FAQs for Give Local Donors

What is Give Local?

Hosted by the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound, Give Local is a two-week online giving campaign to support nonprofits serving Lewis, Mason, and Thurston counties. Participating nonprofits will have their own story (campaign) page to share their work with our communities. All stories will be accessible to all community members for donations through the Give Local platform.

Why Participate in Give Local?

Give Local is an easy and fun way to connect to local nonprofits. We believe everyone can participate in Give Local by giving back to their community, and no gift is too small. By visiting spsgives.org from November 6-17, you can discover nonprofits supporting causes you care about across Lewis, Mason, and Thurston County. You can even reside outside of Washington and still participate. If you care about the South Puget Sound region, you can "Give Local"!

Why is Give Local important?

In each of our communities, nonprofits provide critical programs and services for our people and lands. Whether it's engaging programs for our local youth and seniors, keeping our natural spaces healthy and clean, helping address food insecurity, and so much more, you will be amazed by all the wonderful things nonprofits do across our region. When you participate in Give Local, you feel good while doing good.

What organizations are participating in Give Local?

Give Local makes finding charitable work that aligns with your values easy. We check to ensure each organization featured during Give Local is a registered public charity in WA State and provides services in Lewis, Mason, and Thurston County.

Can I choose the organizations I want to support?

Yes! We guarantee you will enjoy visiting spsgives.org, exploring all the nonprofit story pages, and learning about their excellent work locally.

If you can't decide whom you would like to support, you may also make a gift to the Give Local Bonus Fund and spread the love around to all participating nonprofits.

Don't keep your support a secret! Please help us grow the Give Local network by telling your friends, spreading the word, and inviting others to join the fun.

What if I can't find my favorite nonprofit on the Give Local site?

All qualified organizations in Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties are welcome to register for Give Local, but teams may choose not to participate for various reasons. If you wish to support a nonprofit not on the listing of Give Local participants, please email Mary Lam-Witcher (she/her) at mary@thecommunityfoundation.com or call our offices at 360.705.3340 for assistance directing your gift during Give Local.

How can I make a gift during Give Local?

Visit spsgives.org from November 6- 17, and when you are on the page of a nonprofit you would like to support, click the "donate" button to make a secure online donation.

Can I make my gift by check?

We strongly encourage online donations to the Give Local platform, but cash, checks, stock, and other types of gifts will be accepted. To have your gift count toward an organization's Give Local total, please be sure to send in your check before Friday, November 17. For additional questions, please call us at 360.705.3340.

Please make checks payable to the "Community Foundation of South Puget Sound," and please write the name of the organization you'd like to support in the memo.

Checks may be mailed to:
Community Foundation of South Puget Sound
212 Union Ave SE, Suite 102
Olympia, WA 98501

Can I make a Give Local gift through my donor advised fund or individual retirement account?

Yes! Donations made via a fund held at the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound (or elsewhere) can count toward Give Local. Click here for additional instructions on how to initiate your gift transfers.

Is my gift tax deductible?

Give Local donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Immediately after making your gift, you will receive a confirmation email from 'gifts@communityfunded.com'. This email will include the necessary tax information, and be sure to save this correspondence for your tax records. If you didn't receive the email or need another copy, please contact our staff at 360.705.3340 for assistance.

Is my gift safe and secure?

Yes. Community Funded powers the Give Local spspgives.com website and is a secure PCI-Level 1 compliant site for donating to your favorite charities. You can be sure your personal information is protected when you donate during Give Local.

May I get a refund if there is an error with my gift?

While charitable donations made via Give Local are irrevocable, we will process refunds if there are extenuating circumstances related to the transaction. **Please contact us by phone at 360.705.3340 by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, if you have an issue with your donation, and we will review your case.**

How much of my gift goes to the nonprofit?

All of it! Every online donation has a standard transaction fee assessed by the credit card company and fees associated with the Give Local online giving platform. However, thanks to the generous support of our Give Local Sponsors, credit card fees are covered so that 100% of the donations go to the nonprofit of your choosing.

How will I be recognized as a donor?

You will receive an immediate thank you and a tax receipt via email from 'gifts@communityfunded.com'. The nonprofit(s) you support can also send a personal thank you note. Your name and donation will also appear on the online giving platform. If you prefer not to be recognized, you can choose to make an anonymous contribution. Anonymous donors will receive a tax receipt but will not have their names shared online.

Does the nonprofit see my name?

Yes. If you give via the Give Local platform, the nonprofit you support will be notified of your gift. Choosing to remain anonymous means your name won't be published on the Give Local online platform. If you are interested in making a 100% anonymous gift, contact Mary Lam-Witcher (she/her) at mary@thecommunityfoundation.com or call 360.705.3340.

Does the Community Foundation receive any portion of the donations or fees?

No, the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound does not receive any portion of your donation or the related transaction fees. However, you can help support Give Local by making a gift through the Community Foundation's nonprofit story page.

How does the Bonus Fund work?

Every dollar your organization raises will be stretched with a $100,000 Bonus Fund generously provided by the Dawkins Charitable Trust. Your nonprofit is automatically eligible to receive these Bonus Fund dollars as a part of your participation in Give Local.

The Bonus Fund is a proportional match that increases the value of every dollar your organization is gifted during Give Local. For example, if a nonprofit organization raises 5% of the total amount of money raised during Give Local, that same nonprofit receives 5% of the $100,000 Bonus Fund (0.05 x $100,000 = $5,000).

Every nonprofit that raises money during Give Local will get some portion of the Bonus Fund. However, no organization will receive more than $7,500 of the Bonus Fund. So, for example, if your organization raises 20% of all the funds raised during Give Local, your match will be capped at $7,500. This "cap" is in place to ensure that all participating nonprofits will get the chance to benefit from the Bonus Fund.

What is Giving Wednesday?

Community members who make gifts on Give Local Wednesdays (November 8 and November 15) will automatically be entered into a drawing to win $100 for a participating Give Local nonprofit of their choice.

The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound will announce the winners on their Facebook and Instagram accounts (@tcfsps) and the spsgives.org homepage by the end of each week. Winners will also receive a follow-up email from the Community Foundation and be given two business days to direct $100 to the participating Give Local nonprofit of their choice.

Drawing entries are limited to one per person. There is a minimum $5 donation to be entered into the drawing. Donors who choose to donate anonymously will not be entered into the drawings.

Please follow our social media accounts (@tcfsps) to join in on the fun!

Facebook:	Instagram:	Twitter:
https://business.facebook.com/tcfsps	https://www.instagram.com/tcfsps/	https://twitter.com/tcfsps

Other questions?

We would be happy to answer any additional questions you have as a donor regarding Give Local or the Community Foundation. Please contact Mary Lam-Witcher (she/her) at mary@thecommunityfoundation.com or call 360.705.3340 for assistance.