



## Kidzz Helping Kidzz Annual Report- 2020



### **Introduction:**

The unprecedented magnitude and every changing landscape COVID 19 made to our communities led us to develop a new program in 2020 to serve children in need. "Kids Chat" offered via Zoom provided an opportunity for kids to come together every Monday evening to talk about topics of importance (determined by the kids) and to bridge socialization and friendship during a time of increased isolation. Kids from all over the country joined Kids Chat in 2020.

Here is what some of the kids experienced while participating in Kids Chat:

"Over the past few months I have been slowly losing touch with some of my friends due to COVID-19". Kids Chat has really helped me meet new people and continue to socialize. The topics are interesting and I feel like I can talk to everyone".

**-Sonja, age 12**

"The reason I really like Kids Chat is because it is never boring. We are always having fun. I also really like to hear what people do or did. It allows me to talk to other kids when we are in quarantine".  
-Larry, age 10

Kids Chat is a fun way to see other people and still be safe. It is also a good way to learn new things".  
-Abby, age 11

Other comments from our Advisory Board of Kids include:

"Kidzz Helping Kidzz has helped me to be a better person because I now feel the need to do what I can to help other kids".

"I love helping other kids in need. It is so much fun!"

"Kidzz Helping Kidzz does great activities that make a difference for other kids"

When I volunteer my time for Kidzz Helping Kidzz I am reminded of the quote "Be the change you want to make".

"Kidzz Helping Kidzz has allowed me opportunities to challenge myself. They helped me learn how to deliver public presentations about our group. I was so terrified at first, but now it is fine".

## Thank You for Your Support

We would like to recognize the partners that have made our programming possible:

### 2020

**Bainbridge Community Foundation & Bainbridge Island Rotary** – Provided grant dollars to Kidzz Helping Kidzz for our Annual Christmas Toy Drive. Since we were unable to conduct our toy drive due to the pandemic, we will utilize these dollars for our 2021 Annual Christmas Toy Drive.

### 2019

**Rotary Club of Kingston- North Kitsap, Rotary Club of Poulsbo- North Kitsap, Silverdale Rotary, East Bremerton Rotary, & the Suquamish Foundation-** Provided grant dollars to Kidzz Helping Kidzz for our

Easter Toy Drive and our Annual Christmas Toy Drive. We greatly appreciate their support and could not have brightened the lives of some many ill children without them!

**2018**

**First Federal Community Foundation, Silverdale Rotary & Bremerton Rotary, Suquamish Foundation, Bremerton Central Lions Club-** Supported Kidzz Helping Kidzz by providing grant dollars. We could not have successfully raised over 5890 toys without this support!

**Port Orchard Eagles-** Gave over 1200 toys to Kidzz Helping Kidzz in 2018.

**2017**

**Caring Clowns International-** Provided initial funding, guidance and support to assist with all 2017 operations. They were the “backbone” of Kidzz Helping Kidzz and helped us to develop our own 501 (c) (3) charitable nonprofit organization in 2018.

**Silverdale Rotary, East Bremerton Rotary, Kingston Rotary, Poulsbo Rotary-** Provided grant dollars to Kidzz Helping Kidzz to support with toy drive efforts. Several of these Rotaries also gave toys.

Respectfully,

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