



2018 Annual Report



Until Every Community is Safe

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Safe Streets supporter,

This is my 30th year with Safe Streets and I am just as inspired today as I was when we founded this organization in 1988.

Over the past three decades, I've seen how residents – equipped with the tools they need to become community leaders – create safer, healthier neighborhoods and schools.

Together, these community leaders lead campaigns to remove graffiti, start neighborhood watch groups, lead anti-bullying campaigns, march against school shootings, help vulnerable seniors reclaim their property from squatters — the list goes on and on.

In 2018, we continued to equip and empower these leaders so they could keep doing this important work.

But we also examined our own processes more closely, exploring ways to strengthen our impact using proven strategies to promote long-term community change. It was **a year of realizing the power of community in a deeper way.**

We reviewed years of data to create **our new strategic plan**, ensuring that the work we do is still relevant and that we're strengthen our programs using data-driven approaches.

Using an evidence-based framework called Communities that Care, we trained and supported resident leaders so they could build strong bonds and work together. Neighborhood group members **volunteered more than 3,000 hours** to build safe, healthy, thriving communities. A network of **76 active neighborhood groups** continued to reduce the likelihood that violent activity will escalate in their communities by identifying and addressing unhealthy and illegal activity in its early stages. And through our new **group leader forum**, a network of resident leaders across the county, we're taking neighborhood organizing to a new level.

We launched the **Family, Youth & Community Outreach and Education Strategies Program** (FYCOES) to reduce family conflict in Pierce County. Through this program, our staff worked directly with 24 youth and their families to help them build skills so they can reduce violence and resolve conflicts in a healthy way.

We partnered with the City of Tacoma Police on the **Youth Citizens Academy**, an eight-week course in law enforcement for student leaders. As a result, we've seen youth and officers develop trust in one another and watched negativity, fear, and myths dissipate.

Zhanaria, a **Youth Leading Change** student who completed the program, says her perception of the police was turned on its head. "I came into this program thinking police officers were horrible people." Now, she says, she's leaning toward "working for the law."

She, along with many other students, also benefited from the proven approaches we use to teach important social and emotional skills to students in all nine of our YLC chapters. In 2018, these newly empowered and self-aware youth leaders led **17 community action projects** that impacted more than 3,000 people.

We can't thank you enough. **Your gift supports these programs and the community members who benefit from them.** Every contribution is an investment in violence prevention and helps the entire community engage in this important work.

On behalf of the entire Safe Streets team, **thank you** for giving so these grassroots neighborhood and school leaders can continue creating safe, healthy, thriving communities.

Your gift makes a true difference.



In service of change,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Priscilla Lisicich". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Priscilla Lisicich

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YOUTH LEADING CHANGE

- 9 Youth Leading Change chapters
- 140 middle and high school student members
- 3,507 YLC member hours volunteering for safe, healthy, thriving communities
- 17 Youth-led community action projects impacted 3,385 people

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZING

- 76 active neighborhood groups
- 1,123 registered neighborhood group members
- 3,255 group member hours volunteering for safe, healthy, thriving communities

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LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

This year's Leadership Academy was a big success. Twenty-one Youth Leading Change members attended along with nine guests from other high schools.

Youth attended workshops on topics such as collaboration, empathy, project planning, communication, messaging, college success, financial literacy, leadership, and youth voice.

The final workshop focused on the theme of the week, creating a Road Map to Success.

It was an encouraging to watch as youth bonded with each other and engaged positively by supporting each other, learning together, and learning from one another.



YOUTH CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Between March 8 and April 26, about eight students from high school chapters throughout Pierce County attended the Youth Citizens' Academy at police headquarters to engage with the officers and learn more about the work of the Tacoma Police Department.

Topics covered included crime scene forensics, active shooter procedure, cyber bullying and sexting, SWAT, and traffic crime. At the final session, youth were recognized and presented with certificates of completion by Chief Ramsdell in a graduation ceremony.



