 227 hours of Play & Learn time in Vietnamese, Spanish, English and Somali, with an average of 36 parents and 52 children attending each month. A new family-guided Early Native Learning Community Play & Learn based on indigenous values, language, and teachings was added to serve Native American families. Our Early Learning Connectors help parents and children make playtime a time to learn and build community with other families at White Center.

Family Success Partners at White Center Heights Elementary School, Mt. View Elementary and Cascade Middle School provided direct services such as translation support, referrals to meet basic needs, and on-going advocacy for over 54 English, Vietnamese, Somali, Khmer and Spanish speaking households. FSPs work to provide assistance to families in need, serving as liaisons and advocates to ensure that proper services are provided.

# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

The WCCDA relies upon the voices of the community to help us direct policy and design programs that address the needs of the community. It works actively with the community to promote affordable housing, link tenants and homeowners to the local home repair and home ownership resources, and ensure that the voices of the community are included in the creation of policy and future developments in White Center.

The WCCDA helps promote health and active living by organizing events like the 5K Run in 2017, which was attended by over 400 people. Another 150 residents participated in the Spring Clean, wherein the community planted in community gardens, removed graffiti and trash, cleaned and painted some White Center parks.

The WCCDA works with local small businesses to promote economic development and growth. It highlights and reaches out to local businesses and promote partnerships and collaborations with other non-profit organizations that serve White Center. The voices of residents and business owners have always driven revitalization priorities and the WCCDA will continue to work together for the continued growth of White Center.

# DATA & EVALUATION

Collecting and sharing data and developing community based evaluation processes are key to the WCCDA's work. The Annual White Center Survey was completed in June 2017. Through community collaboration and outreach, the CDA collected 505 completed surveys. The Survey provides insights into the current strengths and concerns of residents in White Center. Results of the survey may be found at <http://www.wccda.org/2017-survey-data> [link no longer live as of 2023]

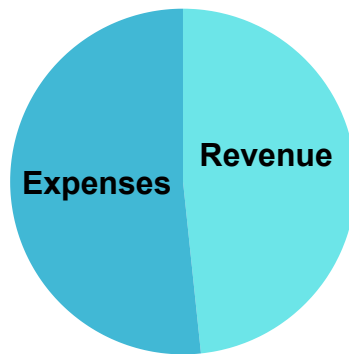


*Trusted Advocates partner Jesus Rodriguez facilitates a Spanish language group during the Summit at Evergreen High School. Photo credit: Melissa Ponder Photography*

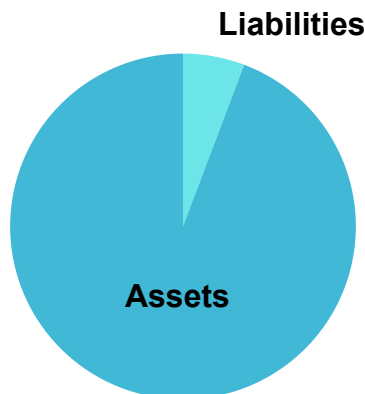
# FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>(Unaudited) 2017</u>
Assets	\$538,444
Liabilities	\$28,901
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$505,543</b>
 <b>SUPPORT &amp; EXPENSES</b>	
Support & Revenue	\$857,633
Expenses	
Program	\$529,465
Administrative	\$324,718
Fundraising	\$62,279
Total Expenses	\$916,463
Change in Net Assets	<b><u><u>- \$58,830</u></u></b>

## 2017 Revenue and Expenses



## 2017 Asset & Liabilities



# FUNDRAISING

Build – Invest – Support

There are two ways you can donate – make one-time gift or become a White Center CDA Agent by becoming a monthly donor. Both allow White Center CDA to build opportunity through youth leadership, invest in the community by revitalization of neighborhoods, and support the work being done in White Center.

## SUPPORTERS

Amerigroup  
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Rotary Club of Burien/White Center  
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White Center Food Bank  
White Center Rotary  
YES! Foundation of White Center

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Highline College  
Highline Public Schools  
Highline Schools Foundation  
King County  
King County Housing Authority  
King County Library System  
Navos – Coalition for Drug Free Youth  
Neighborhood House  
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction  
People's Institute Northwest  
Puget Sound Educational Service District  
Puget Sound Sage  
South Seattle College  
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*Photos, top to bottom: Theari Leng leads a group of young people during Spring Clean 2017; Steven Van facilitates the Khmer language group at the November 2017 Summit; Regina Elmi (L) and Fartun Ismail (R) engage in conversation with 2017 Summit participant. Photo credit: Melissa Ponder Photography [Missing Photo from physical print out]*



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