



2023 Annual Report



Fort Nisqually Foundation is pleased and proud to be continuing its financial support and advocacy for Fort Nisqually Living History Museum.

We are grateful for the enthusiastic support of grantors and donors.

Report

During 2023, the Foundation supported the program needs of the Fort Nisqually Living History Museum (Museum) while raising awareness about the Foundation. The Foundation conducted fundraising activities and continued preparation for the upcoming capital campaign, which is expected to launch in 2024.

Museum Support & Fundraising

In 2023, the Foundation funded school tour scholarships, ensuring all students have access to the Museum. Funding returned to pre-COVID levels. In partnership with the Museum's Sewing Guild, the Foundation's Holiday Market during the Christmas Regale raised more than \$2,000 for the volunteer clothing closet. The Foundation supported after-hours events at the Museum by operating beer and wine service, which also raised funds for the Foundation. The online auction in November was the Foundation's other fundraiser.

Raising Awareness

The Foundation operated an informational "cookie table" at numerous events during the 2023 season and offered cocoa at Candlelight to raise awareness about the Foundation and giving opportunities. It held its first "Porch Party," to update current Museum members and "Friends of the Foundation" on planned Foundation activities.

1833 Society

The Foundation also introduced the "1833 Society" to recognize those donors who have made significant gifts to the Foundation through the years, or are engaged in planned giving, such as including the foundation in their will or designating the foundation as beneficiary of excess IRA distributions. For more information about the 1833 society, visit our website.

Onward

Looking forward to 2024, the Foundation support for the Museum will include school scholarships, the holiday market, hosting the bar at after-hours events, and supporting the second season of the Museum's award winning Indigenous Voices podcast. The foundation successfully applied to Pierce County for a preservation grant to support expenses related to podcast production, and will be matching the grant with foundation funds. Season two is now in under production.

Major fundraising activities planned for 2024 include hosting a wine tasting at Metro Parks' Flower and Garden Show in June, an online auction in November, and the Holiday Market in December. The Foundation will have a presence at some Fort events. The launch of the capital campaign is expected this year, and details about the project and fundraising goals will be announced at that time.



Board Members

Katrinka Marrie, President
Chris Erlich, Treasurer
Allison Campbell, Secretary
Amanda McGinn
Lawrence Bradley

Board member John Simpkins passed away in March 2024. John was a founding member of the board, and had served on and off for 30 years. He will be greatly missed.



Our small board is looking to expand and diversify. A willingness to be hands-on is the key qualification. Expertise in law and finance are also needed. Non-board member volunteers to advise, work on committees, or help at special events are also needed. Let us know how you want to be involved!

Donating and Membership

Donating to the Foundation and its endowment are the best way to ensure there will always be funds available to support the Museum's needs.

The Foundation encourages your participation in the Museum's membership program, managed by Metro Parks Tacoma. Membership dues help support the Museum's operating expenses.

Become an Museum member!
Donate to the Foundation!

Donor Honor Roll 2023

Anonymous
 Lou Henley
 Heather Ryan
 James Wagner
 Glenn Sutt Legacy Endowment
 Jerry V. Ramsey and Elaine Perdue Ramsey Endowment

Dr. Jerry Ramsey, who founded the Fort's first endowment with his wife, Eleanor Perdue Ramsey, passed away in May 2023. He researched and wrote about the Fort's early history, and was active at the Fort and in the Tacoma Historical Society. His endowment leaves a lasting legacy.



Financial Summary, Fiscal Year 2023

Income

3,000.00	Grant (Season 1, Indigenous Voices)
11,263.31	Individual Contributions
336.42	Retail Rebate Programs
3,204.60	Metro Parks Legacy Campaign gifts
670.00	Employer Matching Contributions
2,600.00	Jerry V. Ramsey and Elaine Perdue Ramsey Endowment
21,900.00	Glenn Sutt Legacy Endowment
36.38	Interest income
395.49	Candlelight
2,732.00	Holiday Market
1,112.10	Bar Hosting
2607.16	Online auction
49,857.46	Total Income



Disbursements to FNLHM

585.62	Volunteer and Event Support
4,852.50	School Tour Scholarships
5,438.12	Total Disbursements

Fundraising and Business Expenses

1,077.05	Foundation outreach (events, porch party, etc.)
1,500.00	Capital Campaign Preparation
45.62	License and Registration fees
238.02	Bank and Merchant Card Fees
649.61	Website/database
1,051.00	Insurance
3,209.42	Accountanting & Bookkeeping
1595.55	Equipment, training, and communications
12,527.81	Foundation Staff, payroll and taxes
21,894.08	Total Fundraising and Business Expenses

22,525.26 Net Revenue

Assets	Accounts	End 2019	End 2020	End 2021	End 2022	End 2023
Cash Accounts		\$139,434	\$110,973	\$151,907	\$173,236	\$194,722
Glenn Sutt Endowment		\$510,962	\$547,773	\$593,039	\$500,138	\$544,154
Total Assets		\$650,396	\$658,746	\$744,946	\$673,378	\$738,876

The Foundation's cash accounts have grown over the past five years. It is anticipated that much of the funds in the cash accounts will be used as matching funds for Capital Campaign grants.