

Where compassion meets action

# Annual Report 2024



## A Message from Our Board President

It's a joy to share Companis' 2024 Annual Report—a year of unprecedented growth and impact made possible by your advocacy and support. In 2024, **volunteer engagements rose 50%** from the previous year, with **111 placements across 67 nonprofits in King and Snohomish counties** — a 22% increase in partner nonprofits. <u>Together, these placements returned more than **\$2.1 million** in estimated value to our community.</u>

From food relief and housing support to financial management, communications, legal aid, youth mentoring, and advocacy for BIPOC and LGBTQIA programs, Companis volunteers strengthen the frontlines of care and community. Our partners tell us so.

"I've been really impressed with how responsive Companis is," says Scott Fraser of SR3 (SeaLife Response, Rehabilitation, and Research). "It's difficult for small nonprofits to find the volunteers they need, and Companis helps with that."

Stories like this reflect our values of compassion, service, inclusion, relationships, and reflection. It's been five years since the Companis Board and Staff committed to expanding our services into Snohomish County. In that time, Companis volunteers have provided over \$1 million in estimated value to nonprofits Snohomish County alone.

Today, more Companis volunteers are serving our neighbors than ever before—bringing their skills to a wider network of nonprofits and deepening impact across both counties.

Companis remains committed to its equity goals, ensuring our volunteers reflect the diversity of King and Snohomish counties. Their skills strengthen nonprofits while bringing personal joy and connection to their own lives. With no government funding, we rely on you —our supporters and advocates—to make this work possible. And with many of our nonprofit partners experiencing critical funding cuts, a strong Companis is needed now more than ever. Thank you for standing with us.

**Anne Spangler** 

Board President Companis





## **Our Mission**

At Companis, our mission is to make our communities in King & Snohomish counties healthier, safer, and more just by fostering skilled volunteer service. We build relationships and bridge the gap so that nonprofits can succeed in delivering vital services with the help of a Companis volunteer.

Photo: Some of our Companis board members. See a full list of our board on Page 8.

We believe that every nonprofit should have the people-power needed to serve and succeed, and that every person moved to serve their neighbors has the opportunity to do so in a way that facilitates personal and professional growth, relationships, and a sense of purpose and community.

Through volunteer recruitment and matchmaking, volunteer support programming, and nonprofit capacity building, we strive to create a world where compassion meets action.

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# 2024 Milestones

In 2024, Companis celebrated our biggest year of impact in our 30 year history, with a 50% increase in volunteer placements from 2023 to 2024!

111

Volunteer Placements, most of which are 1 year in length

38%

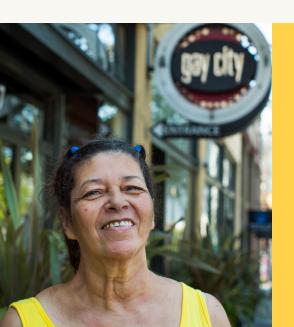
Nonprofit partners primarily serving our BIPOC neighbors 67

nonprofit partners, a 22% increase from '23 to '24

94%

Companis volunteers who complete their volunteer placement, on average





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Companis is a home, a place where I feel I belong. You get to connect with different people and different organizations, and it's a great way to find yourself.

Viola Eldred
 Companis Volunteer



# Financial Accountability



We are committed to transparency in how donations are utilized to create positive change in our community. Below is an overview of our financials for 2024:

**\$737,171**Total Revenue



\$389,396
From Individual Donors



ROL: 3X

Return on investment

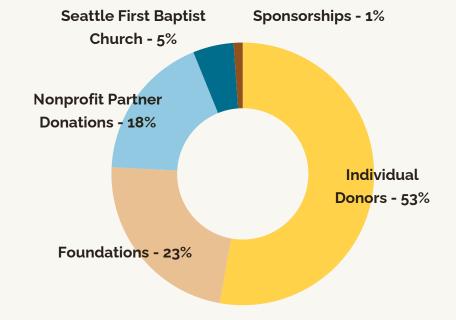
Every \$1 invested in

Companis returns \$3 to

our communities



\$2.1 million
est. value returned to
the community













# **Our Nonprofit Partners**

## **Food Security**

- Black Farmers Collective
- The Cathedral Kitchen at St James (First Hill)
- **ChildStrive** (Snohomish County) multiple programs, including food pantry for families
- Community Loaves bakers for the bread program
- Farmer Frog (Snohomish, rural county area)
- Feed The Need Pantry (Burien)
- Madres (Everett) empowering Hispanic community members through education, nutrition and health
- North Helpline (North Seattle)
- Northshore Senior Center (NE King and Snohomish County line area)
- Senior Center of West Seattle
- Snohomish Healing Project food programs for those with life-threatening illness
- Sound Generations
- Southeast Seattle Senior Center
- 7400 Woodlawn Seattle Emmaus' Table food program

#### **BIPOC Focused**

- Black Farmers Collective
- Connect Casino Road (Everett) serving LatinX families and individuals in Everett
- Feed The Need Pantry (Burien)
- Helping Link serving King County's Vietnamese immigrant community
- House of Wisdom immigrant and refugee tutoring in Lynnwood/Edmonds area
- Keep Dreams Alive (Marysville) Spanish language assistance programs for immigrants and refugees
- Madres (Everett)
- Minds Matter Seattle mentoring for high school students from under-resourced communities in South Seattle and S. King City
- Northwest African American Museum (NAAM)
- Participatory Justice (Everett) bail reform
- Queen Anne Baptist Church immigrant and refugee assistance program
- **Read-a-Rama** literacy program
- Resounding Love Center for the Arts liberation & social justice choir
- Seattle Limbe Cameroon Sister City Assoc. –
   Days for Girls program

