

THE NOBLE NEWS

ENSURING ALL MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES GAIN THE CONNECTIONS, KNOWLEDGE, AND EMPOWERMENT TO BUILD A MORE JUST, EQUITABLE, AND HEALTHY SOCIETY...

2017 HIGHLIGHTS



Women's Group 2017

"Although we do not all live in the same community, we realize our interconnectedness in our global environment."

OUR WORK

2017 AT A GLANCE

The Noble Foundation took the 2017 program year and dedicated our board talents to revisioning our work. We developed a new mission, vision, value statement. We welcomed new board members and honored our outgoing Board of Directors. We will dedicate 2018 to our current established initiatives: SW Washington Racial Narrative; Culturally-Specific & Community-Based Health Programming; Advocacy/Outreach regarding racism. We will continue our commitment to social justice and health equity!

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2018 INITIATIVES

WOMEN'S PEER SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED

Families from across the Southwest Washington Region are coming together to advocate on a myriad of topics. The picture at the left shows the dedication of our monthly "Community Based Peer Support Group" in Vancouver, WA. "We host groups to sit in solidarity while learning, growing, and healing one another" Sarah Wilson. In 2017, approximately 30 women gathered between 14 community based meetings held in Kelso, Longview, Battle Ground, Camas, and Vancouver.

"LET'S GET MOVING"

CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC PROGRAM

In February 2018, we look forward to providing fiscal sponsorship to "Let's Get Moving" Vancouver, Washington's first culturally-specific, community-based health initiative created to improve health outcomes within the African-American community. Program designer, Kelli Keyes stated "there are not enough culturally appropriate services in our community."



“Thank You NAACP-Vancouver for ensuring a successful December 9, 2017 ‘A Visual Journey’”

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CLARK COLLEGE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

On December 5 and December 6, 2017, The Noble Foundation’s co-founder, Ophelia Noble, co-facilitated a community conversation with Cath Busha, Clark College Dean of Student Engagement when White Supremist flyers were placed around the campus. In 4 hours we were able to better understand the intent, impact, and initiatives to move forward. Clark College’s VP of the Office of Equity & Diversity stated, “This is the first in a series of steps to creating a Task Force to continue addressing and monitoring the safety and input of the community.”



2018 INITIATIVES CONT.

CROSS-CULTURAL NARRATIVE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

The Noble Foundation will embark on a new project of creating a “Cross-Cultural Narrative”. Our goal is to create a distinct sense of place for Southwest Washington communities of color; To provide a documented understanding of the trials, tribulations, and accomplishments of living in Southwest Washington; To create a ‘common’ understanding of the role of allies in the work of equity; and To provide a unique opportunity to work towards “unification” of our independent cultural needs. “We need an equity lens that includes the voices of the community that are difficult to reach to inform this project” Ophelia Noble.

KELSO HIGH SCHOOL RACISM

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

On January 24, 2018, The Noble Foundation with support of NAACP-Vancouver, LULAC-Washington, and HLC will lead a caucused community assessment with students of color attending Kelso High School. School administrators and staff have recognized the need to empower our community’s youth of color who are being impacted by increasing incidents of racial slurs and incidents of hate. This assessment will be the first of its kind to take place in Kelso School District. “I am going to teach my kids that people are just going to hate you” stated Amaria Grinds 10th grader at Kelso High School. It is time for our community to stand up and take ACTION that will stop the trauma to our community.

"In creating safe spaces to process our day to day struggles, we also create healing spaces that allow us to build a collective voice around our shared pain and shared resiliency." Sarah Chivers, Executive Director.

Today I Rise

Today I rise from the ashes of generations past. Generations beaten to endure; beaten into submission; beaten into obedience by a system designed to ensure oppression would last. Would last generations...

Today I rise from the passion of generations past. Generations that instilled everlasting life, love, and unity through education, political activism, social responsibility to ensure generations would last. Would last generations...

Today I rise from the community that needs someone, to rise, from the bowels of racism and social oppression, from emotional desolation and economic devastation, to begin providing a bit of cultural education.... Today I Rise.

Today I rise: a black woman, a woman who is black, or maybe just a woman indicative of my RIGHT to the FREEDOM of choice, this freedom brought to me by many women rising from different races, cultures, nations, and lifestyles. But within this FREEDOM of choice...I choose to RISE

Today I rise with the voices of the forgotten, abandoned, unliked, unwanted to take a stand alongside the righteous, ethical, and honorable. Realizing that life's problems are solvable...Because we rise, TOGETHER.

Today I rise from the trauma of assault, PTSD and anxiety caused by time spent in the military; Today I rise from fear in a rigorous attempt to heal my triggers. It is my right to RISE and speak my truth although the immediate response is abstruse...Yet, still I rise.

Today I rise from the pain of my family, taking a moment to speak a new narrative; A narrative of communal hope, compassion, and love. I spoke this to the wind and it came back in my womb as the mother who has the temperament to do what she needs to do...I Rise

Today I rise from addiction and pain with an understanding of losses and gains; I rise from the feelings of being socially isolated; having my right to privacy continually violated. I rise as a member of a subjugated people however, I rise to conquer it all...Today I Rise

Today I rise from the self-limiting thoughts; taking lessons from the past to gain the security and acceptance of challenges that life is wrought; I Rise though ambition, while owning my flaws and all; I rise with the blessing from my Father God...

Today I rise from courage to educate and disempower the unjust, with the strength to heal and pull my community further. Today I rise as a part of the whole, with a singular vision of a community that is complete.

Today we rise together. Women Strong, Women Proud, Women United with our feet on the Ground.
TODAY WE RISE TOGETHER.

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