

## VOLUNTEER

# THE GREATEST GIFT YOU CAN GIVE IS TIME.



### Community Impact Panel

**We believe decisions that affect our community should be made by our community.**

Our fund allocation process is entirely driven by local donors. This important volunteer committee reviews all programs applying for grants, analyzes goals and outcomes, and makes funding recommendations based on how and where our collective, hard-earned dollars will best be spent to improve the lives of individuals, children, and families who struggle financially.

Serving on this committee gives you the opportunity to **learn about key issues** facing our community, **visit local non-profits** to hear about the work they are doing to combat these issues, and invest critical donor dollars to **create positive change for all Whatcom County residents.**

#### **HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS DO WE NEED? 30 - 50**

We benefit from a loyal and diverse group of volunteers. Many of our panel members participate during work hours through generous corporate volunteer programs. Other volunteers include students, stay-at home parents, retirees, and new community members who want to LIVE UNITED. Many of our volunteers continue to serve year after year and say the experience is life-changing.

#### **WHEN DOES IT HAPPEN?** *In the spring*

This committee meets in April/May each year. Volunteers are divided into multiple panels based on program goals and funding priorities. Each panel meets 1 afternoon per week for 4 consecutive weeks. Volunteers are given lots of information to help them make informed decisions about how your hard earned dollars should be allocated.

#### **TIME COMMITMENT:** *15 - 20 hours*

Each weekly panel meeting lasts 3 - 4 hours. Additional reading, preparation, and wrap up activities are required outside of the weekly meetings. **Join us for this extremely rewarding adventure!**