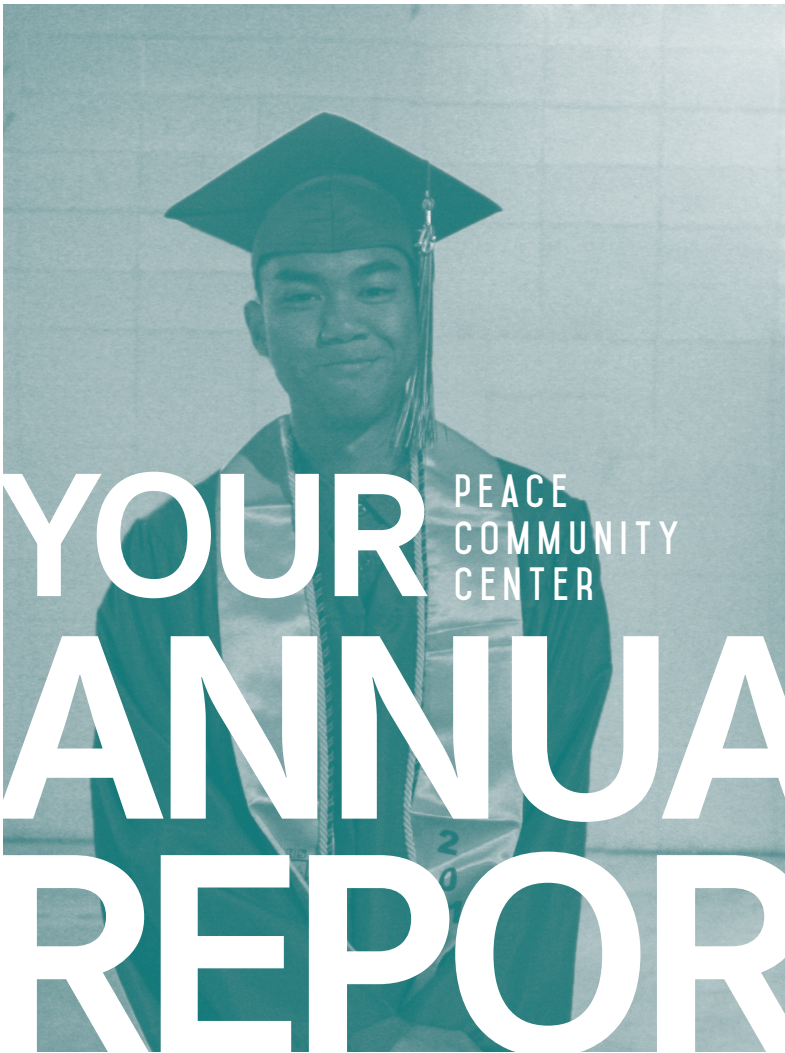




2015 - 2016



YOUR ANNUAL REPORT

PEACE COMMUNITY CENTER



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THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you for such an incredible year of bringing educational opportunities to Hilltop kids. Your big hearts have made hope possible, as you'll see in the stories that follow.

During the 2015-2016 year, 368 bright and eager scholars participated in the McCarver Scholars and Hilltop Scholars programs. These scholars spent their summer in extra reading and math classes so that they'd be ready for the new school year. They put in countless hours in one-on-one academic coaching sessions learning how to take responsibility for their goals. They were with us nearly every day after school getting reading support, tutoring, and the chance to just be kids. It's your passion and commitment that fuels these amazing opportunities.

This past year also signaled a time of transition for Peace Community Center. After 15 years of growing our Community Center from just an idea into a full and thriving education organization, Bill Hanawalt stepped down as Executive Director. We're so grateful to Bill for his vision and love for students and the Hilltop neighborhood. His leadership has made us a strong, stable organization that is ready to launch into our next chapter. Thank you, Bill.

