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We are pleased to share with you our community’s **2014 Global Giving Guide**, published by the Seattle International Foundation (SIF), a supporting organization of The Seattle Foundation. This catalog of carefully selected Washington state-based organizations working to improve the lives of disadvantaged people around the globe is a much-needed resource in our philanthropic community.

SIF was founded in 2008 to spur greater international philanthropic investment amongst Washington state’s families and businesses. Through its Global Program, SIF provides financial support to local organizations working internationally. Its Central America Program invests in organizations with potential for broad and lasting impact for social change throughout the region.

Through organizations such as SIF, our city has indeed become an international hub for global economic development efforts. This Global Giving Guide provides insights on the effective organizations that call Washington their home and the world their workplace.

As you consider your personal or corporate philanthropic priorities, please use the Global Giving Guide to grow, or start, your own international giving. The staff at SIF is readily available to help you find high-impact organizations with missions and programs that are meaningful to you. Our shared goal is powerful, rewarding philanthropy that makes our global community a stronger, more vibrant place for all.

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Seattle and Guatemalan youth work together to build classrooms for an elementary school in Santiago Zamora, Guatemala.

How will you change the world?
Welcome

Global poverty is severe and widespread, yet real and lasting solutions exist. Many of those solutions are being created and implemented by organizations right here in Washington state.

The Pacific Northwest has long had a major stake in global issues and has always demonstrated a generosity of spirit and inclusiveness towards others. Our community's willingness to invest in global nonprofits is a testament to our understanding of the interdependence and needs of the world.

The 2014 Global Giving Guide highlights 20 organizations and helps connect caring citizens with worthy causes, improving lives around the world.
About the Global Giving Guide

Who We Are
Seattle International Foundation (SIF) works to alleviate global poverty through grantmaking and other activities. Since 2008, the foundation has awarded more than $12 million to 126 organizations working in 36 countries. SIF also serves as a partner and resource to donors, to increase global philanthropy from the Pacific Northwest.

How We Choose
The 2014 Global Giving Guide highlights the work of 20 local organizations making a real difference around the globe. We vet the local nonprofits we feature, by examining their mission, leadership, efficiency and impact. Please visit www.seaif.org/criteria for a detailed description of our giving criteria.

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1,000,000+ beneficiaries
36 countries
126 organizations
$12,403,207 in grants

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Ayni Education International

This young girl attends one of Ayni Education International’s urban schools in the Balkh Province of northern Afghanistan. Many girls in Afghanistan were banned from classrooms under the Taliban regime, and were denied their right to education. Ayni Education has restored this right, and 1,100 girls were enrolled in school in 2012.

Through Ayni’s efforts, girls now have the opportunity to learn in a stable environment. Ayni works with Afghan communities and the Ministry of Education to ensure programs for girls’ education are sustainable. Through education, Ayni encourages girls to become leaders in building a better future for Afghanistan.

Since 2001, Ayni Education International has built and supplied over 20 schools in northern Afghanistan. Ayni currently serves more than 28,000 girls and has also expanded its efforts to managing teacher training and computer literacy programs.
Etta Projects

Alejandra is from the village of El Paisaje, a community with very little access to clean water or adequate sanitation. Alejandra and the other children in the village had to walk over a kilometer to fetch water, and families were forced to choose between going to the bathroom in overflowing pit latrines or sugarcane fields.

Today, with support from Etta Projects’ water and sanitation program, Alejandra’s family and the 22 other households in the village have clean, safe running water and their very own ecological composting latrine. Etta has trained women from the village to become health and sanitation promoters to encourage families to maintain healthy hygiene habits. The community has also formed a local water and sanitation committee, which is responsible for managing the system and ensuring its sustainability.

With the help of local partners, Etta Projects implements capacity building, hygiene promotion, and improved infrastructure projects to promote vibrant, healthy communities in Bolivia.

Since 2003, Etta Projects has impacted the lives of more than 61,000 people throughout the Department of Santa Cruz in Bolivia through the implementation of sustainable water, sanitation, and health projects.
Water 1st International

Mari Tuji is from Kelecho Gerbi, Ethiopia. Mari is a young mother, and until last year, each day Mari was the first in her household to wake up to get started on her main chore—carrying water. Before her community built a new water system in 2012, Mari collected water from a contaminated, muddy river that her village also shared with cattle and goats. Before her community had this improved water system, she carried a 40-pound jerry on her back for two hours, twice each day. When Mari’s children became ill from the dirty water, she carried them on foot several miles to the nearest clinic. Sometimes the medicine to treat her children’s diarrhea was too expensive, or unavailable, so Mari would walk back home and hope the illness resolved on its own. However, the children would always get sick again.

