July 31, 2021

The fiscal year 2020-21 was unlike any other in our lifetime and although it challenged our fundraising efforts, it did not deter some donors’ spirit to make donations which provided sufficient cash to sustain our cash flow. Amid the challenging backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Board and membership remained focused on the long term goals, not only in terms of our ability to perform but to realize on our purpose and the full potential of what is ahead of us in terms of education of public in safety and security, and delivery of equipment (limited) and services to two agencies (Camano deputies, and State park rangers) which have been the Foundation’s foundational belief since its founding in 2011.

In the years past the purchase of equipment was made possible by funds raised at annual fundraising event and silent auction, but this year some donations plus the raffling of scooter, iGiving by SCAF (Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation) provided sufficient funds to keep our major programs in a sustainable state. Since its founding we have used the funds to purchase a bulletproof vest, a gun safe, portable police radios for the deputies and park rangers, a breathalyzer, a metal detector, three Radar Speed Display detectors (two for Deputies and the third one for Park Rangers) and Easy Long Reach Grabber with Air Wedge tool kits (seven for Deputies and two for Rangers), and provided ‘cash cards’ to deputies and rangers to help distressed citizens as well as tourists who come to visit this Island. During FY 2020-21 we provided a Makita air compressor and donated a sum of $5,000.00 to the Sheriff’s office to purchase a second speed trailer. We have funded educational services for Camano residents on personal defense for women and firearms safety classes, forums on Human trafficking for residents of Stanwood-Camano & beyond; and continued the safety vest and Shop with a Cop programs for underprivileged students from two Elementary schools. Some of these programs are highlighted below and discussed in more detail.

1. Provided limited support to Camano Deputies and the two State park Rangers, however we continued our commitment to provide enhanced training for Camano citizens in Cyber securities safety and Human Trafficking, particularly to parents of young children of Stanwood-Camano communities.
2. Due to COVID-19 the Sheriff’s office suspended the Sheriff’s Citizen Patrol duties beginning March 2020 till further notice, hence no financial support to Sheriff’s Citizen Patrol for uniform, equipment for SCP Car as well as Junior Deputy badges requested or provided.
3. Continued the support for “be safe, be visible” (free) safety vest program for walkers and runners on the narrow streets of the Island.
4. Continued the support for “Shop with a Cop” program for under-privileged pupils from two Elementary Schools on the Island.
5. We started a new ‘cash card’ program in 2019 which allows deputies and rangers to take care of Island citizens in emergency. We provided minimum support to this program during 2020-2021.
6. Continued to work on social media to make Foundation’s presence in the marketplace to attract new members and possibly new donations.
7. Continued to make improvements in governance/administrative and fiduciary responsibilities by members of the Board to show transparencies to Fund contributors and Donors.

# Provided support to Camano Deputies and the two State park Rangers and continued the commitment to provide enhanced training on firearms safety.

The request for equipment or hardware was much less during 2020-21 compared to previous years by both agencies. The Foundation provided a request for Easy Long Reach Grabber with Air Wedge tool kits for Deputies (7) & Rangers (2), provided a Makita air compressor and donated a sum of $5,000.00 to the Sheriff’s office to purchase a second speed trailer. The generous donations from many individuals and entities brought a total of $7,799.49 during the fiscal year 2020-21. This amount is inclusive of funds raised at the December iGiving of $2,435.00 and $1,692.00 raised by raffling of the Scooter at the IGA Plaza – thanks to Scott Huntington for allowing the Foundation to have the scooter placed in the store and checkers selling the tickets. We also provided support to our deputies to help one court evicted family for temporary housing. The cost for this temporary housing was $116.26 paid to the Washington State park – thanks to Jeff Wheeler who accommodated this family at 50% discounted rate. The cost to do this was small but our deputies deeds were enormous since the eviction of the family was during the pandemic and particularly as their teenage daughter was involved in a fatal accident laying in a hospital bed with severe back injury.