With the new year upon us, we're excited for all that's next for Peace Community Center and our scholars. Thank you for journeying alongside our scholars as they grow up supported by generous people like you. Enjoy these stories as they are the intersection of our scholars' hard work, families that fiercely love their children, and you, a member of our community that believes all kids should have access to educational opportunities and hope.

We are grateful for you,



David Alger | Board President

Eileen Tellefson | Past Board President

MCCARVER SCHOLARS ELEMENTARY

Before joining McCarver Scholars, 5th grader Kionn didn't enjoy coming to school.

"I thought it was kinda boring and I got in trouble a lot. I didn't think I was very good at school so I didn't even want to go anymore."

Alyssa Urish, our Elementary Program Director, described Kionn as often down and frustrated. "He's always been a really bright kid with a talent for math and science. He just struggles with his communication skills and that causes him to draw into himself."

At McCarver Scholars, Kionn learned how to share his feelings, and he worked with our staff to build a plan for what to do when he was mad or sad. Now Kionn has words he uses when he's upset and our staff helps him to turn his energy towards something more positive. He believes in himself for the first time and he's finally comfortable in the classroom.

"I'm excited to start MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) again

and start science classes, we're gonna win the competition [at Pacific Lutheran University] this year," Kionn said.

"Everyone really cares about how you're doing and wants you to be your best self and I think that always makes you a better person," Kionn said.



114 STUDENTS SERVED

76% IMPROVED BEHAVIOR

80% INCREASED READING

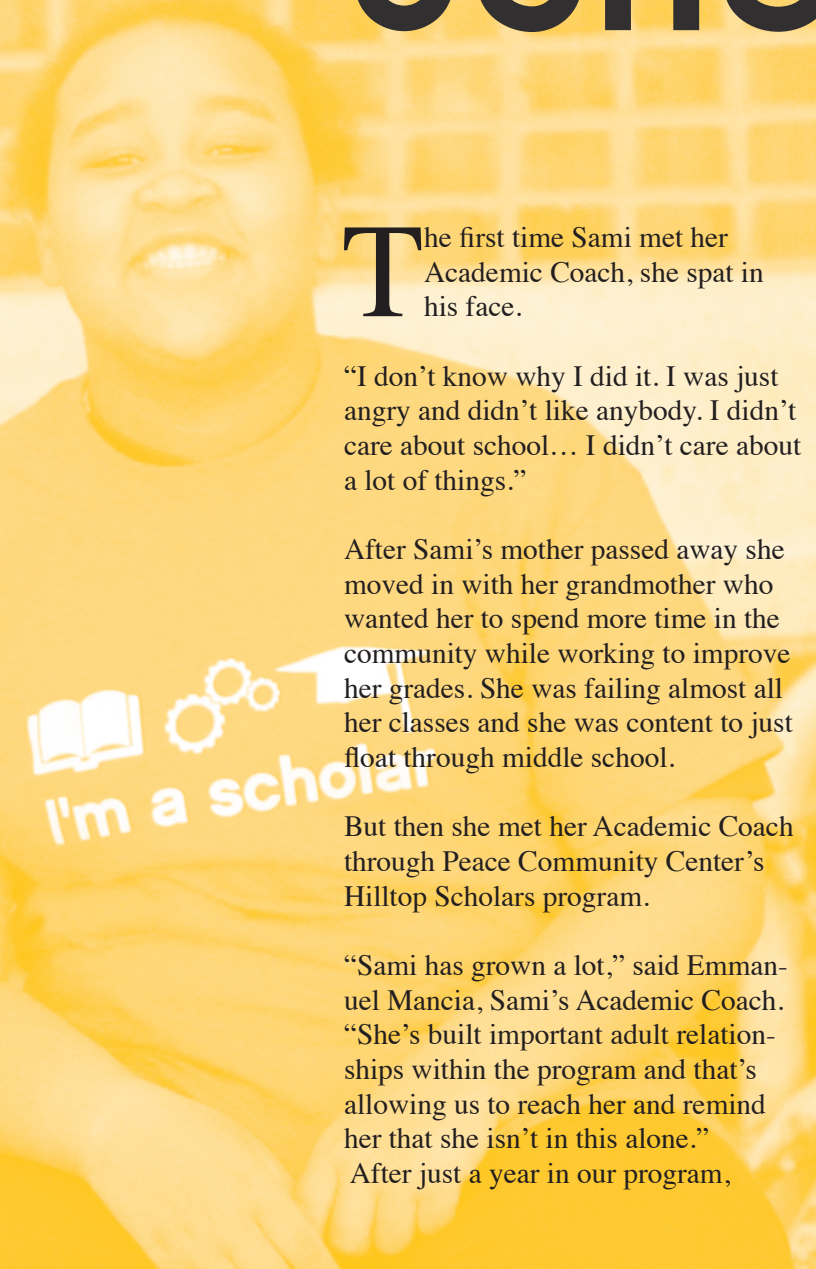
YOU HELP KIDS BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES WHILE THEY'RE YOUNG