In 2013, Mari was able to start collecting water from Kelecho Gerbi’s new water system. Mari says it is worth paying the 2 cents for 5 gallons of crystal clear groundwater to ensure the system lasts for her community for years to come. Mari also said she felt safe to have another baby since her village now has clean water. In honor of the project and her new life, she decided to name her child Chala, which translates to English as ‘The Best.’ “Indeed, my life is the best now,” says Mari.

Water 1st International is dedicated to making life better for Mari Tuji and thousands of other families.

Since 2005, Water 1st has raised $8 million which has funded 940 water, toilet, and hygiene projects that serve more than 100,000 people in Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Honduras, and India.
Literacy Bridge

In a remote village in the poorest region of Ghana, Albertina Dery recently gained access to life-changing knowledge. She learned to fight malaria and other devastating diseases by properly utilizing bed nets to prevent deadly mosquito bites. She learned to create organic fertilizer to increase crop yield, therefore increasing her food source and income. During her last pregnancy, for the first time, she learned the importance of attending prenatal care visits, delivering her baby in a hospital, and practicing exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of her daughter’s life.

But until recently, life-changing knowledge like this was inaccessible to Albertina. Without health and agriculture experts in her village and without the ability to read and write, she lacked the information necessary to learn the best ways to protect her kids from chronic malnutrition.

Now through a simple and durable audio device, the Talking Book Program is placing knowledge, from top local health and agriculture experts, right in Albertina’s hands. Each month, she can listen to new interviews, stories, songs, and dramas that give her the information she needs. She can also record her feedback to improve the quality of future recordings. With the power of life-changing knowledge, mothers like Albertina are building a better future for their children.

Since 2007, Literacy Bridge has delivered 500,000 on-demand health and agriculture lessons to 24,000 of the most impoverished people in Ghana.
Amigos de Santa Cruz

Maria Garcia is four years old and from a remote indigenous village in Santa Cruz La Laguna, Guatemala, where women struggle on a daily basis to feed their children. Guatemala has the fourth highest rate of chronic child malnutrition in the world, and the highest in Latin America. Thanks to Maria’s participation in the Amigos de Santa Cruz Nutrition Program, she is now healthy and active.

Maria, her siblings, and her mother are just a few of the 400 participants who benefit from services at the four local nutrition centers run by Amigos. The centers provide many services, including a Sustainable Food Production Program, which is comprised of organic community and family gardens, a local youth apprenticeship program, and a pilot dairy goat project. The centers offer a place for women to come together to learn how to prepare healthy meals, but also to participate in educational programs covering topics such as family health, hygiene, women’s rights, and self-esteem.

Maria’s mother shared, “The Amigos program benefits me and my family because when I return from the training I always tell my husband what I learned and he tells me it is all important, and that you have to practice at home with the children to live a healthy life without disease.”

Since 1998, Amigos has been working in the six indigenous communities of Santa Cruz La Laguna, Guatemala, supporting education, better health, a cleaner environment, and economic development that impacts more than 800 families.
Global Visionaries

Pictured here are Seattle and Guatemalan youth, working side by side to build new classrooms for children near Antigua, Guatemala. Based in Seattle, Washington and Antigua, Guatemala, Global Visionaries (GV) is a youth-led organization that empowers and transforms young people into socially and environmentally conscious global leaders. GV provides leadership development and cultural immersion programs in Guatemala and Seattle, bringing together a richly diverse group of youth and bridging demographic lines. GV empowers its student leaders to maximize their potential through a unique three-part “learn-participate-lead” approach. Through social entrepreneurship in Seattle and Guatemala, youth participants are inspired to consider how their behavior impacts the world and to activate the political will of their generation. GV youth enter as learners and leave as leaders.

Since 1997, Global Visionaries has served over 3,400 youth. By volunteering over 60 hours each in their local and international communities, youth have built 22 school rooms and community centers, planted 22,500 trees in reforestation projects and raised more than $240,000 for projects in Guatemala.
Prosthetics Outreach Foundation

Schnailove is 8 years old and lives near Cap-Haïtien, Haiti, with her grandmother, four siblings, and three other adults in one home. Her grandmother supports the family by selling water from a small roadside stand. Schnailove was born with a birth defect that affected the formation of both of her legs, and consequently, her mobility was limited to short distances crawling on her hands and knees. She needed to be carried by others for longer distances.

In early 2013, Schnailove and her grandmother were referred to the Justinian University Hospital prosthetics and orthotics workshop, where they saw amputees walking with prosthetic limbs. The workshop is supported by Prosthetics Outreach Foundation (POF) and The Haiti Project at the University of Miami. Initially, Schnailove was not interested in a prosthetic leg. However, the workshop’s prosthetist convinced her to try it and a week later she was fitted with an orthosis to support her right leg and a prosthetic leg for her left limb. This was the first time in Schnailove’s life that she had ever stood upright. Immediately after being fitted with the prosthetic and orthotic, she walked around the room. As a result of her improved mobility, Schnailove is now able to independently walk to school and church, kick a soccer ball with her friends, jump rope, and ride a bike.

