

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Kitsap Community & Agriculture Alliance





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, and welcome to another year of KCAA. As spring approaches, I want to thank all of you who have supported and continue to support our organization, and especially our board members, who devote a lot of time, and a seemingly inexhaustible amount of energy and enthusiasm, to our work. As a result, over the last decade-plus, the KCAA has been Kitsap County's most consistent and effective advocate for local farming and a local food network. If you look at our website, you may notice that we have crafted a new mission statement. This was the result of a daylong retreat in December, where we reviewed our past, examined our present, and imagined our future. A mission statement should give us a broad goal, ambitious and inspiring, and we are quite satisfied with the result. Here it is:

The mission of the Kitsap Community & Agricultural Alliance is to support farmers, build community, and strengthen the local food system of the Kitsap Peninsula.

We also spent much of the day discussing how we plan to move the KCAA and the county towards our mission. We are calling this our 'strategies.' The strategies should be the means of approaching the goal of our mission, and allow us to effectively focus our energies and efforts on what we hope to achieve. We see these three strategies as lenses through which we can evaluate our work.

1. Public Awareness, Marketing and Retailing
2. Capacity Development, Education & Resources
3. Improving Land Access

The first strategy focuses on getting the word out about the vitality and necessity of local agriculture, food production, and the role of the KCAA. The second recognizes the need for people in local food production to have access to information and expertise, and the need to develop educational systems (think public school programs, internships, and workshops) to populate the pipeline of future farmers. The third strategy will allow us to survey and create a clearinghouse of information on land availability in Kitsap County, and press the county government to protect existing farmlands and create the regulatory structure to increase farming in the county.

The KCAA is a volunteer organization. If you are interested in being part of our work on any aspect of these three strategies, please contact us at info@kitsapag.org.

Thank you and have a productive and tasty year!

2019 KCAA AWARDS



Special Service
Paisley Gallagher
Kitsap Harvest



Farmer of the Year
Levi Harshman
Harsh Farm

The 2019 KCAA awards were given out at the Kitsap Grown Harvest Dinner. Congratulations to these amazing community members!



SCHOLARSHIPS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

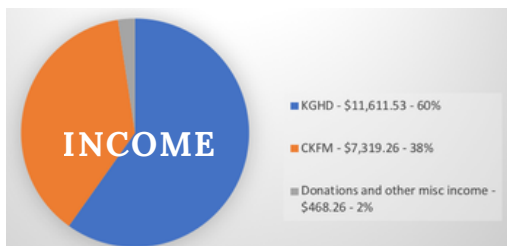
10 farmers sent to Farm to Table Conference in Fort Warden, and sponsored event at \$ **250**

Farm Funk Scholarship Support: Provided **5** Youth Farmers & **5** Youth Musicians with \$ **500** each to further their farming and music aspirations.

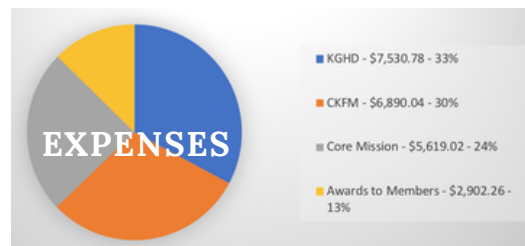
Sponsored **4** Kitsap Farmers Market Alliance (KFMA) members to attend the Washington State Farmers Market Conference.

\$ **250** in donations to **11** Youth Farmers at the Kitsap Junior Livestock Auction.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Income	Amount
KGHD - \$11,611.53 - 60%	\$ 11,611.53
CKFM - \$7,319.26 - 38%	\$ 7,319.26
Donations and other misc income - \$468.26 - 2%	\$ 468.26
Total	\$ 19,399.05



Expenses	Amount
KGHD - \$7,530.78 - 33%	\$ 7,530.78
CKFM - \$6,890.04 - 30%	\$ 6,890.04
Core Mission - \$5,619.02 - 24%	\$ 5,619.02
Awards to Members - \$2,902.26 - 13%	\$ 2,902.26
Total	\$ 22,942.10

KITSAP FARMERS MARKET ALLIANCE



OUR FARMS *feeding* OUR FAMILIES

The Kitsap Farmers Market Alliance (KFMA) is a subsidiary of the Kitsap Community & Agricultural Alliance (KCAA). The group consists of six of our area farmers markets. The markets collaboratively work together in strengthening food access programming at the market as well as encouraging local consumers to connect with those that grow their food.

In 2019, the group officially launched the Kitsap Grown Campaign to encourage Kitsap consumers to shop at local farmers markets, farms, and farm stands. Look for the Kitsap Grown sign at your local farmers market to make sure you are purchasing the freshest products grown right here in Kitsap County!



Markets Collaborating:

- Bainbridge Island Farmers Market
- Poulsbo Farmers Market
- Central Kitsap Farmers Market
- Bremerton Community Farmers Market
- Port Orchard Farmers Market
- Kitsap Fresh Online Market

THANK YOU

Our most heartfelt thank you to our sponsors, donors, and supporters who help us make our mission a reality. We couldn't do this work without you, and for that, we are grateful!

JOIN US!

Take the next step in supporting local agriculture on the Kitsap Peninsula. Visit www.kitsapag.org to become a member today!

VISION: The Kitsap Community & Agricultural Alliance envisions a robust community built on a thriving local food system.

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IN MEMORY:



Allen Johanson
Pheasant Fields Farm



Jerry Darnall
JJJ Farm