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

McCarver Scholars is there for students starting in the 2nd grade. The McCarver Scholars program provides our students with a safe place to learn after-school and during the summer, while building relationships with other students and experiencing new things.

During programming, our young scholars practice reading skills, get support on homework, and try new experiences during enrichment. Our goal is to help students get the support they need to experience success in school and prepare for middle school.

HILLTOP SCHOLARS MIDDLE SCHOOL



The first time Sami met her Academic Coach, she spat in his face.

“I don’t know why I did it. I was just angry and didn’t like anybody. I didn’t care about school... I didn’t care about a lot of things.”

After Sami’s mother passed away she moved in with her grandmother who wanted her to spend more time in the community while working to improve her grades. She was failing almost all her classes and she was content to just float through middle school.

But then she met her Academic Coach through Peace Community Center’s Hilltop Scholars program.

“Sami has grown a lot,” said Emmanuel Mancina, Sami’s Academic Coach. “She’s built important adult relationships within the program and that’s allowing us to reach her and remind her that she isn’t in this alone.”

After just a year in our program,

Sami has grown a lot. She’s learned that now she has a caring program at school with staff who will help her through difficult times.

“I can feel that I’m getting less distracted in school and I can see my grades getting better, so I’m glad I can go to this program.”



139 STUDENTS SERVED

1588 COACHING SESSIONS

4 OUT OF 5 STUDENTS AGREE THAT WORKING WITH THEIR ACADEMIC COACH HELPED THEM THINK ABOUT THEIR FUTURE

YOU’RE PROVIDING CARING ADULTS WHO HELP STUDENTS THROUGH TOUGH TIMES

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Our Hilltop scholars Middle School program is created for Hilltop youth attending Jason Lee Middle School. Students meet with their Academic Coach weekly in 1:1 meetings to get help with academic strategies, organization, self-advocacy skills, and to build confidence.

Our after school program allows our 6th through 8th graders to have a safe place to get support in school with access to leadership development, tutoring and enrichment clubs. Hilltop Scholars take leadership classes after-school so that they’re ready for high school. Scholars can also complete homework, study for tests, and take part in enrichment clubs (like robotics and glee club)

HILLTOP SCHOLARS HIGH SCHOOL



When Kiani was younger she wasn't very interested in school.

"It was always easier to get distracted with things other than my schoolwork. I didn't really talk to people, but I also didn't really want to try," said Kiani, now a Senior at Wilson High School.

Before joining Peace Community Center, Kiani said she lacked self-confidence and was drifting through her education. Like many young people, Kiani was struggling to find her own voice and it was affecting her ability to perform in school.

"Then I met the staff at Peace and they told me that getting involved with this program would help me stay on top of my grades and help get me into college."

Through her time at Peace, Kiani has learned to value herself and her voice, and it's making a difference.