Schnailove is just one example of many POF beneficiaries. When a person regains mobility it creates a ripple effect, positively impacting individuals, families, and communities. POF provides sustainable solutions through locally manufactured prosthetics and orthotics, nationwide clubfoot treatment, and orthopedic surgery training trips in Vietnam, Sierra Leone, Haiti and Bangladesh.

Since 1989, Prosthetics Outreach Foundation has restored mobility to over 20,000 children and adults living with physical disabilities in developing countries. 2014 marks the 25th Anniversary of POF and the work of the Founder and Seattle orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Ernest M. Burgess, to provide rehabilitation services to those with little access to healthcare.
Global Partnerships

Worldwide, 1.3 billion people, or roughly 1 in 5, lack access to affordable and reliable sources of energy. Until recently, Florinda Salinas and her family were among them. This meant not having enough light to work and study at night, which greatly reduced her family’s economic and educational opportunities. It also meant relying on expensive and unhealthy sources of energy, such as antiquated kerosene lamps that emit harmful smoke.

Seeking a better solution, Florinda applied for a loan from Global Partnerships’ (GP) partner in Honduras, COMIXMUL, and purchased a solar home system. Now their family can harness solar energy to power lights and charge their cell phone. This has dramatically improved Florinda’s life as she and her husband both weave hammocks after dusk in order to increase both production and household income. They are able to save money on fuel costs and cell phone charging fees. Best of all, their four younger sons can study after sunset. Furthermore, with their fully charged cell phone, they can communicate with their eldest son, who is studying on scholarship away from home.

GP’s green technology work helps organizations, like COMIXMUL, design and implement business-based solutions that deliver affordable solar technologies to people living in poverty and beyond the reach of modern electricity grids. GP also works with partners to deliver access to affordable health services, agricultural training, and microentrepreneurship education. GP believes that people living in poverty need access to more than loans; they also need access to technologies and knowledge that can help lift them out of poverty—permanently.

Since 1994, GP has helped expand opportunity for over 2 million people living in poverty through its partnerships with cooperatives, microfinance institutions, and social enterprises across 12 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Mona Foundation

Neha is student at a local Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalay (KGBV) school in Datili, India. KGBV schools provide education for girls belonging to the lowest castes, tribes, minority communities and families below the poverty line. Through her school, she is also part of Digital Study Hall’s (DSH) Critical Dialogue program, which addresses gender issues and supports women’s empowerment.

Neha, like many girls who have participated in this program, is now a strong agent for change in her community. As a young social activist, she diligently works to tackle gender issues and change orthodox practices in her village. She is currently working to end child marriage. She has started recording cases of possible child brides in her neighborhood, formed a small activist group, and now goes door to door to uncover cases of child brides. She also advocates to the head of her village and other government officials to investigate individual child bride cases.

DSH is currently in 46 KGBV schools throughout India and has already reached over 4,200 girls in the first half of 2013. Mona Foundation partners with locally-based educational initiatives around the world offering long-term community support. By investing in projects like DSH, Mona Foundation ensures the availability of universal education.

Since 1999, Mona Foundation has supported over 25 grassroots educational projects, raised the status of girls and women in more than 15 countries around the world, and reached over 50,000 children and their families.
MED25 International

Hildy has experienced a lot in her eight years of life, but still brightens her surroundings with her beautiful smile. She patiently waits at the MED25 clinic as her family receives counseling at the Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) center. VCT provides families with HIV testing, education for preventative care, guidance for taking life-saving anti-retroviral medications if needed, and encouragement as they attend peer support groups for adults and kids who are HIV positive, or are part of a family or community who are affected. Hildy’s family also travels to the clinic for malaria prevention and treatment, vaccinations for her two younger siblings, tuberculosis screening, treatment for frequent waterborne illnesses, and much more.

Before MED25 offered these services, there were few options for Hildy and others like her to receive support. Today they will know their status as a family and can move forward with a specific plan for their future health. They will not be turned away due to a lack of finances.

MED25 International’s vision is to provide quality, culturally appropriate, and affordable health care, focusing on one community at a time. Patients travel by boat from surrounding islands, by motorbike from far away villages, and, like Hildy, by foot to reach our comprehensive care clinic. MED25 provides subsidized health services focused on prevention and treatment of major diseases through services including Voluntary Counseling & Testing, antenatal/maternal care, family planning, vaccinations, cervical cancer screening, and health outreach. MED25 serves over 1,800 patients monthly in the clinic, plus over 6,000 individuals through its Community Health Workers.

