

# BLOCKS 2023 Annual Report

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



# Who We Are

## Vision

Children's resiliency to disaster is strengthened and the "village" of organizations and individuals that support that resiliency and recovery is strong and identifiable.

## Mission

Our mission is to prepare children and enable the individuals and services who care for them to face and recover from disaster.

## Values

Focus. Our goal is to strengthen children's resiliency. They are the future and our number one priority.

Commitment. We dedicate assets, time, and resources to strengthening the resiliency of children.

Integrity. We remain true to our mission and are honest stewards of donor support.



# Accomplishments



## **Building Youth Resiliency to Disaster (BYRD) Coalition**

BLOCKS is developing and leading a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to building youth resiliency to disaster. We are developing a team, or village approach, because caring for children and youth IS a team effort.

Our primary objectives are...

Making full-cycle consideration of the needs of children in disaster the norm, or standard  
Connecting resources and resource providers to emergency management and decision makers  
Assessing policy, infrastructure, and caregiver training ability, and accessibility, to meet the needs of children in disaster; and where deficient; advocating for needed improvements & change  
Ensuring that the needs of children in disaster are viewed through the lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion

We are so excited to be able to start this national coalition of organizations! Stay tuned for more exciting news and updates!



# 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.

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

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 January 2018. - December 2023

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](mailto:president@blocksusa.org)

# Initiatives

## Campaign Early Prepare: Earthquakes

Our Early Prepare Earthquake campaign completed its 7th year. In this time, we have helped over 1,677 children, their caregivers, and their families better prepare for earthquakes and we handed out over 550 books. We are not done yet, so please contact us if you would like us to come to your childcare program!

## Secure for Safety Campaign

BLOCKS will come to your childcare program location and provide earthquake mitigation measures to make your childcare program safer. 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.



## 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>

# 2023 Financials



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## End of Year Accounting Statements

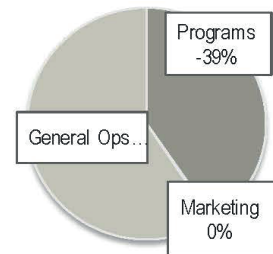
End of Year Report

### Statement of Activities

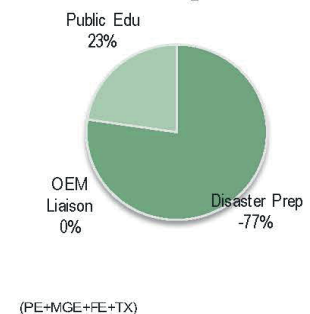
For the Year Ended: Sunday, December 31, 2023

Revenues	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	
1100 - Program Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1200 - Fundraising Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1300 - Contributions	\$ 13,273.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,273.66	
1400 - Interest / Dividends	\$ 91.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91.03	
1700 - Released from Restrictions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1800 - Grants & Restricted Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1900 - Tax Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 13,364.69</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 13,364.69</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>Expenses by function</b>					
4000 - Disaster Preparedness	-\$ 3,043.62	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 3,043.62	
5000 - Public Education	\$ 107.39	\$ 785.58	\$ -	\$ 892.97	
6000 - OEM Liason	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
7000 - Not Used	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
8000 - Reserves	\$ 9,276.96	-\$ 9,276.96	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,340.73</b>	<b>-\$ 8,491.38</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>-\$ 2,150.65</b>	<b>PE</b>
2000 - Fundraising and Marketing	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12.00	<b>FE</b>
3000 - Management & General Operations	\$ 3,150.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,150.19	<b>MGE</b>
9000 - Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<b>TX</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,502.92</b>	<b>-\$ 8,491.38</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,011.54</b>	<b>TE (PE+MGE+FE+TX)</b>
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 2,536.31	\$ 104,748.21	\$ 515.00	\$ 107,799.52	<b>BNA</b>
Change in net assets	\$ 3,861.77	\$ 8,491.38	\$ -	\$ 12,353.15	<b>C (R - TE)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period*</b>	<b>\$ 6,398.08</b>	<b>\$ 113,239.59</b>	<b>\$ 515.00</b>	<b>\$ 120,152.67</b>	<b>ENA (C + BNA)</b>