"I still don't talk that much when I'm at school, but when I come to the Center I can be my louder self. I can say what I want to

say and I don't have to worry about people judging me or making me feel bad about myself. It's a place you can be safe."

The promise of reaching her potential and going to college is being fulfilled. Kiani is excelling as a student and looking forward to applying to colleges. She spent time this summer researching scholarships, too. Although she doesn't quite know what she'll major in, Kiani feels confident she'll be prepared for college.



76 STUDENTS SERVED

10 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

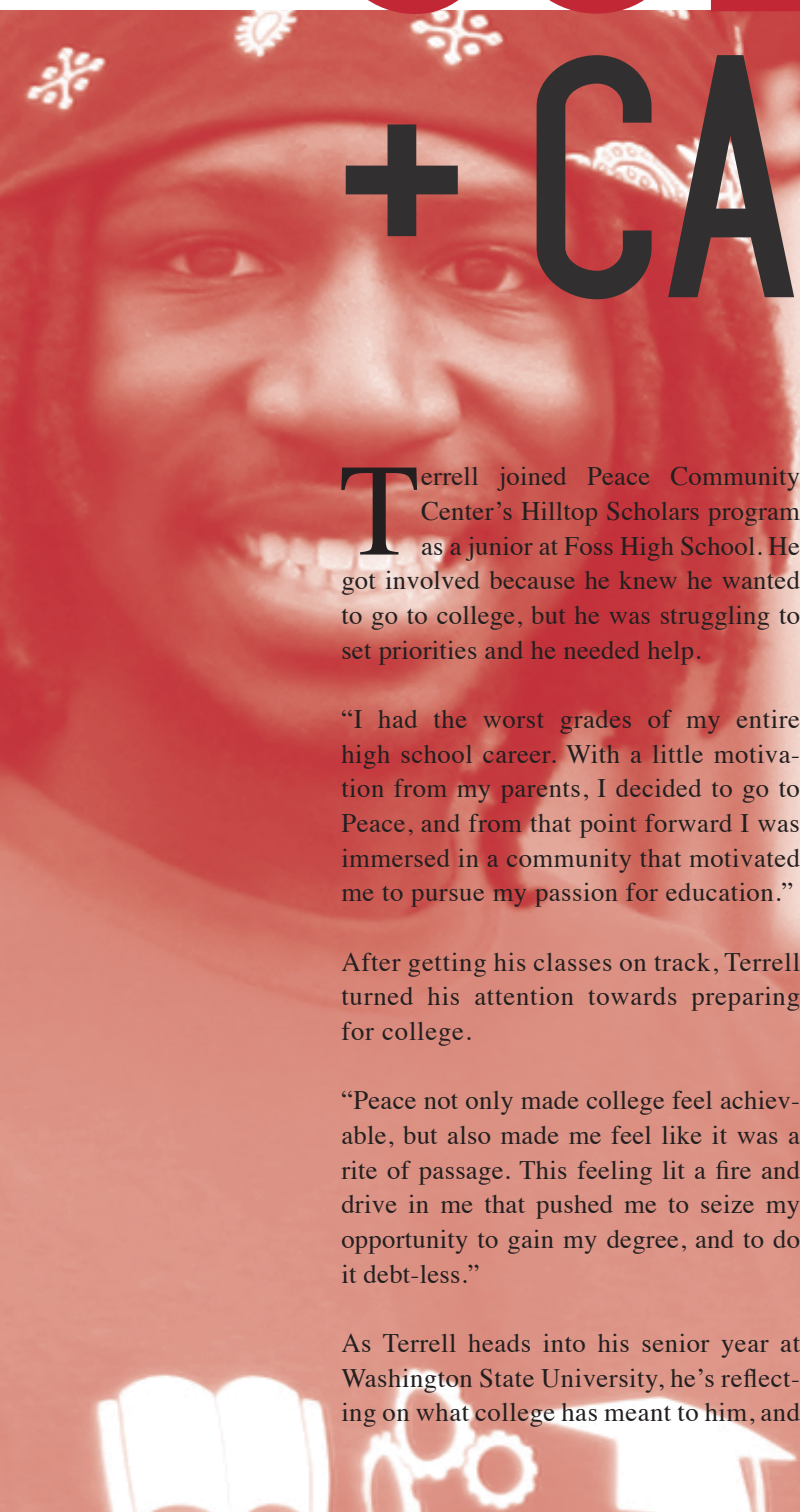
86% BETTER GRADES

YOUR STUDENTS ARE LEARNING WHO THEY ARE AND WHO THEY ARE GROWING UP TO BE

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Hilltop Scholars: High School program was created for Hilltop youth attending high school in Tacoma and provides the support that 9th through 12 graders may need to be college and career ready. Hilltop Scholars take leadership and college prep classes so that they're ready for life post-high school. Scholars also have a safe place to get help from our staff and volunteers to complete homework, study for tests, or write college and scholarship applications. During the school day they receive one-on-one attention to help them reach their goals, stay on track to graduate and get the support they need to succeed.

COLLEGE + CAREER



Terrell joined Peace Community Center's Hilltop Scholars program as a junior at Foss High School. He got involved because he knew he wanted to go to college, but he was struggling to set priorities and he needed help.

"I had the worst grades of my entire high school career. With a little motivation from my parents, I decided to go to Peace, and from that point forward I was immersed in a community that motivated me to pursue my passion for education."

After getting his classes on track, Terrell turned his attention towards preparing for college.