Since 2006, MED25 International has provided quality, culturally appropriate, and affordable health care to over 40,000 individuals through health care services and community health outreach in Ghana and Kenya.
One By One

Jane Baraza lives in Kakamega County in Western Kenya. Jane is a wife, a mother of four children (three girls, one boy) ages 6-17, and an obstetric fistula survivor. Jane is now a One By One Regional Representative, dedicated to finding her fellow rural women suffering in silence as she did. She is serene, courageous and incredibly hard working. Jane’s strength lies in her deeply compassionate interaction with fistula patients and their families. Jane reaches women and girls who live in profound isolation having lost faith. With her quiet strength and soothing words she helps patients get treatment and supports them throughout their recovery. Jane’s patients see her as the light at the end of the tunnel. From her own personal experience, Jane understands isolation, shame and helplessness and what it takes to regain personal pride by being able to care for her family, be a wife and a leader who is respected throughout the community.

Obstetric fistula is a devastating childbirth injury caused by obstructed labor. It is a preventable and treatable maternal health challenge. More than two million women and girls with fistula in the developing world are living in isolation and unable to share a meal, make a living, board a bus or go to school. One By One’s model project in Western Kenya, “Let’s End Fistula,” is in full operation. One By One works with local Kenyan staff, 30 specially trained Regional Representatives and key partners reaching women and girls, educating communities and providing comprehensive treatment for fistula patients.

Since 2006, One By One has funded treatment for 2,000 fistula patients and has impacted the lives of 260,000 people in four African countries through prevention, education, outreach and reintegration support.
VillageReach

Rose is a *Group Village Head* in central Malawi and is responsible for overseeing the well-being of a 32 village community. She has long been concerned with the challenges women and children face in her community when trying to access health information and services. Women and children in Rose’s villages, and in Malawi as a whole, experience high rates of maternal and child mortality as a result of limited health care and lack of reliable information on safe motherhood and child health practices.

Today, women and children in Rose’s community are getting help from *Chipatala cha pa Foni* (health center hotline, in English), a toll-free maternal and health hotline that provides health information, advice and referrals. Service users also have the option of signing up for weekly voice or text messages to receive health tips and reminders to access preventive healthcare services. Village volunteers help women understand and use the service and ensure access for those without cellphones through project phones.

*Chipatala cha pa Foni* effectively extends the reach of the health system, allowing women and children to access health services from their home without having to travel long distances to the nearest health center. As a mother, grandmother and community leader, Rose has been a strong advocate for use of the *Chipatala cha pa Foni* in her community. Rose encourages those who have cell phones to lend them to those who cannot afford one, and has even contributed her own phone to those who don’t own phones. As a result, *Chipatala cha pa Foni* has had a vast reach into the community, receiving over 11,000 calls and registering nearly 6,000 women and caregivers of young children for the tips and reminders service.

Since 2000, VillageReach has worked to improve the performance of health systems serving more than 10 million people in remote communities across sub-Saharan Africa.
One Equal Heart Foundation

Sebastiana is from Chiapas, México. She knows how malnutrition, lack of access to health care, and illiteracy isolate and endanger the lives of indigenous women. One Equal Heart Foundation (OEH) is working hand in hand with Tseltal Maya women to change that reality. In partnership with a local organization (Center for Indigenous Rights), OEH supports groups of women to share their struggles, improve their living conditions, and learn about their rights, including the right to advocate for their health.

In the village of Chuch’té’el, a group of 35 women decided to do something about illnesses and accidents caused by cooking over open fires. They traveled—many for the first time—to attend a workshop about cleaner-burning stoves and now all 35 women are cooking over cleaner-burning stoves. “I don’t miss my traditional stove at all. With my new stove, I don’t burn my arms, and my children and I don’t get sick from the smoke.”

The women of Chuch’té’el know their work isn’t finished. Encouraged by their success, they chose their next project: filters to provide safe drinking water for their families. They’ve even started a savings club to pool resources to help buy materials.

OEH partners with the Center for Indigenous Rights to provide hands-on training and ongoing support for Tseltal communities and leaders, working to create healthy families, healthy communities and a healthy planet.

OEH especially focuses on investment in women because when women are active in their communities, more children attend school, agricultural productivity increases, and their incomes improves as well. With women’s participation, development projects are more likely to be sustainable and make a lasting impact on the community.

