Change and improvement are difficult tasks for any organization, and monumental without good leadership and guidance. Earlier this year, BCS was approached by Stand Together, an organization dedicated to serving non-profit organizations through educating leaders in efficient service to their communities. BCS was invited to be one of 16 in a cohort of innovative non-profits (called Catalysts) across the country selected to receive coaching in identifying culture, values, understanding economic impacts, and more. Andrew Rowlett, BCS Operations Manager, and I are being challenged in a myriad of leadership concepts through attending Catalyst conferences and receiving mentoring via their Market-Based Management team—all designed to help make BCS more effective at accomplishing our mission. It’s been a thrilling process to learn new ways to approach old challenges and think creatively about something that has been so familiar and near to my heart. I believe 2019 will be a year we’ll be able to showcase these constructive ideas, further reflecting the hard work of the always-devoted staff, volunteers, and team that surrounds BCS.

Hooray for life-long learning!

Always grateful,

Suzanne Birch
Our Program: Building a Legacy

THE SUSTAINABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM

2018 has been about making families and relationships a focus when deciding on goals. In other words, what is the purpose of all we do as a family? What are we working towards? What do we want to become? These are thought-provoking and ongoing dialogues and typically not part of many families’ dynamics. Yet, allowing families to look beyond the present situation, get a bigger picture perspective, and pull that future vision into today’s challenges begins to fuel change and bring hope.

“Facing our financial situation and debt is scary, especially when you don’t have the info or tools to help dig yourself out. My goal for this class was to come away with tools, motivation, and encouragement that we will be able to be debt free, and that goal has for sure been met.”

—BCS Participant
Re$tant Class, Oct 2018
**OUR MISSION**
To provide a community where people can be responsible and accountable for meeting their basic needs, and to equip them with tools to overcome financial difficulty.

**PRODUCT**
Top months for In-Kind Donations
- Oct. 1,208,426 lbs.
- Jan. 891,813 lbs.
- Jul. 860,235 lbs.

**TEAMWORK**
- 1,310 Volunteers
- 73 Volunteer Groups
- 40,947 Volunteer Hours Worked

**DONATIONS**
- 9.5 million lbs. of product donated to BCS and kept out of landfills.

**COMMUNITY**
- BCS supports 60+ agencies and other nonprofits as they serve over 10,000 people a month!

**PARTICIPANTS**
- 500+ Families on the program.

**SUSTAINABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM**
- 19 classes offered in all.
- 12 of these classes teaching financial literacy.
- Attended by 263 participants!

**TRANSITIONS**
91% of transitioned participants agreed: “BCS’ food and financial literacy program met my basic needs and equipped me with the tools I needed to overcome financial difficulty.”

“This restores my faith in humanity.”
—Member of the Association of Oregon Recyclers Tour
October 2018
Michael Allen Harrison

For the last three years, BCS participants have been blessed to attend Michael Allen Harrison's Christmas Show at the Old Church in downtown Portland. This beautiful celebration of the season, sponsored by Howard Hedinger, has allowed families to do something special together they otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford. We were able to give back a little in 2018 by bringing Michael's favorite — homemade cookies!

Events

BCS was the grateful beneficiary of Daniel House Studios at their 2nd annual Croquet Classic. The inventive Spalding brothers and their staff created this colorful and innovative FUNdraiser raising a remarkable $21,220! There's nothing better than having great fun with great people...and promoting sustainable families to boot. Here's to next year, Daniel House!

Teaching Gardens

An exciting collaboration with the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District allowed our garden coordinators and volunteers to design a beautiful terraced rock wall at our Sunderland Teaching Garden. With newly installed gutters for the shed and much-needed water meters, we can help our participants grow into better stewards of the land.

Staff

This September BCS welcomed Katie Holzmann as the new External Relations Manager. She is driven by our organization’s mission to impart financial literacy to people and families working hard towards an optimistic future. Katie began her professional career as a freelance illustrator and is fired up as she embarks on this stimulating career change.
Donor Spotlight: 2018

Thankful for Costco’s Commitment to Sustainability

2018 has been a year of remarkable community support and Costco’s bountiful giving has helped lead the way. In 2018 Costco donated nearly 900,000 lbs. of wholesome, quality foods to Birch Community Services, profoundly helping working, struggling families. Providing fresh produce, wholesome deli items, and a whole range of signature household items, Costco’s donations helped BCS foster a community of accountability and responsibility for its families. For over 15 years, Costco’s generous support has helped equip thousands of struggling families with the tools needed to overcome financial difficulty as they embark on a new journey of sustainability.

Since opening its first location in 1976, Costco has led the warehouse club industry because of its “unwavering commitment to doing the right thing for [its] members, employees, suppliers and communities.” It is these values that have fueled Costco’s success worldwide but that have allowed Costco to make such a profound impact in the communities where it does business.

The families Birch serves are truly grateful for the tremendous support of Costco and their staff.

In the last 6 years alone, Costco has donated 4.6 million lbs. of product. That’s equivalent to over 31,000 Costco carts full of groceries!

How to Donate Product:

Contact us 24/7 at 503 251 8860 or donate@bcsi.org

We will schedule a pickup at your convenience

We will show up at the scheduled time

Thankful BCS recipients of all ages show their appreciation for Costco.

Volunteers and staff are always working hard to receive and sort donations—whenever they arrive!
Thankful

New resources for parents at BCS take the form of a children’s book and graphic novel.

Gracious contributors help our dreams come true! Thanks to two very special donors, we upgraded our tankless water heater and inground warehouse floor pallet scale. Both pieces of equipment will benefit efficiency and productivity in the warehouse.

