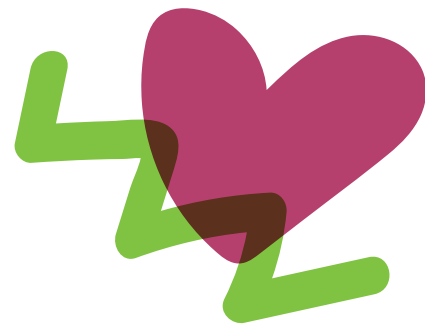


A Message from the Board Chairman



As we move forward into the new year, it's important to thank all the directors, volunteers, and donors who have helped us get to where we are today. The Foundation enters 2021 with great enthusiasm for its mission to help disadvantaged kids in the Spokane and Coeur D' Alene region. Last year was a challenging year for all of us, but due to a lack of resources, it was especially difficult for disadvantaged children. However, as we have turned the page in 2021, the future looks brighter than ever.

We believe it's vital that every child has an opportunity to succeed, no matter who they are. Regardless of economic status, religion, race, disabilities, or sexual orientation, all children deserve love and equal opportunities as they learn and grow. It is our vision to make sure that every kid develops the self-confidence they need to succeed. As successful adults, most of us can attribute our success to having someone who believed in us. Without this, we may not have ever believed in ourselves. This year we are embarking on a campaign to connect these "Believe in Me" stories with a drive to pay it forward in support of disadvantaged kids who desperately need someone to believe in them.

There are many opportunities to show your support, but the Foundation is especially excited to announce our signature fundraising events in 2021. On Jun. 11, we will be hosting a charity golf tournament at Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley, Idaho. Rated one of the top 100 courses in the US and one of Idaho's top golf courses, it is just a short 45-minute drive from Spokane.

The Foundation will also be hosting our first annual black-tie gala on Nov. 12. This elegant event will be held at the Davenport Grand and is gearing up to be the most talked-about event of the year! Keep an eye on your mailbox for save-the-dates and visit our fundraising events page often to learn more. We expect these to be fantastic events and a fun way for you to get involved with our "Believe in Me" campaign!

Last year was a landmark year of generosity through volunteerism and corporate sponsorships. Thanks

to a host of in-kind donations of goods and services and donated time and talents, we are able to keep our operations extremely efficient and cost-effective. We are increasingly blessed with dozens of active volunteers throughout the US. With the help of our growing volunteer base, we are able to do more for the community without additional payroll expenses. They are helping us solve complex problems and providing support with financial analysis, data science, social media, marketing, event planning, and IT. Many thanks for their hard work and dedication.

In addition to serving kids in the community, we are also committed to paving the way for a stronger healthier economy in our region. For this reason, we have begun making direct impact investments in promising start-up companies in Spokane. Investing alongside established community investment partners, we are well diversified and our returns are long-term in nature. Not only does this ensure the sustainability of our grant-making, but we believe these investments are empowering our community through healthy economic development. This is creating more jobs and a vibrant healthy community, now and for future generations to come.

In closing, we continue to look forward to serving the community where we live and work. Your continued support is what makes the Foundation thrive and children shine. Thanks to your dedication and support of our Five Pillars of Caring we are able to directly impact disadvantaged children in our community, together. We are eternally grateful for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

David Shriner
Board Chairman
Morning Star Foundation