Since 2009, One Equal Heart Foundation has collaborated with partners in Chiapas to train and support over 1,000 women and their families to advocate for their health and improve their living conditions, impacting over 7,000 people.
iLEAP

Lidieth Álvarez Guzmán is a 2011 iLEAP International Fellow from El Limón II, a small rural town located on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. Lidieth began work in her community by founding the Genesis Cooperative, a female-led bakery promoting women entrepreneurs. In 2011, Lidieth joined ten grassroots leaders from around the world in Seattle, to participate in the three-month iLEAP Fellowship training that balances elements of personal reflection and retreat, group learning and dialogue, and professional training in partnerships and collaboration, communication, and effective leadership. After the iLEAP program, she returned to Nicaragua and founded Formación Fenix, a community-based project empowering young Nicaraguans through cultural, environmental and educational programming.

Lidieth returned home, in her own words, with “the competence to communicate cross-culturally, and to not be afraid to work with people from outside my community and to seek out commonality. I also gained confidence, found my voice, and felt liberated to promote my ideas. I learned that my community is full of leaders and I now know that I don’t need to feel like I am the only one—I have the ability to identify, advise and promote leadership in others, and let them take charge of projects.”

Since 2008, over 250 people from nearly 30 countries have graduated from iLEAP’s leadership and social change programs. Graduates return home prepared to sustain their work and inspiration, create new organizations and social businesses, develop strategic partnerships with fellow iLEAP graduates and international partners, and cultivate the next generation of change leaders in their communities.
EarthCorps

As a young girl, Gloria was raised by her grandmother in the village of Huanoquite, Peru while her parents moved to Cuzco looking for better work opportunities. Her first language is Quechua and she later learned Spanish and English. Bridging languages and cultures, Gloria works to empower native Quechua people, Spanish-speaking Peruvians, and North American and European volunteers who are seeking to become more compassionate global citizens.

Gloria has coordinated international volunteers working on sustainable development partnership projects in highland villages around Cuzco, the historic capital of the Incan Empire. Community projects include installing clean-burning stoves, monitoring the effectiveness of water filtration projects and public health campaigns, as well as environmental conservation.

By participating in EarthCorps’ Seattle-based leadership program for emerging environmental innovators, Gloria is boosting her capacity to manage diverse international volunteers more effectively. As an EarthCorps corps member, she has helped lead 10,000 local volunteers in projects that enhance ecosystem health around the Seattle metropolitan region at project sites ranging from busy urban parks to magnificent wilderness areas. She hopes to apply the experience to meet the pressing needs for environmental service in urban areas of Cuzco, as well as rural areas outside the city.

Since 1993, EarthCorps’ intensive hands-on program has equipped more than 1,000 emerging environmental leaders from the U.S. and 80 countries with vital technical and leadership skills.
Landesa

Asira Nzamwitaakuze, her husband and their four children, live on a hilltop in Northern Rwanda. From her mud home she can see a lush valley full of banana trees, sugar cane, beans, and corn fields. She can also see a bright future – thanks to the land title she and her husband received.

Before receiving title to their plot of land, totaling slightly less than an acre, Asira and her family had no way to defend their claim to the land they tilled and no way to use the land as capital to improve their lives. They lived hand to mouth, growing sweet potatoes and maize.

But since gaining title to the land, she and her husband used their land as collateral for a loan. “Now that I have a land title, I can get a loan from the bank, which I used to buy a cow.” With fertilizer from the cow, Asira has been able to improve their maize yields and sell the surplus to buy foods they never before could afford: Irish potatoes and meat. Landesa is working in the fields and government halls to ensure that Asira, and thousands like her, have secure rights to land. Through collaboration with grassroots organizations and governments, Landesa advances land tenure security for the rural poor.

Landesa has helped bring secure land rights to more than 109 million families, representing well over 400 million people in 45 developing countries throughout the world.
Rwanda Girls Initiative

Chartine, a third year student at the Gashora Girls Academy, founded by the Rwanda Girls Initiative, was able to participate in a TOEFL and SAT prep program. She received an excellent score of over 600 on the TOEFL and she scored a perfect 800 on the math portion of the SAT. For any student that would be a feat, but given 18 year old Chartine speaks English as a second language, and had limited resources in her early education, this is an extraordinary accomplishment. RGI provides the facility, teachers, scholarships and materials necessary to give students like Chartine every opportunity to dream and succeed. Rwanda Girls Initiative provides an outstanding education focused on STEM for girls to succeed in advanced studies at local or international universities, colleges, and technical schools, with the goal to ultimately train these young women to become the future leaders of their communities and country.

Since 2008, Rwanda Girls Initiative has provided an outstanding university prep education focused on STEM to more than 270 girls and impacted thousands in the Gashora community through outreach with English classes, test preparations for primary students, technology camps, teacher training for local teachers, sharing of agricultural best practices and support for widows and children.
PATH

When Njabulo was born, his mother gave him breast milk, the perfect food for a newborn. But tragically, she died of complications related to AIDS when he was two months old.

