

SPONSOR REPORT

EVENT: "BE THE BRIDGE" **DATE:** MARCH 23, 2023

VENUE: REDMOND MARRIOTT

OF ATTENDEES: 350 # OF DONATIONS: 353 **TOTAL DONATIONS:** \$245.344+

DRUMROLL PLEASE...

This was our first in-person benefit event since 2019, and we had a lot of questions. Would people show up? Would they be moved by our work and compelled to contribute? Would our mission be funded for another year?



The data held our answers. Compared to our 2022 spring benefit, we saw:

- 225% increase in number of donors
- \$40,000 more dollars donated overall









KIDS SPEAK. WE LISTEN.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Emceed by Chief Meteorologist for KIRO 7 News Morgan Palmer.
- Videos produced by Eastlake High School and UW graduate Eli Corriveau of HotSpark Media.
- Testimonials from both students and teachers.



INCLUSIVE LIBRARIES: Librarian Liz Haggerty and middle school student Robyn Le explored the importance of students seeing themselves and their peers reflected in school library collections and emphasized LWSF's ongoing \$200,000 commitment to revitalizing library collections throughout the district.



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID: Dr. Danit Erlich described her experiences providing Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid to hundreds of LWSD educators. Teachers recounted instances in which this training helped them support students experiencing mental health crises, demonstrating the need for this LWSF program.



FRIENDSHIP THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE: Local high school student Tanya Nair recounted her personal growth as a youth participant and teen Youth Board Member with Kids Coming Together, an LWSF program providing opportunities for children to make new friends through service events led by high school students.



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https://www.lwsf.org/events/be-the-bridge/