Teaching the Whole Family

Local author and business leader Paul Nourigat has generously partnered with BCS, along with Marcia Blasen, to provide his illustrated books about finances for kids and teens. These helpful tools are supporting our participant parents as they teach their kids about stewarding resources.

Recognition

⭐⭐⭐⭐ Nonprofit rating by Charity Navigator
100 Best Green Workplaces in Oregon 2018
100 Best Nonprofits to Work for in Oregon 2018

BCS is elated to welcome our newest board member, Kenechi Onyeagusi. Currently with Heritage Bank, her extensive background in banking equips her to make an impact in board discussion and decisions. Kenechi's delightful personality is a force in any environment as she builds relationships, connecting people and opportunities.
Leadership
Our Board of Directors - 2018

Aaron Aigner, BCSI Treasurer of the Board
Aigner & Co., Accountant

Suzanne Birch
BCSI, Executive Director

Greg Cervetto
Grayrose Marketing Group Inc., CEO

Mark Childs
Capacity Commercial Group, Senior VP

Alexander Krider, BCSI President of the Board
AXA Advisors

Egbert Kunrath, BCSI Vice Pres. of the Board
Kunrath & Willard Insurance Services, (Retired)

Kenechi Onyeagusi
Heritage Bank, Portland Office

David Riewald
Bullard Smith Jernstedt Wilson, Attorney

Leann Rowlett, BCSI Secretary of the Board
Maryhill/Kiyokawa – Manager of Farmers Markets

Rick Teeny
Teeny Foods, President

Past Year Financials
Year Ended Oct. 31, 2018

Revenues, Gains and Other Support:

- Contributions: $320,537
- Membership Dues: $541,434
- Donated Food and Clothing: $13,946,808
- Recycling Income: $50,686
- Other Income: $65

Total Revenue: $14,863,525

Expenses:

- Program Services: $14,625,851
- Supporting Services
  - Management and General: $91,250
  - Development: $91,250

Total Expenses: $14,808,351

Ending Net Assets: $1,026,563
Generous Providers 2018

7-Eleven
Albertsons
Alpenrose Dairy
Amazing Pet Products
American Paper Converting
Anawim Christian Community
Angels of God
Associated Global Systems
Auntie Anne's Pretzels
Baby & Me
BA trucking
Baker Teaching Garden
Beaverton School District
Bell-Carter Packaging
Boyd's Coffee Company
Bridgetown Natural Foods
Charlie's Produce
Chef George, Inc.
CHS Trucking
City of Gresham
Clackamas County Gleaners
Classic Foods
Columbia Farms
Columbia Gorge Helping Hands
Cook's Meat
Costco
Crossroads Food Bank
Danner Shoe Manufacturing
Darigold
Dave's Killer Bread
Diamond Line
Dossier Hotel
Excel Brokerage
Farmer Brothers Coffee
FB4K
Focus Global Logistics
Fred Meyer
Frito-Lay
Fujifilm North America
Fulton Meats
Gartner's Country Meat Market
Georgia's Chicken
Georgia Pacific
Goodwill
Grand Central Bakery
Grayrose Marketing Group, Inc.
Graziano Produce
Gresham High School
Grocery Outlet
Gulick Trucking
Habitat for Humanity Restore
Harry's Fresh Foods
Helen Bernhard Bakery
Henningsen Cold Storage
Heritage Specialty Foods
Hilltop Produce
Hi-School Pharmacy
Hope Station Community Services
Horizon Community Church
Immaculate Heart (St. Vincent)
Impact Northwest
Inmar Supply Chain Services
KeHe
Kinco Gloves
Kiwi Creek Farm
Kool Pak
Life Christian Center
Lifeline Connections
Little Stocking Co.
Mack Trucking
Magno-Humphries Labs
Marsee Foods Inc.
McTavish
Medical Teams International
Melody Ballroom
Microchip
Mildren Household
Morasch Meats
Mother & Child Education Center
Need 2 Feed
New Cascadia Traditional
New Seasons Market
NORPAC Foods
Northwest Children's Outreach
Odessa International Trucking
Odwalla
Old Chicago
Olive Garden
Oregon Brewers Festival
Oregon Children's Outreach
Organically Grown Company
Organic Valley
Original Taco House
Oroweat Baking Co.
Pacific Beauty
Pacific NW Outreach
Pacific Seafood
Pat Fruth Trucking
Penzey Spices
Pepsi Beverages Company
Pilgrim's Pride
Plato's Closet
Pizza Hut Store
Portland Adventist
Portland Public Schools
Portland Rescue Mission
Provista
Puri Transportation LLC
Rational Alternatives
Red Lobster Restaurant
R.E. Garrison Trucking
Rejuvenation Lighting
Relay Resources
Rescuing Leftover Cuisine
Reser's Foods
Rinella Produce
Roma / Performance Foodservice
Rowlett Household
Sabra Food Company
Salt & Straw
Sanctuary Church Food Pantry
Shamrock Foods
Shepherd's Door
Shin Shin Foods
Shriners Hospital
Smartway Express Trucking
Snow Cap
St. Henry's St. Vincent DePaul
St. Vincent DePaul
Starbucks
Sunderland Garden
Sunshine Dairy
Sunshine Division
Super Kids Resale
Swan Island Dairy
Taylor Farms
Taylor Household
Teeny Foods
Townsend Farms
Trailblazer Foods
Trapold Farms
Trident Seafood
TWS trucking
Uncle Wayne's Tomatoes, Inc.
Union Gospel Mission
United Salad
Ventura Foods LLC
Village Kids Supply
Walgreens
Wayne Farms
Winco Foods
With Love, Inc.
Women's Life Change (UGM)
WonGeneration
XPO Logistics
Zarephath's Pantry
Merry Christmas from the BCS staff!

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