Malnourished and sick, Njabulo was placed in a transition home for HIV-exposed infants. He was lucky: it was one of the few in South Africa with a human milk bank, and on a diet of donated mother’s milk, the tiny infant began to thrive.

PATH believes that all babies deserve to be strong and healthy. PATH is making it easier for countries to establish human milk banks to help orphaned, premature, and underweight infants. Now many more babies, like Njabulo, are receiving the lifesaving protection and nutrition that come with breast milk—both safely and affordably.

Through projects like this, PATH is driving transformative innovation in pursuit of a bold goal: a world where no child dies of a preventable disease, where all mothers have safe births and healthy newborns, and every community has the tools it needs to thrive.  

PATH works in more than 70 countries around the world. Its programs reached more than 118 million people in 2012.
Burkitt’s Lymphoma Fund for Africa

Cynthia Nyakato, 9, has spent nearly half her life fighting Burkitt’s lymphoma, the most common form of cancer among Ugandan children. Burkitt’s is a fast-growing, malignant tumor that typically develops in the jaw or abdomen. The cancer interferes with the child’s breathing and ability to eat. Without proper diagnosis or treatment, Burkitt’s is usually fatal. Even with treatment, only 40 percent of Ugandan children survive, while in the United States the survival rate is closer to 95 percent. The mission of the Burkitt’s Lymphoma Fund for Africa (BLFA) is to erase this gap.

Cynthia’s symptoms began with a swelling in her jaw. Doctors recommended surgery, but her illness remained undiagnosed despite the operation. The symptoms returned within a year, prompting a second surgery. When her jaw ballooned again, Cynthia was finally referred to the Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI) in Kampala.

In 2004, the UCI partnered with Seattle’s Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to create the Hutchinson Center Research Institute of Uganda to support cancer research, training and treatment. BLFA works with the Hutchinson Center in Uganda to provide funding for chemotherapy drugs, supplies, lab tests and nutritional supplements, as well as contributing to the salaries of doctors, nurses and social workers.

Using the resources donated by BLFA, oncologists at the UCI quickly diagnosed Cynthia’s condition as Burkitt’s and immediately began to treat her. Her response to the treatment has given her, her family and the staff at the UCI, hope that her cancer can be cured and that with time and perseverance, fewer and fewer children like Cynthia will die from a cancer that can and should be cured.

“At first I was scared. But this cancer is curable and that gives me strength.”

— Specioza Nsinga, mother of Cynthia Nyakato

Since 2011, the Burkitt’s Lymphoma Fund for Africa has provided funding to partners in Kenya and Uganda to fund the treatment of over 375 pediatric cancer patients at a cost of less than $500 per patient.
PeaceTrees Vietnam

Nguyen van Phuong was just 13 years old when tragedy struck. Phuong and his 7 classmates were digging holes to plant trees near their school when a bomb exploded. Four of his friends died instantly. Four were seriously injured. Phuong lost his left leg, his right eye, and today many fragments from the bomb still remain in his body.

He was attending Trung Son School in Gio Linh District of Quang Tri Province Vietnam, the most war-torn province of Vietnam, where still nearly every week someone, often a child, is hurt or killed by an explosive remnant of war.

After his recovery, Phuong could no longer travel the long distance needed to get to school. His disability became a burden to him and to his family. As a teenager, he tried everything to get by, including selling green tea and learning how to repair bicycles.

In 2003, Phuong moved his wife and his children to PeaceTrees Friendship Village, built on 40 acres of land safely cleared from wartime. Since that day Phuong has happily participated in PeaceTrees Vietnam’s long-term assistance program for accident survivors from unexploded bombs and landmines. Phuong and his daughter Nguyen Thi Dieu Ly are shown here at home.

Since 1995, PeaceTrees Vietnam has removed more than 78,000 explosive ordnance items (UXO) from the soil, and assisted 1,000 UXO victims and their families through medical treatment, educational scholarships, financial support, and microcredit lending. PeaceTrees has provided mine risk education to 85,000+ people, hosted 50 Citizen Diplomacy Missions with 675 volunteers to plant trees and foster friendship, and built 11 libraries and 8 kindergartens in Central Vietnam.
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Amigos de Santa Cruz
Amigos de Santa Cruz Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Lopez Island, WA, implements vocational training and employment courses focusing primarily on women in Santa Cruz, Guatemala.
www.amigosdesantacruz.org

