

Community Partners Headed by The Stanwood –Camano Area Foundation (SCAF) Received a United Way Grant

In the spring of 2017, community partners in the Stanwood-Camano area began to work on a grant through United Way of Snohomish County to end second generational poverty. This work was lead by Bev Pronishan, Executive Director of SCAF. *Making Life Work* is a collective impact initiative that brings together multiple cross-sector partners for the purpose of overcoming barriers and providing opportunities for families that will help them become stable and self-sufficient, and will ensure the children of those families attain early educational success, setting them up to sustain that success throughout their school years and beyond.

On November 9, 2017, our group of partners was notified that SCAF was selected to receive one of the Core Collaboration Grants. United Way granted the full funding of \$210,000 for the next three years.

The Stanwood-Camano School District was one of the collaborating partners in working on this grant to support families in poverty. Other partners are listed below:

1. Camano Island Fire & Rescue
2. City of Stanwood
3. Coastal Community Bank
4. Hope Unlimited
5. Housing Hope/WorkSource
6. Josephine's Caring Center/ECEAP
7. North County Regional Fire Authority
8. Port Susan Food & Farming Center
9. Safe Harbor Free Clinic
10. Stanwood-Camano Rotary Foundation
11. Stanwood Community & Senior Center
12. Stanwood Library
13. Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation
14. Stanwood-Camano Food Bank
15. Stanwood-Camano School District
16. Village Community Services
17. YMCA
18. Youthnet

Priority will be given to single parent families who are below the 185% Federal Poverty Level (FPL). They will receive the benefit of the collaborating partners, mentoring, classes, and supports to move toward self-sustaining employment and school readiness and success for their children.