"Peace not only made college feel achievable, but also made me feel like it was a rite of passage. This feeling lit a fire and drive in me that pushed me to seize my opportunity to gain my degree, and to do it debt-less."

As Terrell heads into his senior year at Washington State University, he's reflecting on what college has meant to him, and

what he wants to do next. "I'm applying to 11 graduate schools, but I think I really want to go to Ohio State University."

Terrell's planning to get a Master's in Education, and he's even considering going for a Ph.D. His ultimate goal is to give back in the classroom. He wants to teach middle school science here in Tacoma so that more kids get "opportunities for a more fulfilling life."



57 STUDENTS SERVED

429 CARE PACKAGES SENT OFF

6 COLLEGE GRADUATES

YOU HELP STUDENTS BECOME LEADERS READY FOR THE WORLD'S CHALLENGES

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Our support doesn't end once our scholar's graduate high school. As scholars head into adulthood, we continue to support them through the often-rocky transition from high school to post-secondary. Our goal is to help these young people achieve long-term success and become the next generation of movers and shakers in their communities. Post-secondary student receive Coaching and support from College and Career Director, support accessing and using campus resources and care packages with home baked goodies and notes of encouragement.

2016 FINANCIALS

Other programs includes expenses for the Center's student support fund and free community meals program

Peace Community Center is the fiscal agent for Vibrant Schools Tacoma Coalition

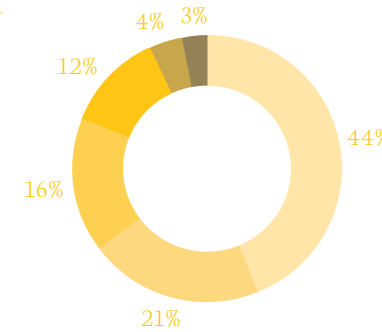
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OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Individuals	\$272,474
Foundations	\$574,236
Churches	\$42,334
Businesses	\$49,179
Government	\$208,142
In-Kind Contributions	\$154,988
Total Operating Support and Revenue	\$1,301,353

44% foundations
21% individuals
16% government
12% in kind
4% business
3% churches



STATEMENT OF POSITION

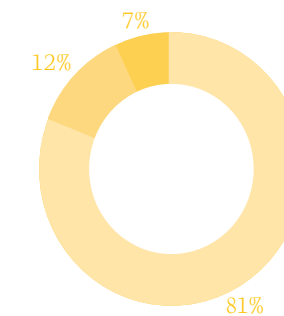
Assets	
Current	\$1,683,303
Property and Equipment	\$318,335
Total Assets	\$2,001,638