Ayni Education International
Ayni Education International creates quality educational experiences in Afghanistan that empower and inspire children and their families to build peaceful, just and life-affirming communities.
www.aynieducation.org
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Bainbridge-Ometepe Sister Islands Association
Bainbridge-Ometepe Sister Islands Association builds bridges of friendship between Bainbridge Island in Washington state and Ometepe Island in Nicaragua and carries out infrastructure improvement projects and community-initiated health education projects on Ometepe.
www.bainbridgeometepe.org
GLOBALWA MEMBER

Burkitt’s Lymphoma Fund for Africa
Burkitt’s Lymphoma Kenya Fund increases the long-term survival of African children diagnosed with Burkitt’s Lymphoma through medical diagnosis and treatment and socioeconomic assistance programs.
www.blfundafrica.org
GLOBALWA MEMBER

Clear Path International
Clear Path International delivers survivor assistance, mine risk education and capacity building programming to people and organizations living and working in conflict-affected communities throughout the world.
www.cpi.org
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EarthCorps
EarthCorps brings together emerging environmental leaders from more than 60 countries and provides them with environmental restoration, community building and volunteer management training through programs in Washington’s Puget Sound and Cascade regions.
www.earthcorps.org
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Etta Projects
Etta Projects partners with Bolivian communities to identify, prioritize, and implement sustainable solutions to the health, education, and economic challenges of poverty.
www.ettaprojects.org
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Facing the Future
Facing the Future is a nonprofit leader whose mission is to create tools for educators that equip and motivate students to develop critical thinking skills, build global awareness, and engage in positive solutions for a sustainable future.
www.facingthefuture.org
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Give2Cuba
Give2Cuba is the first U.S.-based pooled giving fund to support anti-poverty and development efforts in Cuba. The Seattle Foundation serves as the fiscal sponsor for Give2Cuba.

Global Foundation for Children with Hearing Loss
www.childrenwithhearingloss.org
Global Partnerships
Global Partnerships is a nonprofit impact investor based in Seattle and Managua, Nicaragua that’s dedicated to expanding opportunity for people living in poverty. Since 1994, Global Partnerships has served over 2 million people in 12 countries through its partnerships with 66 social enterprises.

www.globalpartnerships.org
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Global Visionaries (GV)
GV empowers youth from diverse socio-economic, ethnic, racial and geographic backgrounds to become active leaders and global citizens who promote justice.

www.global-visionaries.org
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Global Washington
Global Washington is a catalyst for strengthening the global development sector and its member organizations by leveraging resources, increasing visibility, sharing best practices, convening the sector by country, issue and organization type, and advocating around education and global engagement and foreign policy.

www.globalwa.org
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Global Women – Partners in Philanthropy
Global Women – Partners in Philanthropy assists women around the world to work together and become effective philanthropists in their own communities utilizing the successful model of collective giving developed by the Washington Women’s Foundation in Seattle.

www.globalwomenpartners.org
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Guatemala Village Health (GVH)
GVH takes multi-generational teams to Guatemala to provide medical/dental care and health education in remote villages rarely served by other NGOs. GVH’s in-country staff conducts regular trainings with village health promoters and teachers to facilitate community-led health improvement projects such as composting toilets and family gardens. Our goal is to achieve sustainability by empowering villagers to continue these programs independently.

www.guatemalavillagehealth.org
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Humanosphere
Humanosphere is an independent, Seattle-based, non-profit news site devoted to news and analysis of global health and the fight against poverty.

www.humanosphere.org

iLEAP
iLEAP is an international nonprofit organization that conducts transformational education and professional training programs in Seattle and collaborates with community leaders throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America to create new and more effective ways to work in global partnership for social change.

www.ileep.org
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Initiative for Global Development
The Initiative for Global Development (IGD) is a non-profit organization that drives poverty reduction by catalyzing business growth and investment in the developing world. IGD brings together an influential network of senior executives from sector-leading companies with the interest and capacity to make strategic investments in high-need, high-potential areas of Africa.

www.igdleaders.org
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Jolkona
Jolkona is a non-profit organization that connects donors with local and global philanthropic opportunities and uses technology to demonstrate the impact of each donation. Jolkona is the first micorgiving organization to provide individualized feedback for each donation.

www.jolkona.org

Landesa
Landesa is a nonprofit organization working to secure land rights for the world’s poorest people. Landesa’s work in more than 40 developing countries over the past four decades has improved individual lives, families, and communities.

