

U HEIGHTS



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REPORT

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LEADERSHIP STATEMENT

Dear Friend of UHeights,

With your support, we brought together our community to make a difference. **Together, we have made the exterior of our building a refuge for our unhoused neighbors,** providing hot meals, showers and outreach to people living in their vehicles.

Together, we have expanded opportunities for early learning programs, with a focus on serving families who are low-income.

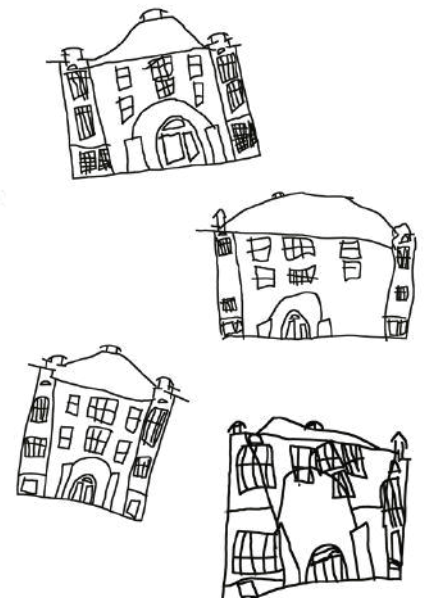
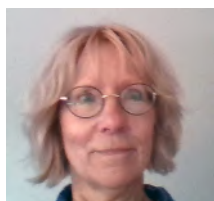
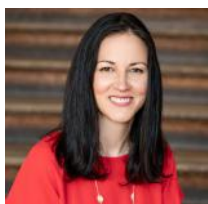
Together, we have provided a home for the over 2,000 children who attend school and afterschool programs, as well as the many local artists who perform at UHeights.

Over the last year we have also made great progress on our multi-year effort to install an elevator at UHeights. **Through our Elevate Community Campaign, we are making UHeights accessible to all, regardless of ability or socio-economic background.** It takes a village to preserve the historic University Heights Center and we extend our deepest gratitude to our community for your unwavering support.

To invest in UHeights is to invest in our collective health, hope, and healing for generations to come.

Maureen Ewing
Executive Director

Sue Samuelson
Board Chair





WE ARE COMMITTED TO EQUITY



Diversity, inclusion, equity, and accessibility (DEIA) are integral to UHeights' mission of promoting lifelong learning, creativity, culture, community activism, and the preservation of our historic building. These values are critical to ensure the well-being of our community where all people feel valued and respected.

Our staff members represent the diversity of the community we serve, with approximately half our staff identifying as members of the BIPOC community.

Our recent DEIA actions include:

- Since 2019, working to install

an elevator to make our building accessible for ALL abilities.

- Developing a Business Equity Enterprise Policy resulting in hiring 100% BIPOC and women-owned businesses for our recent capital projects.
- Partnering with 5 theatre organizations through the Theatre Alliance and 15 local artists through the Artist Collective who identify with and/or serve BIPOC, queer, trans, and neurodivergent communities.
- Seeking and receiving 4Culture's Building for Equity grant to increase accessibility and to serve all.

- Regularly donating to Black and Indigenous-led organizations.

- Increasing our board membership to better represent our City's demographic make-up and increasing BIPOC, women representation as well as diverse age ranges.

- Requiring anti-racism trainings for staff and board.

We appeal to our community to let us know if UHeights can improve our DEIA practices. Please reach out to us to share your ideas. We welcome your insights!

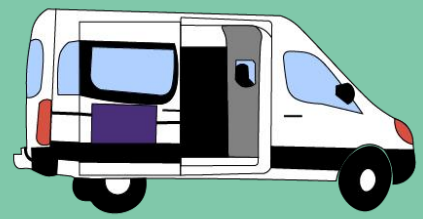
"The Safe Lot program is wonderful. I received so much help and resources [like] the tiny house, the safe bathroom to go to in the middle of the night, and the referrals to additional services in the area, I was given so much support. This care you provided is what helped me to find housing and stay sane while looking for work."

Margaret, former Safe Lot client





Having access to hygiene is a human right. UHeights hosts a **Hygiene Center**, **Seattle Street Sink**, and **Mobile Shower Station**. As of April 2022, we provided nearly **50,000 showers** to our neighbors who are unhoused.

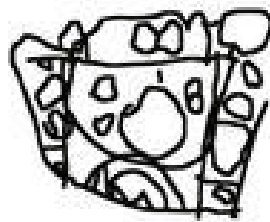


University District Street Medicine visits UHeights twice a month in their mobile van. On average, they serve **30 people** per visit!

