



This community-based gift card pool is made possible with the support of local businesses.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING?

Community Feedback

GIVES GOOD VIBES

Since 2015, over 200 local schools, nonprofits and community organizations have received gift card donations from the pool for their raffles and auctions. What follows is a collection of comments from Seattle community volunteers and leaders about this grassroots initiative. The following feedback has not been cherry picked or edited in any way. Please contact us to learn more.

Check out what people are saying. Bon appétit et merci!

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I think it's a great idea to get the word-out/exposure about the entire Ballard business and restaurant community.

It is perfect for an auction and you really have a lot of variety!

"Thanks!!! Jenny"

This is a great idea!

Great idea! Thanks for all your efforts to make it so successful!

I think this is a very generous and wonderful program.

I think it's a great way for organizations and businesses to partner for mutual benefit and also to community build together!

Small businesses are generous in their support of local charities, but it's always wonderful to make their charitable giving in the community EASIER and more enjoyable. Eat Ballard offers us greater exposure than our 1.75 FTE staffers could



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achieve pounding the pavement visiting all of these wonderful Ballard establishments and pestering their GM for donations. It's a win-win!

I think it's awesome!!

We love the gift card pool approach, as it seems to be an interesting way to generate more participation from the local businesses, resulting in more donations to the deserving nonprofits in our community.

Thank you so much for leading this project, and for your consideration in supporting our event.

It is wonderful. Your past donations have allowed us to raise significant funds for our charities such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League, Ballard Food Bank and more.

This is the first time I have seen a gift card pool like this and I think it's a GREAT idea. By partnering with local eateries and nonprofit groups it's the perfect way to do something positive in the community and



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get patrons in to those participating
businesses to spend money!

This is amazing!!!

What a great idea! It gives flexibility to
patrons and businesses.

"I think it is a wonderful idea, there are so
many non-profits seeking donations. This is
a great way for many companies to assist
them.

Thank you for the consideration."

Love it!!

This is an amazing service you are doing for
the nonprofits in the area. Thank you!!!

It is a very neat and convenient approach.

It's wonderful!! Thank you for considering
our request.



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I think this gift card pool is a wonderful way to get the whole community involved with giving while distributing the cost associated with a donation equitably.

I think it's a really good way to benefit community and support nonprofit organizations.

I think it's wonderful. We are so grateful for any support you can give us.

It's great! Thank you!

I think this is a fantastic idea! Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

This is amazing! I'd be thankful for anything from Ballard.

This is my first time requesting through the gift card pool, but so far it's been easy to convey all the information about my event through your online form.



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It's an efficient way for organizations trying to procure anything to submit an umbrella application and hopefully get something--as opposed to filling out multiple applications that ask the same information over and over.

Love it! We are hoping to get 1-2 gift cards a month for Elks Bingo. We'll be choosing a different charity each month.

This is great. I think it will help us recruit donors. And its good for the restaurants.

What a wonderful idea!

This approach is a win-win for all involved. Our selected charity of the month receives a generous donation, the gift card recipient gets a nice time out in Ballard and the donating business gets recognition in our newsletter and also added revenue since the person using the gift card will likely spend over the value of the card. Such a great program!

I think this is a great idea for businesses to promote their businesses and also to give



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back to their communities they serve. We are looking forward to hear good news from you.

This gift card pool approach is very convenient! Thanks for the help!

Easy and to the point! The online form is a great way to go!

Sounds great! Online forms make finding donations less time consuming for non-profits like ours.

This is great!

This is the only gift card pool I've come across and I think it's a great idea! Thank you for your consideration. With gratitude,
Jenn

This approach is fantastic. Thank you for what you do!

I don't think I've seen this before. It is a different idea.



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This is an awesome idea, I like it a lot. Thanks for developing it, we're excited to see who we might get donations from.

A great idea to help promote and support Ballard area businesses!

Love it!! Also happy to personally pick up gift cards. Just let me know. Thank you again!

We think it is great! These gift cards allow us to raise significant funds for our charities and the gift card winner gets to enjoy a local restaurant and bar and thank the business owner for their support.

It's a great way to reach out to all restaurants, and businesses within the very popular Ballard area. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and will help bring awareness to mental illness and enhance Psychiatric research. Thank you!

I think this is a great way for small organizations to be able to reach out to many restaurants at once.