www.landesa.org
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Literacy Bridge
Literacy Bridge shares locally-relevant knowledge through the Talking Book with people who lack literacy skills and access to electricity, empowering them to improve their literacy skills as well as the health and income of their families.
www.literacybridge.org
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MED25 International
MED25 provides basic health care to those most in need, most at risk, and who have suffered the most as a result of historical neglect in Mbita, Kenya.
www.med25.org
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Mona Foundation
The Mona Foundation promotes the education of women and children by empowering grassroots educational initiatives.
www.monafoundation.org
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One By One
One By One contributes to the elimination of obstetric fistula worldwide by partnering with in-country organizations in Africa to create programs and mobilize the resources needed to support both life-transforming treatment programs and essential prevention work around this condition that affects so many women.
www.fightfistula.org
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One Equal Heart Foundation (OEH)
OEH supports individuals, families, communities and regions in northern Chiapas, Mexico through sustainable development and leadership training programs.
www.oneequalheart.org
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One World Now!
OneWorld Now! is an award-winning and innovative social venture that exists to develop the next generation of global leaders. OWN is committed to providing critical language skills, leadership training and study abroad opportunities to underserved youth.
www.oneworldnow.org
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PATH
PATH is an international nonprofit organization that creates sustainable, culturally relevant solutions, enabling communities worldwide to break longstanding cycles of poor health.
www.path.org
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PeaceTrees Vietnam
PeaceTrees sponsors demining and mine risk education, survivor assistance, citizen diplomacy trips and community building projects in partnership with the people of Quang Tri Province, Vietnam as a means of realizing the mission to reverse the legacy of war.
www.peacetreesvietnam.org
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Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest (PPGNW)
PPGNW provides high quality low-cost reproductive health care services, comprehensive sex education programs to promote responsible behavior, and advocacy for underrepresented communities around issues such as family planning funding. PPGNW works in partnership with nonprofits and nongovernmental organizations to support programs in developing countries that positively impact the lives of vulnerable women and families.
www.plannedparenthood.org/ppgnw
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Prosthetics Outreach Foundation (POF)
POF seeks to ensure that children and adults with limb loss or limb deformities in developing countries have access to high-quality orthopedic and physical rehabilitation services, so that they can enjoy lifelong mobility in Vietnam, Bangladesh, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Haiti.
www.pofsea.org
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Rwanda Girls Initiative
Rwanda Girls Initiative provides a high quality secondary school education for girls in Rwanda, supporting the whole girl through a boarding school environment at the newly constructed Gashora Girls Academy.
www.rwandagirlsinitiative.org
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Seattle University Poverty Education Center
The Seattle University Poverty Education Center is an organization focused on improving education about poverty. The Center provides teachers and students with a deep, humanistic understanding of the economics, politics, history, culture, and ethics of poverty in the United States and around the world.
www.seattleu.edu/poverty-education
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Snow Leopard Trust
The Snow Leopard Trust conserves endangered snow leopards and their mountain ecosystem in Central Asia through a balanced approach that considers the needs of the local people living in snow leopard habitat. The Trust creates and implements grassroots development programs to improve the livelihoods of impoverished rural communities and therefore prevent the poaching of Snow Leopards.
www.snowleopard.org

SPLASH
Splash ensures clean water for kids who would otherwise be drinking and using unsafe water. Operations are currently active in Nepal, India, Cambodia, Thailand, China, and Ethiopia.
www.splash.org
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TeenSmart International
TeenSmart International works with at-risk youth in the U.S. and Central America by improving access to quality health education.
www.teensmart.net

University of Washington Cambodia Social Work Program
The UW Cambodia Social Work Program established and sustains the first university-level social work program in Cambodia, training individuals to become skilled professionals while addressing poverty and the consequences of genocide and civil war.
www.socialwork.uw.edu

University of Washington Center for Human Rights
UW Center for Human Rights spans departments, schools, and the three campuses of the University of Washington to bring together faculty and students from a variety of disciplines whose work focuses on human rights issues.
www.jsis.washington.edu/humanrights

VillageReach
VillageReach improves access to healthcare for remote, underserved communities around the world by partnering with governments, businesses, nonprofits, and other organizations to improve the performance and reliability of health systems in the most inaccessible and isolated last mile communities.
www.villagereach.org

Vittana
Vittana is a nonprofit organization aiming to graduate a generation beyond poverty through the power of education. Vittana works with carefully selected partners in more than a dozen countries to find students who are motivated to continue their education. These partners then help students to find gainful employment and thus help to break the cycle of poverty.
www.vittana.org
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Water 1st International
Water 1st serves people in the poorest communities in the world by implementing community-managed projects that integrate water supply, sanitation, and health education.
www.water1st.org
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World Affairs Council
The World Affairs Council links Greater Seattle to the world. As a hub for all things international, the World Affairs Council creates programs and opportunities for local people to interact directly with leaders, educators, and professionals from around the world.
www.world-affairs.org
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Jozlyn meets with youth leaders from Limon II, Nicaragua participating in Formacion Fenix, a project of former iLEAP fellow Lidieth Alvarez, that provides emerging youth leaders with scholarship and microenterprise opportunities.

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