HUMAN SERVICES

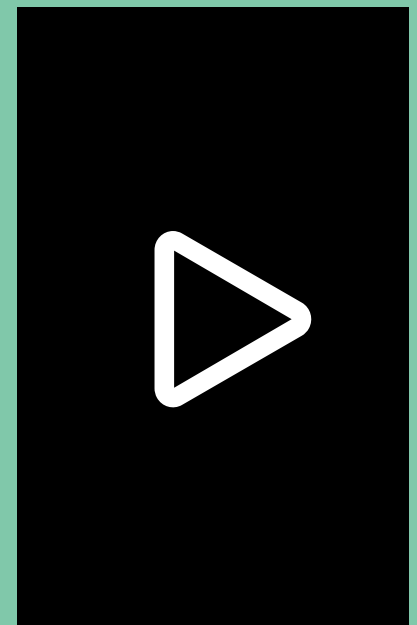
The **UHeights Safe Lot** opened in response to nearly half of King County's unhoused population residing in vehicles. We provide case management, a safe place to park, and access to washer/dryer, hygiene services, and a kitchen. Since it opened in spring of 2020, **57 people** have been served.

The **Warm Winter Drive**, occurs once a year, in partnership with the U District Rotary and Kids Without Borders. In 2021, more than **700 coats** were donated to around **150 attendees**.



We partner and host the **Seattle Community Fridge** and the **Box of Socks** which are open 24/7.

UHeights fiscally sponsors the Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness' **Vehicle Residency Outreach** Program, who made **724 contacts** to people living in their RVs and vehicles, providing a pathway to housing, support with car tabs, vehicle repairs, and a connection to other services.



A YEAR OF TRANSITION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

From 2019, the **UHeights Theatre Alliance** was formed to provide affordable space in the face of steadily increasing rental rates in Seattle. In 2021, our Theatre Alliance hosted a total of **52 workshops and performances**, all available to the community at a pay-what-you-can rate starting with free.

Theatre Alliance Members:

- eSe Teatro
- Filament: A Collab Theatre
- Infinity Box Theatre Project
- Noveltease Theatre
- Parley Productions
- Penguin Productions
- Pork Filled Productions
- Seagull Project
- Theatre of Possibility



We hosted a combination of virtual and in-person programs including **Thursdays at 10** with an average of **25 seniors** in attendance per month, **Zumba** with **45 monthly dancers**, and **Second Saturdays** engaging over **200 kids** throughout 2021. In addition to our routine programming, we partnered with Scarecrow Video and Phinney Neighborhood Association to host another year of **Carpool Cinema**, attracting **180 movie lovers**.



The **UHeights Artist Collective** has **19 artists** who displayed and sold their artwork at UHeights and at local community events like the U District Street Fair and the Summer Park Pop Up.



"It was truly an honor and quite humbling to be a part of [The Artist Collective], and it was such a pleasure meeting fellow artists in the UHeights Collective!"

Hope Angel Fine Art



“UHeights opened its doors to my son’s preschool after it was displaced from their long-time U District home. Without their partnership, I would have been at a total loss for childcare at a time when healthcare workers were critical to our community’s pandemic response.”

Melanie Dreesman, CU nurse and parent of a preschooler

RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS

350 Seattle (joined in 2022)
 Academy for Precision Learning
 Broadway Bound Children's Theatre
 Defensive Driving School
 Jet City Improv (joined in 2022)
 Northwest Choirs, NW Boychoir & Vocalpoint!
 Seattle
 Seattle Displacement Coalition

Social Justice Film Institute (joined in 2022)
 Three Dragons Academy (leaving 2022)
 UHeights P-Patch
 University District Children's Center (UDCC)
 University District Farmers Market
 University Temple Children's School (UTCS)
 Yugakusha School

SPOTLIGHT ON EARLY LEARNING

UHeights has hosted two early learning programs, UDCC and Yugakusha School, for many years; and recently welcomed in UTCS.

UTCS has served Seattle for over 50 years, providing a high quality early learning program for children 1-5 years old. UHeights welcomed them during the pandemic, when their long-time home was demolished for redevelopment. With nearly 30% of early

learning slots wiped up by the pandemic, it is critical that we save these spots.

We are doing our part to ensure that ALL families have access to high quality early learning programs and childcare, regardless of their income. The cost of a month of childcare is out of reach for most families and costs the same as a mortgage payment!

After completing needed capital

upgrades, UTCS will collectively expand early learning spots from 105 to 175, **with 50% of the new slots allocated for families who are low-income.** Providing affordable childcare is critical for parents, especially women and BIPOC parents, to return to work; and research shows that with participation in early learning programs, children excel more in school and are more likely to graduate high school and college.

