

Fort Nisqually Foundation Annual Report January - December 2020

Message from the Board

The mission of the Fort Nisqually Foundation is to pursue all avenues of support for the Fort Nisqually Living History Museum. We achieve this by applying for grants, holding fundraisers, and making asks of our philanthropic community. We are grateful to the individuals and grantors whose generosity makes our support for the museum possible. As we fundraise, we continue to advocate on behalf of the Fort within Metro Parks Tacoma.

2020 Highlights

\$65,000 in operating support to FNLHM
\$17,300 to FNLHM for new collection storage

Thank You

Humanities Washington
Pierce County
Glenn Sutt Legacy Endowment
Dr. Jerry Ramsey and Elaine Perdue Ramsey Endowment to Fort Nisqually
Ruth Cannon
Allison Campbell and Jason Loan
Bryan Burgin
Darlene Dickinson
Charles Wilkerson and Melanie Ito

2020 Board

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Report

2020 was a historic year. This was the year of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Fort Nisqually Living History Museum (FNLHM) and the Fort Nisqually Foundation (FNF) were both affected by the shutdown and operating restrictions that followed, as were so many museums and other businesses.

Nonetheless, during 2020, FNF raised more than \$74,000. That was thanks to generous supporters who came forward during these tough times with donations, T-shirt buys, and participation in our first ever on-line fundraising auction (as donors and buyers). FNF is deeply grateful.

FNLHM needed that support this pandemic year. FNF was pleased to be able to provide more than \$65,000 in operating support to the museum. This helped support the return of staff, including the curator, and on-line programming. In addition, FNF provided \$17,300 for collection storage. In total, FNF provided more than \$83,000 in support to FNLHM in 2020.

Administrative expenses for FNF totaled \$13,400, or about 14% of expenditures. This supported a part-time administrative assistant, professional services such as tax return preparation, and internet services such as website maintenance.

FNF's total expenses — support for FNLHM and FNF administrative costs — were more than income this year. The board approved use of FNF's "rainy day" unrestricted reserves for this unusual year. Our reserves are for this type of emergency. Unrestricted reserves totaled about \$88,000 at the end of the year.

The Glenn Sutt Legacy Endowment, housed at Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, grew in value this year. This helped us end the year with greater assets than we started, despite the dip into our reserves. We encourage Fort supporters to consider including FNF in their estate planning so that we may continue to grow this vital resource.

Accounts	Start of Year	End of Year
Cash, Checking, and Savings	139,434	110,973
Glenn Sutt Legacy Endowment	\$510,962	\$547,773
Total	\$650,396	\$658,746

Financial Summary

Income

\$11,600	Grants
\$20,443	Donations from Individuals
\$352	Retail Rebate Programs
\$3,154	MPT Legacy Campaign
\$4,000	Matching Contributions
\$2,400	Jerry V. Ramsey and Elaine Perdue Ramsey Endowment
\$20,100	Glenn Sutt Legacy Endowment
\$4,790	Membership Dues
\$7,320	Fundraising Activities (Includes HAL raffle, Burns dinner auction proceeds from on-line auction and T-shirt sales.)
\$77	Interest and other misc. income
\$74,236	Total Income

Distributions to FNLHM

\$6,915	Living History Program Support (e.g. Instructors for living history programs; equipment and advertising for on-line programming; period clothing and other supplies for living history.)
\$17,833	Collections (Included \$17,300 for collection storage)
\$115	School Tour Scholarships
\$350	Volunteer and Staff Support
\$57,863	General Operating Support to MPT
\$83,076	Total Distributions

Membership Program Expenses

\$3,979	Production and distribution of Occurrences and other membership program expenses.
\$3,979	Total Membership Program Expenses

Foundation Expenses

\$2,273	Professional Services (990 preparation, legal)
\$1,752	Web-Based Services (e.g. website)
\$64	Bank fees, tax, and license fees
\$150	Office supplies and misc. board expenses
\$9,139	Wages and payroll taxes for part-time employee
\$856	Merchant card fees, fundraising service fees
\$14,234	Total Foundation Expenses