

KCWA SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR FALL 2023

Thanks to the support of our Kids' Chance Community



We are pleased to announce our Fall 2023 Scholarships have been awarded. We award needs-based scholarships to the children and spouses affected by serious work-related injuries or conditions. To qualify, the worker must be totally permanently disabled under the criteria of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, or deceased. The amount may range from \$500 to \$6,000 per year, and can be used for any accredited university, community, technical or vocational college or for costs associated with Apprenticeship Programs, also subject to need. Since 2001 Kids' Chance of Washington has awarded over \$663,625 for 164 scholarships and school-related money.

We are continuing to aid six Washington scholars and have just added two new students to our roster of educational achievers. Our students are engaged in a wide variety of degree programs and technical education. Out of all of our awards this fall, three are for technical welding education studies. If you know of a student who could benefit from our program, or if you would like to apply for a scholarship, you can find out more on [our website's scholarship page](#).



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT Meet Mary, a Junior at Western Washington University whom Kids' Chance of Washington has been supporting since her freshman year. Mary lost her dad when she was 15 from a job-site accident, which had a tremendous impact on her family. She has many fond memories of her and her father's shared loved of the ocean, which is one of the reasons she is studying environmental science with an emphasis on marine conservation.

It was a trip to Mexico with her mom that truly inspired her passion for whales, and she was fortunate to be able to work on a whale watching boat this summer in her hometown of Port Angeles. Mary is very

clear about her dream job which would include working for an organization where she can study and learn more about the Southern residence killer whales. Mary enjoys her college experience working at the University coffee shop, hiking the spectacular PNW trails in Bellingham, and hanging out with all her friends she has made in school. Mary is so thankful for Kids' Chance Support, "the scholarships are allowing me to have this experience and it means the world to me". There is no doubt Mary is on track to live out her dreams.

Congratulations to our 2023 Scholarship Recipients

- Ray – University of Washington
- Natalie – University of San Diego
- Melanie – Washington State University
- Mary – Western Washington University
- Mackenzie – Northwestern State University
- Elly – Washington State University
- Abby – Washington State University
- Zayra – Grays Harbor College
- Matthew – Iron Eagle Welding Academy

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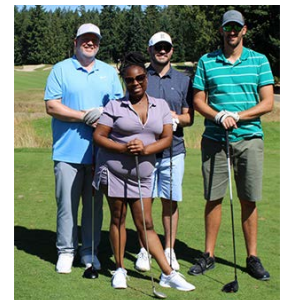
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FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS OUTSTANDING

This year's golf tournament fundraiser was our best yet - bringing in a total of **\$66,900!** Held Tuesday, August 1st at [Washington National Golf Club](#) in Auburn. We had a full roster of teams and strong participation from more than **30 corporate sponsors**, including our Title Sponsor, [Meyer Thorp Attorneys](#).

Kids' Chance will be back at Washington National in 2024!



FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS



Shown in photo: SMART Executive Director Brian Ducey and Kids Chance Board Members Mandi Kime and Justin Thayer

A very special Kids' Chance thank you goes to the SMART/Puget Sound Safety Council for donating the proceeds of their annual Safety Geeks Golf Tournament. This year SMART's Executive Director Brian Ducey presented Kids' Chance with a generous \$11,000 check at our golf tournament. The Safety Geeks Golf Tournament has been supporting Kids' Chance for many years and has made a point of highlighting the Kids' Chance mission. We are grateful for their efforts!



HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Kids' Chance Washington is a volunteer organization, and your help is critical to our success. If you are interested in volunteering for a fundraising event or becoming more involved, please send an introduction to kidschancewa@gmail.com



Help Give Kids a Chance

Monetary donations from people like you make our work possible. To donate, [please use this Donation Portal](#)

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to stay connected with Kids' Chance news and events. Your support for Kids' Chance of Washington, and the families of Washington workers is appreciated.

Most Sincerely,
Judy Schurke, President, Kids' Chance of Washington