- The ACCESS Project (Lynnwood) youthfocused mental health advocacy and referral
- Westside HEY Coalition youth health & safety
- **Women United Seattle** kinship program for grandmothers raising their grandkids

#### **Healthcare & Behavioral Health**

- ChildStrive nurse/family neo and post natal programs
- Connect Casino Road (Everett) serving LatinX families and individuals in Everett
- Heart Art Healing (Lynnwood) art therapies for behavioral health
- Lahai Health (N. King & S. Snohomish County) community clinic for medical & dental care, counseling and more
- Lutheran Community Services Northwest child welfare programs
- Madres (Everett) empowering Hispanic community members through education, nutrition and health
- MercyWatch street medical outreach in Everett and Lynnwood
- MSHH Donor Closet medical equipment for people living with Multiple Sclerosis
- North Helpline (North Seattle) partnering with health and behavioral health programs
- Prescription Drug Assistance Program low or no-cost medication assistance and referral
- Snohomish Healing Project
- Sound Generations large variety of senior health programs
- The ACCESS Project (Lynnwood)
- Verdant Health Commission (S. Snohomish County)

## **Disability Services & Advocacy**

- All Aboard (Everett) activities center for adults with disabilities
- Footloose Disabled Sailing sailing program for people with various disabilities
- MSHH Donor Closet medical equipment for people living with Multiple Sclerosis



# **Our Nonprofit Partners**

## **Homelessness & Housing**

- Elizabeth Gregory Home (U District) women's transition home and day center, Seattle
- Hilltop Senior Residence (First Hill) lowincome independent living housing nonprofit
- Lake City Partners Ending Homelessness (N. Seattle/Shoreline) – shelter and day center
- Lutheran Community Services Northwest (King and Snohomish Counties) resource navigation
- Mary's Place Seattle family day center and Bellevue family shelter
- Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness
- Sound Generations senior services and lowincome housing

## **LGBTQIA+ Advocacy & Resources**

- Diverse Harmony nation's first queer-straight alliance youth chorus
- PFLAG Seattle supporting LGBTQIA+ families and their allies
- Queer Power Alliance economic and housing justice programs for LGBTQIA+ in Seattle and S.
   King County

#### Youth & Education

- Arts Ed Washington youth arts advocacy & equitable arts access across WA state
- Backstage Foundation (Snohomish and King Counties) – free/affordable dance programs
- ChildStrive
- Connect Casino Road (Everett)
- Girls on the Run (Snohomish County)
- Helping Link
- House of Wisdom
- Improving School Attendance addressing root causes of absence, including homelessness
- Lutheran Community Services Northwest
- Mwanzo Seattle-based organization serving Kenyan girls education
- Read-a-Rama
- Reading Partners Seattle (S. King County) youth literacy & tutoring programs
- Seattle Colleges Foundation
- Snohomish County Early Learning Coalition
- The ACCESS Project

- University District Child Center Nonprofit day care programs
- Washington Data Bootcamp Statewide STEM education & workforce development programs
- Westside HEY Coalition public school tutoring program & parent/caregiver education

#### **Senior Services**

- Hilltop Senior Residence (First Hill)
- Lutheran Community Services Northwest
   (Puget Sound North) senior immigrant and
   refugee services
- MSHH Donor Closet medical equipment
- Northshore Senior Center (Bothell) serving both Snohomish and King County seniors
- Sound Generations
- Southeast Seattle Senior Center
- The Center for Active Living (West Seattle)
- Women United Seattle kinship & caregiver support programs

#### **Arts & Culture**

- Arts Ed Washington
- Backstage Foundation (Snohomish and King Counties) – free/affordable dance training opportunities for youth
- Edmonds/South Snohomish County Historical Society
- Diverse Harmony nation's first queer-straight alliance youth chorus
- Heart Art Healing (Lynnwood)
- KSER Public Radio
- Northwest African American Museum
- Resounding Love Center for the Arts –
   liberation & social justice choir
- Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission (SCAAC)

## Environmental Conservation & Animal Welfare

- Farmer Frog (Snohomish) sustainable farming
- Sealife Response, Rehab, and Research (SR3) (Des Moines) – marine animal hospital

## **Team & Impact Partners**

## **Companis Board**

## **Anne Spangler | President**

Retired, General Counsel Snohomish County PUD

## Jennifer Freimund | Vice President

Retired, Nonprofit ED

## Sallie Neillie | Treasurer

Retired, ED & Founder, Project Access Northwest

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Executive Director, Companis

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Neurologist, Harborview Medical Center, UW

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Sr. Program Manager, Community Health Investment, Providence Swedish Hospital

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Federal Healthcare System

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Retired. Communications Executive

## Punam Verma, PhD | Board Member

Retired, Dir. of Clinical Microbiology, Virginia Mason

#### In Memoriam: Constance Wilkinson

Former Companis Board Vice President

## **Companis Staff**

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Jillian Harmon | Assoc. Executive Director

Mary Ann Goto | Director of Development

**Winston Wedge** | Administrative Manager

## **Companis Consultants**

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Companis connected me with an organization I never knew existed. [Volunteering with Companis] is a great way to use your talents...and make a real difference.

- Golden Davenport, Companis Volunteer