

# BLOCKS 2022 BLOCKS Annual Report

BLOCKS is ... Building Links between Offices of emergency management, Childcare, and the community for Kids Safety.



# **Who We Are**

Vision

Childcare programs and individuals are prepared for all hazards and children remain safe until reunited with their families.

**Mission** 

Our mission is to keep children safe by preparing child care programs and individuals to face and recover from disaster.

**Values** 

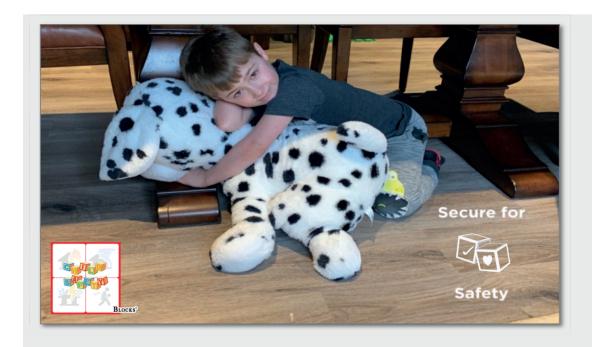
<u>Focus</u>. Our goal is to help make/keep children safe. They are the future and our number one priority.

<u>Commitment</u>. We dedicate assets, time, and resources to the safety of children.

<u>Integrity.</u> We remain true to our mission and are honest stewards of donor support.



# Accomplishments



#### Secure

### for

### Safety

## Campaign

We are still working to launch our Secure for Safety program. This initiative has one simple goal, help childcare programs be better prepared for earthquakes. Thanks to generous grants from the Rite Aid Foundation (Kid Cents program) BLOCKS is able to provide earthquake fasteners and other earthquake safety supplies FREE to childcare programs operating in Kitsap County.

BLOCKS is offering to come to your childcare program location and provide earthquake mitigation measures to make your childcare program safer. This could include the following (based on need and supply availability)...

- fastening furniture to the wall
- providing drawer and cabinet latches
- wall hanging support
- putty and other methods of securing material in place
- gas valve wrenches and other supplies
- volunteers to help do the work

Childcare and headstart programs that participate will get free help and supplies to prepare their childcare for earthquakes. Participating organizations will also get peace of mind in knowing their programs have taken extra steps to help ensure the safety of children and staff.

# Our Team

### **Board of Directors**

#### Howard Pierpont

Chairperson of the Board. The Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Association (DERA) Board Chair and Solutionist - DERA Institute for Preparedness and Resilience, Greeley, CO; Member since March 2016.

#### Duane Hagelgans

Vice Chairperson of the Board. Associate Professor at Millersville University, Millersville, PA; Member since April 2015.

#### Robert Patchin

Board Secretary and Treasurer. Active Duty United State Navy Officer, Seabeck, WA; Member since April 2015.

#### David "Schiffy" Schiff

Board Member. Owner of The Schiff Group, Rockville, MD; Member since January 2016.

#### Heather Beal

Board Member. BLOCKS Corporate President and Chief Executive Officer, Seabeck WA; Member since April 2015.

#### Malynda Green

Board Member. Emergency Management and Outreach Manager for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Facility, Bremerton, WA; Member since January 2018.

#### Laura Jull

Board Member. Emergency Management Business Consultant, AZ; Member since January 2018.

#### Dr. Robert Mitchell

Board Member. Director of Community Disaster Medicine, Disaster Medicine Project, Edmonds, WA; Member since January 2018.



# Heather L. Beal, PhD, CEM President & CEO

Dr. Beal is a military veteran with 23 years of distinguished Naval service. Dedicated to self-improvement, she obtained Masters degrees in Asian studies, conflict resolution, cyber security policy, and emergency management. She is qualified as a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) and holds a PhD in Public Policy and Administration / Emergency Management focusing specifically on child care recovery.

As a working parent of two, she became aware of just how much of a gap existed in childcare emergency preparedness training & resources and vowed to use her experiences, education, and more importantly, motivation, to fill the gap. Her desire to bridge the emergency management and childcare communities culminated in the founding of BLOCKS. BLOCKS is the manifestation of that desire to help keep our children safe.

You can contact her directly at president@blocksusa.org

# Campaign Early Prepare: Earthquakes

We are slowly increasing our childcare participation levels for earthquake training and we had a few new participants this year, even one from Kentucky!

Our Early Prepare Earthquake campaign completed its 6th year. We trained over 260 children and handed out over 85 books!

To date we have helped over 1,600 children, their caregivers, and their families better prepare for earthquakes!



### **Support BLOCKS for Pennies**

BLOCKS is a continuing Rite Aid Foundation "Kids Cents" program member. We are so grateful to Rite Aid's continued generosity and their provision of \$10,000 in grant money to help further our mission. You can support just by shopping at Rite Aid and joining the Kid Cents round-up program. Sign up at Rite Aid or online.

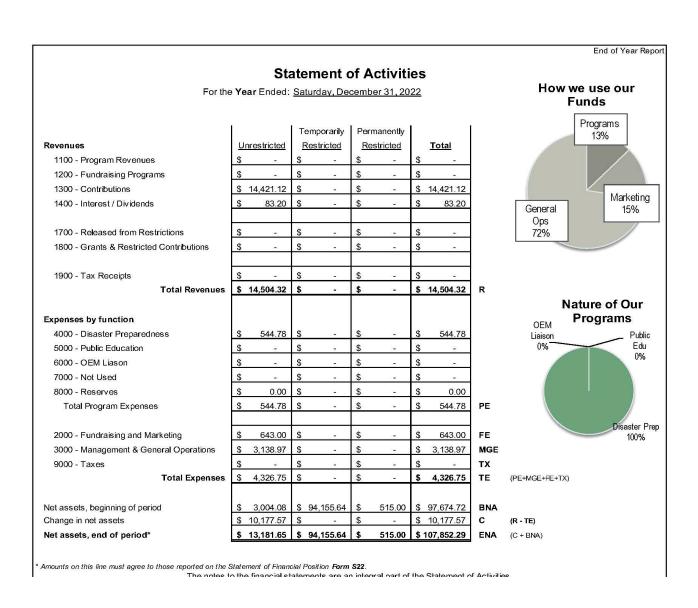
Programs like Kid Cents, iGive, and other programs donate on your behalf at no cost to you. Please check out all the ways you can support BLOCKS on our Ways to Help web page. https://blocksusa.org/ways-to-help

# 2022 Financials



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End of Year Accounting Statements



### **Supporters and Partners**

Here at BLOCKS we consider all our supporters to be partners. Not unlike the adage "it takes a village to raise a child" we believe it takes one to protect and prepare a child as well. It's a team effort and we want you on our team.



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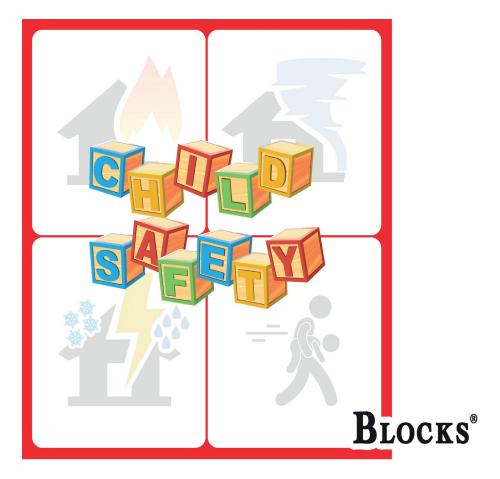
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