

2021 Message from the CEO

Dear Donors, Volunteers, and Grantees,

I hope this letter finds you well and that 2022 is off to a great start for you. As we reflect on the past year, I am grateful to share with you the successes of Believe in Me in 2021.

One of the highlights of our year was the 1st annual Believe in Me Charity Golf Tournament at Circling Raven Golf Club. Thanks to the support of our generous sponsors, participants, and volunteers, we raised over \$100,000 to support our mission of helping marginalized youth. The event was a great success in fundraising and brought our community together in a safe and fun way.

While we had many successes in 2021, it was also a challenging year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Like many organizations, we had to adapt to the new reality of social distancing and remote work. This posed fundraising challenges, and we had to postpone our Tomorrow Never Dies Gala, which has now been rescheduled for Fall 2022.

We look forward to a fantastic time and hope you can join us on our mission to help marginalized youth.

We also had some changes to our board of directors in 2021. We welcomed a new board president, Aaron Riley, and a new Treasurer, Lori Brennan. Dan Menser also joined our board and joins our meetings remotely from Seattle. We are excited to have them on board and look forward to their leadership and guidance in the future.

Looking into 2022, we are excited to share more about the programs we will support this year. We will be partnering with several outstanding organizations to support their programs for marginalized youth, including:

- Boys and Girls Club of Spokane's Triple Play Program
- Campfire Inland Northwest's Thrive{oology} for Underserved Youth
- Communities In Schools of Benton-Franklin Building Resiliency through Relationships program
- Communities In Schools of Spokane County The ZoNE Expanded Learning Partnership
- Embrace Washington Education Success Program
- Embrace Washington's Sleep Safe Program
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington North Idaho's Pathfinder Outreach Troops
- Odyssey Youth Movement Hybrid Drop-In and Basic Needs Program
- Pacific NW Playworks Education Energized Keep Playing in Spokane
- Spokane Angels Dare to Dream
- Spokane Angels Love Box
- Spokane Youth Symphony Concerts at The Fox Theater
- The Jonah Project Freedom Railroad and Compassion Changes Everything Outreach Programs

We are honored to have the privilege of helping marginalized youth by providing them with a safe place to call home, a family that loves them, a feeling of community, and opportunities to learn, build self-esteem, and have fun. None of this would be possible without your continued support. We are truly grateful for your partnership and generosity, and we hope to continue positively impacting the lives of marginalized youth in our community and beyond.

Thank you for your support in 2021, and here's to an even better 2022!

Sincerely,

Julie Wukelic
CEO, Believe in Me