OPERATING EXPENSES

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Elementary Program	\$368,053
Middle School Program	\$244,446
High School Program	\$256,524
College and Career Program	\$87,736
Other Programs	\$30,902
Management and General	\$89,699
Fundraising	\$145,503
Total Operating Expense	\$1,222,863

81% programs
12% fundraising
7% management



Change in Net Assets from Operations \$78,490

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Total Liabilities	\$104,863
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$444,194
Temporarily Restricted	\$364,181
Designated	\$875,425
Total Net Assets	\$1,683,800
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,001,638

OTHER ITEMS

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Investments, Rentals & Misc Revenue, Net	\$ - 4,818
Bequests	\$176,247
Capital Campaign, Net	\$650,622
Vibrant Schools TC, Net	\$ - 12,859
Change in Net Assets from Other Items	\$809,192
Total Change in Net Assets	\$887,682

NOTE:

Year - end financials are prepared internally by staff and are subject to change. Final audited financial statement and our 990 are available online at peacecommunitycenter.org

OUR FOUNDATION LIST

- Baker Foundation
- Bamford Foundation
- Bamford Foundation
- Dan & Pat Nelson Family Foundation
- Discuren Charitable Foundation
- ELCA Foundation
- Florence Kilworth Charitable Trust Foundation
- Forest Foundation
- Fuchs Foundation
- Gary E. Milgard Family Foundation
- Glaser Foundation
- Gottfried & Mary Fuchs Foundation
- Greater Tacoma Community Foundation
- Harvest Foundation
- Hugh C. Wallace Charitable Trust
- Jean E. Thomson Foundation
- JP Morgan Chase
- KeyBank Foundation
- Lucky Seven Foundation
- Make the Dash Count
- Mannix Canby Foundation
- Medina Foundation
- M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust
- Norecliffe Foundation
- NW Children's Foundation
- Opus Community Foundation
- Pacific Continental Bank
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- Rotary Club of Tacoma #8
- Safeco Insurance Fund
- Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
- Sequoia Foundation
- Stewardship Foundation
- Tacoma Rotary North
- Thrivent Financial
- Tulalip Tribes Charitable Foundation
- Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation
- William Kilworth Foundation
- Woodworth Family Foundation

BUSINESS

- Vessel Strategy and Consulting
- Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program
- Truist
- Thrivent Financial
- Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community
- Tacoma Community College
- Russell Investment Group
- Quest Diagnostics: Matching Gift Program
- Puget Sound Builders
- Pacific Lutheran University
- National Christian Foundation
- MultiCare Health System
- Microsoft Giving
- Kroger
- John Korsmo Construction, Inc
- John and June Mercer Charitable Lead Annuity Trust
- Gray Lumber
- Franciscan Health System
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
- Boeing Company Gift Match
- BCRA Design
- Amazon

CHURCH

- University Place Presbyterian Church
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows
- Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
- Powerhouse Christian Ministries
- Peace Lutheran Church
- Mountain View Lutheran Church
- Mount Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
- First Lutheran Evangelical Church
- Faith Lutheran Church
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- ELCA SWWA Synod Region 1
- Creator Lutheran Church
- Bethany Presbyterian Church



MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in faith and the Hilltop neighborhood, Peace Community Center believes education is an integral part of a strong community. We support and encourage youth historically underrepresented in college to cultivate their academic and leadership talents so that they can gain full access to educational opportunities and reach their full potential.

Thank you to the 429 generous individuals who supported our scholars throughout the 2015 - 2016 school year. You make this work possible!



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Community
Justice
Wholeness
Learning
Joy

We envision a vibrant community of hope,
where youth become life-long learners who act
with compassion and confidence, using their
diverse gifts for positive change.