UHEIGHTS IN NUMBERS

2,049

children enter our doors for preschool, K-12 education and afterschool programs.

\$589,858

in scholarships were awarded to children attending school programming.

4,150

people were served through programs, events, and classes.

37,500

showers were taken at the Mobile Shower Station.



344

children receive full rides or tuition assistance.

24,860

meals were served to our neighbors who are unhoused.

\$1,082,056

of rental donations were provided.

GRANTERS WHO SUPPORTED US

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ELEVATOR INSTALLATION: ELEVATE COMMUNITY



At long last an elevator! As an individual with knees that work poorly, I look forward to not having to climb the stairs to my much beloved Thursdays at 10 Memoir Group."

Herman Hutchinson, Thursdays at 10 participant



Preconstruction Services & Design	\$176,000
Construction & Contingency	\$1,999,000
Project Management	\$100,000
State Admin Fee & Fundraising	\$25,000
Total	\$2,300,000

The elevator will make our building and programs more inclusive and accessible. The elevator shaft will be built on the exterior of the west side of our historic building, including a new hallway through our basement shop, connecting Northwest Choirs and UDCC's spaces.

With the expansion of early learning childcare spots, we are now required to have an onsite elevator to meet childcare licensing codes - creating an even greater

urgency for a new elevator.

We are in the final stretch of our campaign with more than **\$1.8M of our \$2.3M** goal raised. We are shovel-ready and will begin the construction of our elevator at UHeights in August 2022. After years of planning, we are making our historic building accessible to people of all abilities.

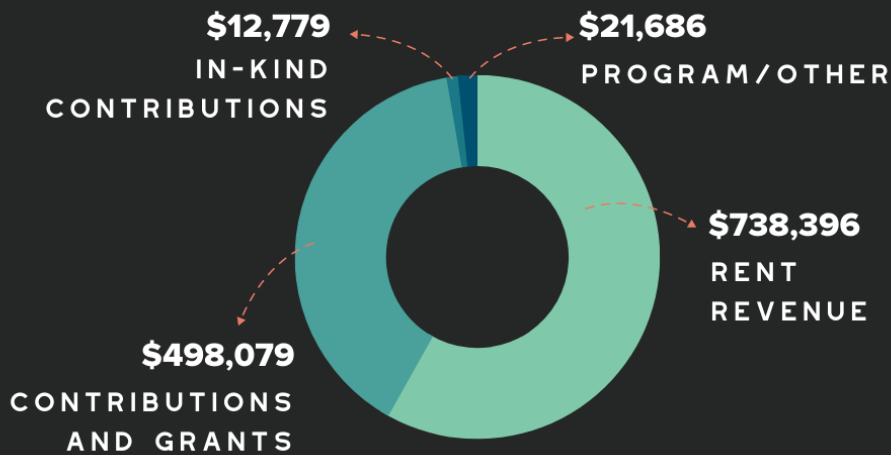
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Change in Net Assets	-\$22,563*	Total Liabilities	\$148,380
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$9,127,778	Net Assets	\$9,105,215
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Net Assets, End of Year	\$9,105,215	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$9,253,595

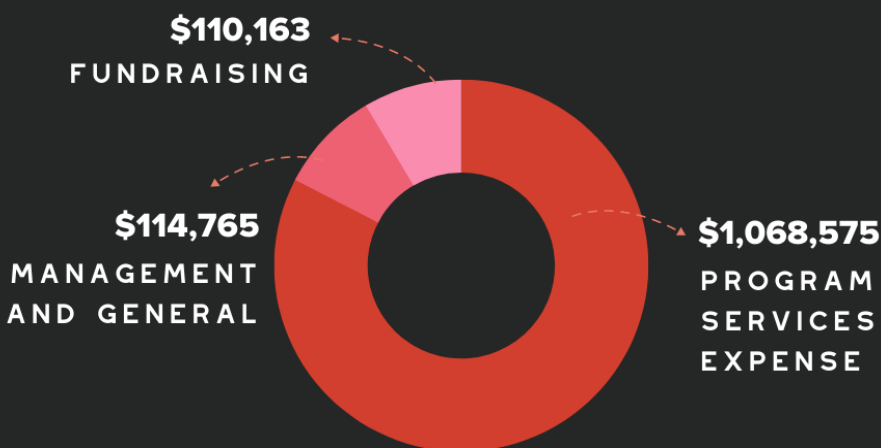
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