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Organizations served:

21 Progress

Academy Schools

Academy Schools - Tukwila

Adams Elementary School

African Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest

Alki Elementary PTA

Alliance for Education

Alliance of the Bear Creek Community

Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity

Alpha Kappa Psi, Gamma Omega Chapter

ALS Association

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Animals as Natural Therapy

APA The Engineered Wood Association

ARC Dance

Ardor Creative Media

Associated Friends of Roosevelt Drama

Attain Housing



Ballard Elks Girl Scouts
Ballard Elks Lodge #827
Ballard Emblem Club #216
Ballard High School
Ballard High School Foundation
Ballard High School Performing Arts Booster Club
Ballard Landmark
Ballard NW Senior Center
Ballard P-Patch
Battlefield Addiction
BEcommunity Auction
Bellevue Children's Academy Parent Association
Bellevue College Foundation
Benson Hill Cooperative Preschool
Bloodworks NW
Blue Mountain Humane Society
Bothell Family Coop Preschool
Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound
Brain Injury Alliance of Washington
Briarcrest PTA 6 12 10
Bringing in Ballard
Broadview Thomson K8
BurlyCon
Camp Fire Samish
Camp Kesem UW



Camp Ten Trees
Carriage Crest Elementary PTSA
Cascade K-8 Community School PTSA
Centerforce
Chad's Legacy Project
Cherish A Jewel
Cleveland High School PTSA
Clothes for Kids
Cub Scout Pack 100 Ballard
Denise Louie Education Center
Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition
EarthShare Washington- Earth Day Challenge
Eastside Heritage Center
Empower Mentoring Program
Endeavour Elementary PTSA
Executive Development Institute
Explorer Music Boosters
FareStart
France Education Northwest
Friends of Pediatrics Northwest
Friends of Salmon Bay
Friends of Women's Protection Center Nepal
Full Life Care
Futurewise
Harborview Medical Center



Haring Center at University of Washington
Healing the Children
Heron Habitat Helpers
Humanity First USA, Seattle Chapter
Imani Care International
Japan-America Society of the State of Washington
John Hay Elementary School
Junior Achievement of Washington
Kidspace Childcare Center
Lake Washington Symphony Orchestra
LifeWire
Listen and Talk
Little Angels Service Dogs
McClure Middle School
Meadowdale High School Sports Boosters
Moisture Festival
Moorlands Elementary PTA
Mount Rainier Lutheran HS and Concordia Lutheran School
Multiple Myeloma Cure Seekers Society
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Marina Day steering committee
New Beginnings Family and Children's Services
Newport Heights PTA
Nordic Heritage Museum
North Beach Elementary



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North City Cooperative Preschool
Northwest Behavioral Associates
Northwest Center
Northwest Danish Association
Northwest Parkinson's Foundation
Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding
Northwest Youth Services
Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle
Open Window School
Pacific Asian Empowerment Program
Painted Dog Research Trust USA
Parkview Services
Partners in Health
Prospect Enrichment Preschool
Pure Food Kids Foundation
Refugee Women's Alliance
Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)
Roosevelt Jazz Boosters
Rotary Club of Ballard
Rowing Advisory Council of Green Lake Crew
Run for Children's Guild
Salmon Bay Elementary School
Salty Dog Studios
Saving Great Animals



Seattle Area Feline Rescue
Seattle Choral Company
Seattle Humane: The Humane Society for Seattle/King County
Seattle Mariners Women's Club (SMWC)
Seattle Milk Fund
Shilshole Bay Marina
Shunpike
Sister Schools
Small Faces Child Development Center
Snow Leopard Trust
Soulumination
South Sound Nighthawks
South Whidbey Schools Foundation
Southeast Youth and Family Services
Southwest Early Learning Bilingual Preschool
Spirit of the Sound Choir
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Spruce Street School
St. Mark School
St. Mary School
Stanwood Elementary PTO
Studio East
Summit Central Ski Patrol
Susan G. Komen
Sustainable Ballard



Team Becca Guild
Team Survivor NW
The 5th Avenue Theatre
The Center School Community Association
The Goodtimes Project
The Little School
The Nathansonson Group (for Food Lifeline)
The Swedish Club
The World is Fun
Todd Beamer High School AVID
University Family YMCA
UW Public Interest Law Association
Vashon Maury Cooperative Preschool
Vietnam Health Clinic
Violent Crime Victim Services
Washington Environmental Council
Washington Rush
Way Back Inn
White Center Food Bank
Whitman Middle School PTSA
Woodinville Family Preschool
WSCA

