



Celebrating over 100 years of Advocacy and Caring for Children: 1918-2023

Our Mission

Advocacy and Caring for Children (ACC), a volunteer organization, provides care, funding and advocacy for Western Washington children and families in need, regardless of race or creed.

Advocacy and Caring for Children (ACC) is a group of committed women who support a network of programs focused on the needs of underserved children and families in an effort to improve their quality of life. For over 100 years, ACC members have remained faithful to the needs of children and families by providing financial and volunteer resources through steadfast partnerships with organizations across Western Washington.

2023 Member Talking Points

Primary Talking Points:

- Originating in 1918, ACC is the oldest women's Catholic charity in Western Washington.
- ACC's leading causes include: family services, education, immigration and more.
- ACC has supported 58 organizations with just under \$1.75 million in just the last decade, and more than \$3.5 million over the course of its century-long history.
- ACC has 12 circles and 250 members actively volunteering and fundraising.
- Catholic Community Services, the largest private social service agency in the State of Washington, was created as a direct result of the work of the women of ACC.

Secondary Talking Points:

- During the fiscal year 2022-23, the ACC board awarded over \$205,000 in grants to twenty-two agencies in Western Washington.
- ACC recognizes that well-supported families, women, and children are crucial for healthy communities.
- ACC grants funds semi-annually through a formal grant application process.
- Network of programs that are recipient of ACC grants include: Youth Tutoring Program, Pregnancy and Parenting Support, Sacred Heart Shelter, Adoption Services King County, CCS Child and Family Counseling, Emergency Assistance CCS King and South King County.
- Total served by category 2022-23:
Children and Families: 481 : .86% of served : \$55,000 : 26.83% of grants funded
Education and Emergency Services : 4,469 : 8% : \$80,000 : 39% of grants funded
Adoption and Immigration : 163: .29% : \$20,000 : 9.76% of grants funded
Infant Care - Specialty Services: 5,837 : 10.46% : \$30,000 : 14.63% of grants funded
Meals: 44,855 : 80.38% : \$20,000 : 9.76% of grants funded