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As I reflect over the last four months, I am saddened to think of the number of people who have lost their lives or been negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all in uncharted waters, and we are doing our best to adapt our routines as we must. Through social distancing, the appropriate use of masks, and daily Zoom meetings, we are making sure that our work continues to serve families, students and our community.

I have also been deeply impacted by the recent senseless deaths in the black community at the hands of police brutality. It has triggered memories of too many deaths of black men and women, including my own family member, at the hands of police. I feel compelled to look for hope, forgiveness and healing. There are three things that keep coming to my mind as I heal my heart.

Our history. I am saddened at the thought that in 2020, some of the same terrible practices from 400 years ago are still going on against Black people.

Admiration. I have so much admiration for the resilience of a community of people who persevere despite the negative odds stacked against them.

Engagement. I am grateful that we are now, today, holding space to have crucial conversations about these unjust acts and practices, about racism in our country, and about the fact that our Black lives do matter.

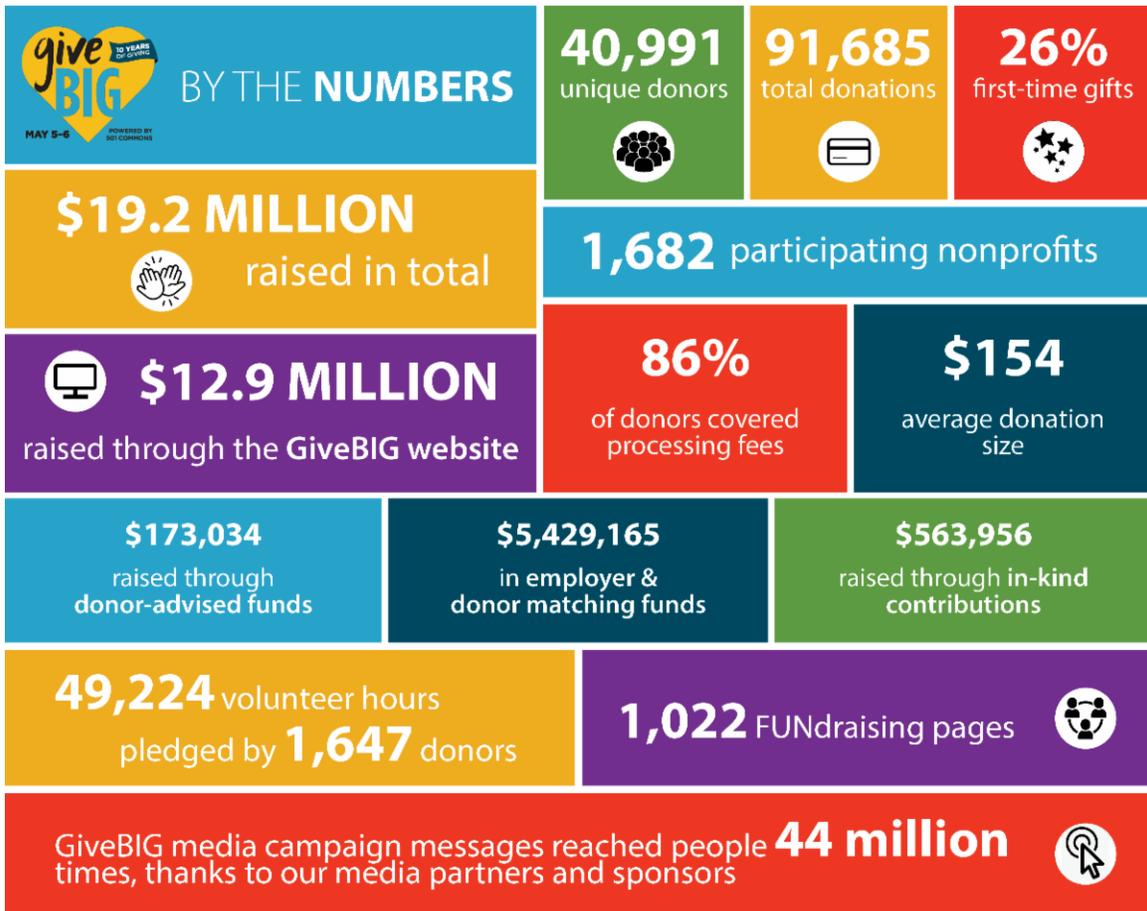
It is so important for every child to feel valued and to know that their lives matter, so let's do our part to make sure we're valuing Black lives in our work, in our communities and in our society. I'm leaning in to make change by having hard conversations, participating in workshops around racial equity, and growing black wealth by patronizing Black-owned businesses. Guided by a goal of eliminating opportunity gaps, I'm inspired knowing that our partners and programs are identifying ways to lean into this work as well.

In this newsletter, I'll share the impact that you made on students and families through your support during the GiveBIG campaign, and I'll highlight one of the valuable programs that we support at Puget Sound Educational Service District.

Warmly,

Wendy Armour

Director, Learning Communities Foundation



GiveBIG Washington

The Learning Communities Foundation would like to share a huge **thank you** to all of you who contributed to the **GiveBIG Washington Campaign!** Your gift was instrumental in allowing Educare Seattle to serve essential workers and their families in the White Center area during this pandemic. Through your generous support, we raised **\$1,047**.

[Click here to see the impact of the GiveBig Campaign across the state of Washington.](#)

PSESD Employee Giving Campaign

LCF would also like to extend our gratitude to all of the employees at Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) who participated in the Employee Giving Campaign! Your gift to the **Emergency Fund** helped



families in crisis to prevent homelessness and hunger and provide other basic needs during this pandemic. Through your generous contributions, employees at PSESD raised \$2,125!

[Click here to learn more about the Emergency Fund.](#)



Lessons Learned from Educare Seattle

In response to ongoing developments around COVID-19, and in an abundance of caution, all [Educare Learning Network](#) schools closed their physical locations and transitioned to virtual programming and support for families. For [Educare Seattle](#), the closure on March 16 shifted the center's focus to cleaning the facility and planning around how best to support families in new capacities during this time.

In early April, Educare Seattle was the first Network school to reopen their building out of all 23 Educare Centers nationally, providing on-site childcare for enrolled children and families of essential workers.

[Click here to read about the work behind preparing Educare Seattle to provide service to children when it was most critical.](#)



Programs that Persevere: Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW)

Early Head Start at the Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW) is a partnership of PSESD and the [Washington State Department of Corrections](#) to support infants and their incarcerated mothers participating in the [Residential Parenting Program](#) at WCCW. With help from PSESD's Early Head Start at WCCW, mothers are able to build healthy relationships with their children, receive parenting and childcare support, participate in child development education, and prepare for their futures upon release.

[Click here to learn more about how Early Head Start has impacted the lives of these families.](#)

Interested in supporting families in need of immediate financial assistance? Click the link below to learn about how you can support families through the Emergency Fund.

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