### How we use our Funds



### Nature of Our Programs



\* Amounts on this line must agree to those reported on the Statement of Financial Position, Form S22.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the Statement of Activities

## 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.



### **Titanium Sponsors (\$50,000 and above)**

The Rite Aid Foundation/Kidcents +

### **Platinum Sponsors (\$10,000 and above)**

Train 4 Safety Press +

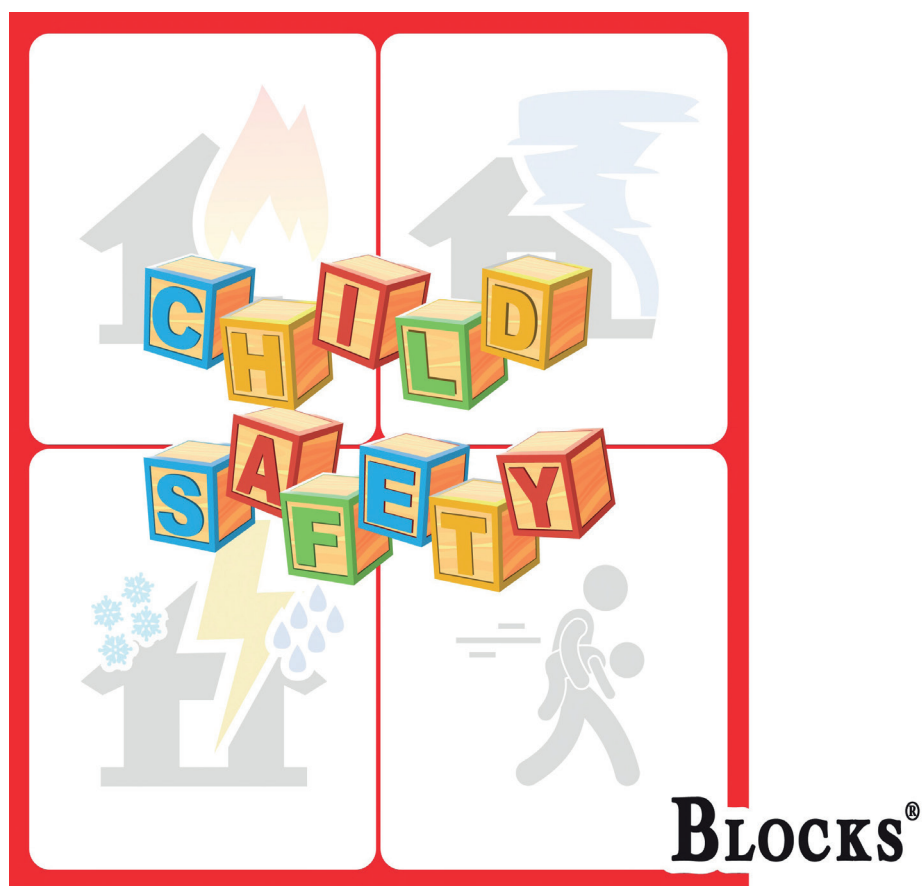
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Bremerton Elks Lodge #1181 +  
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Puget Sound Energy Foundation  
Pattijean Hooper  
Dr. Rebecca Patchin +  
Malynda Green +

### **Bronze Sponsors (\$500 and above)**

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Howard Pierpont +  
Poulsbo Rotary Club  
The Schiff Group, LLC +  
Gus Holstein  
Robert Patchin  
Roy Tabora

+ Active sponsors and partners as of December 31, 2023.



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KEEP CHILDREN SAFE BECAUSE  
OF YOUR  
GENEROUS SUPPORT.**

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