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Burke Museum

\$100,000 in 2013

20^{for}20

stories years



In early 2013, the BurkeMobile program was in its fourth year of bringing Burke Museum artifacts, specimens, and educators to schools across Washington State. Though demand for the BurkeMobile program far exceeded capacity, the Burke did not have dedicated staff for the program and lacked the travel funds necessary to reach underserved areas of the state.

The WWF grant was crucial to helping the BurkeMobile program **scale up from a pilot initiative to a sustainable, core component** of the museum's educational offerings. In the grant's first year, the

BurkeMobile served **50% more students**, reaching 56 schools in 26 communities across the state. Most programs were presented in low-income communities at free or reduced cost. At a recent family program in Royal City, WA, students had the opportunity to "teach" their parents what they had learned from the BurkeMobile. One parent commented, "I loved watching my child's face show so much enjoyment."



Mary Dunnam WWF member since 2001

Burke Museum Association Board Member since 2005

Mary joined WWF because she loved the idea of women pooling their collective wisdom and resources to **make a powerful difference** in the community. She also loves how WWF has evolved as an educational resource about the community for its members. "It's a great training ground," she says. As someone who stays busy serving on several nonprofit and corporate boards, Mary appreciates that she can be involved year-to-year at the level that works best for her schedule.

Currently, Mary co-chairs the Campaign for the New Burke. "The impact of WWF's grant is tremendous," she says. "The application process encouraged the Burke to **fine-tune its efforts and focus its intention** on what is really important, which also resonates and ripples out to every level of the organization."

Ellen Ferguson WWF member since 1999

Community Relations Director at the Burke Museum

When Ellen learned that women whom she highly regarded had established WWF, she knew she wanted to join. "From my earliest days of involvement, WWF has been **an inspirational, educational and supportive way of engaging philanthropically with our community**," she says. "WWF has expanded my awareness of Seattle's civic life and my giving along with it."

Ellen has been engaged with the Burke Museum both professionally and as a board member for an impressive forty years. "**The WWF grant enabled the Museum to further fulfill its mission** of inspiring kids, many of them underserved, with the wonderful natural and cultural educational offerings of the Burke." Ellen feels moved by the impact WWF members make collectively by creating positive change in our community and looks forward to supporting WWF for years to come.



Julie K. Stein WWF member since 2010

Executive Director of the Burke Museum

Julie joined WWF the year she became the Burke's Executive Director in order to meet other women leaders in the community. "One of the most rewarding things about being a member of WWF has been **meeting and observing so many smart, inspirational women in action**," she says.

Once a member, Julie found serving on a grant committee to be an eye-opening experience. "I knew what it was like to apply for this grant and be interviewed but seeing the process from the other side was valuable," she says. "Committee members were so insightful - **they immediately recognized each organization's challenges but then focused on identifying their strengths**. Now I see the impact of all these highly-trained philanthropists and am excited about the possibilities that we bring to our community."