2018 PARTNERSHIP APPRECIATION

On May 31, Safe Streets held its seventh annual Neighborhood Partnership Appreciation Potluck Dinner at Birney Elementary School. Darren Pen, Safe Streets mobilizer, spearheaded the event and supported the many members of neighborhood community groups as they came together and recognized partners in community safety.

A total of 57 neighborhood group members attended along with 33 additional guests, 10 staff members, and 22 representatives from partner organizations. Awards were presented to a number of community liaison officers, patrol officers, and code compliance officers, along with Ronel J. Balatbat, principal of Birney Elementary School, and Lieutenant Alan Roberts.

We're so grateful to everyone who made this event a success, to those who attended, and to everyone making our community safer every day.



PIERCE COUNTY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS

This was a great year for grassroots community trash removal. Residents took the initiative to help clean up their neighbors' yards as well as streets and sidewalks throughout Pierce County.

In June, Safe Streets staff Sarah DuBois and RoxAnne Simon worked with approximately 30 volunteers, including youth, to clean up litter on Pacific Ave in Parkland. In partnership with Pierce County Public Works, Safe Streets coordinated three more cleanups for county residents in October and November, including clean-ups at Ford Middle School and Graham-Kapowsin High School.

In all, volunteers removed thousands of pounds of trash from streets and school grounds. A big thank you to all who are working to make our neighborhoods clean and safe!

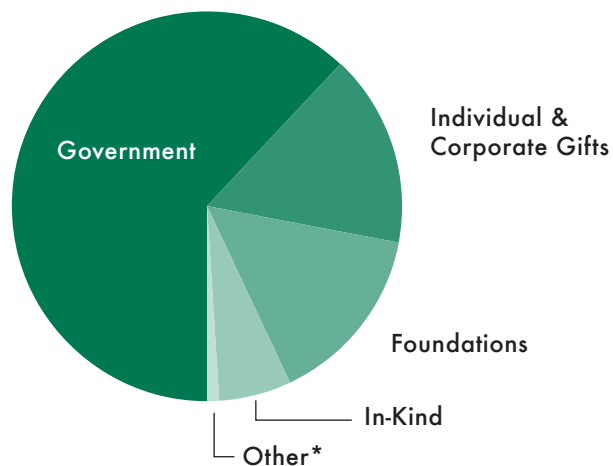
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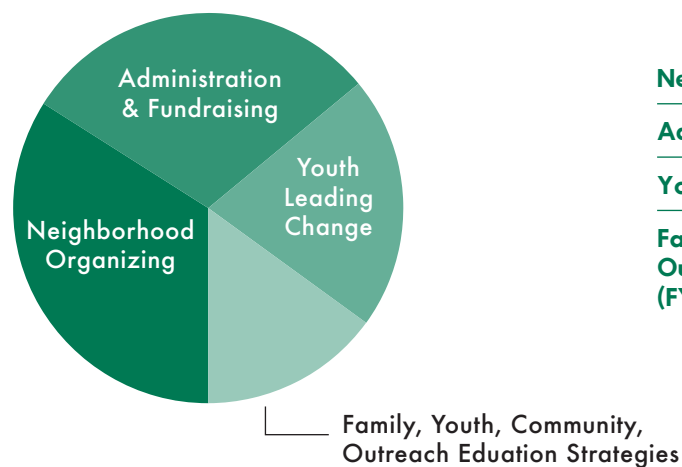
2018 REVENUE



Government	\$718,507
Individual & Corporate Gifts	\$184,842
Foundations	\$177,757
In-Kind	\$68,970
Other*	\$8,845

*Work Study & 990 tax refund

2018 EXPENSES



Neighborhood Organizing	\$362,182
Administration & Fundraising	\$320,768
Youth Leading Change (YLC)	\$228,237
Family, Youth, Community, Outreach Education Strategies (FYCOES)	\$158,225



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