1. **Continued the financial support to Sheriff’s Citizen Patrol for uniform, equipment for SCP Car as well as Junior Deputy badges to be handed out by the deputies**.

Due to pandemic, starting in March 2020 the Sheriff’s office postponed the Citizen Patrol program till further notice except deployment of Radar Speed trailer, and hence all other activities for Sheriff’s Citizen Patrol discontinued resulting in no expenditures on SCP uniforms or the 740 SCP vehicle.

# Provided support for “be safe, be visible” safety vest program for walkers and runners on the narrow streets of the Island

We continued to support handing out Bill and Cindy Richards reflective vests program. The deputies and SCP volunteers handed out free vests whenever they encountered walkers, runners and bicyclists on the narrow streets of the Island. During 2018 the Foundation had spent $1,028.26 to purchase 125 vests but during 2019 we handed out a smaller number of vests, and 2020-21 we purchased only 25 vests at a cost of $350.62 and very few vests were handed out.

1. **Continued the support for “Shop with a Cop” program for under-privileged pupils from two Elementary Schools on the Island.**

The “Shop with a Cop” program started during the fiscal year 2017 when we provided $200.00 each to 6 Elementary School pupils to do Christmas shopping with deputies. In 2018 this program expanded to 10 pupils with a $1,900.00 budget and $100.00 was added by the partner officer of the student, and continued in 2019 supporting 8 students with $1,600.00, and again in 2020-21 we supported 8 students with $1,600.00 budget.

**5(a) Initiated a new program – ‘Cash Card’ which allows deputies and rangers to take care of Island citizens in emergency.**

The cash cards were given in $100.00 denomination to each Deputy and Ranger where each officer at E-10 and State park carries a $100.00 cash card. The officer uses the card when encountered by a citizen who needs help in emergency or is under distress due to family separation or a stranded tourist to the Island. Depending upon the circumstance, the officer uses the cash card to purchase fuel, food and/or shelter for overnight accommodation. These cash cards allow officers to devote more time performing their regular duty of patrolling the streets and neighborhoods and protecting the citizens of this Island as opposed to managing the distressed family members or stranded tourist. During the first week of January 2021, we subsidized for temporary housing for a family who was evicted by the court order which is described in more detail elsewhere in this report but did not disburse any cash cards due to lack of funds.

**5(b) Introduced “Officers Appreciation” dinner in 2020 for Deputies of Stanwood and Camano as well as state Park Rangers and their spouses.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were unable to hold the Officers’ Appreciation dinner celebration.

1. **Continued work on social media to make Foundation’s presence in the marketplace to attract new members and possible new donations.**

In 2019 the Foundation’s website [www.clesfoundation.org](about:blank) was visited by over 1,100 people in and outside the Island resulting in several inquiries and some of the inquiries produced results as people joining the Foundation. Jessica McCready, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director – one of the Advisory Council members, recommended that in addition to our current marketing program, we must make use of the social media more regularly e. g. Facebook and Instagram which are more frequented by younger generation population between ages 30-50. Thanks to Glenn and Bevinne Morse who set up a Facebook account for CLESF. This account was visited by many people and generated a donation of $220.00 by the Networks for Good in 2019, and $245.00 in 2020. Please see the Income/Expense report on total donation amount which was $6,107.00 in 2019-20 and $8,607.49 in 2020-21 fiscal year donated by businesses and individuals.

The Foundation was invited to be interviewed by Camano Voice for a Podcast session. We accepted the invitation hoping the podcast will give a wide exposure to CLESF in the greater Camano-Stanwood area. The [Podcast ⋆ Camano Commons Marketplace](about:blank) was podcasted on March 17, 2021 and can be listened to by clicking on the above link. Look for Episode #83. This podcast along with other marketing effort has created a good exposure of the Foundation and brought few new members. The new members have been associated with the Hope Unlimited [https://hopeunlimited.org](about:blank) a Stanwood based non-profit Foundation which has been helping the communities in this area for quite a while. In February 2021, the CLESF board decided to work collaboratively with Hope Unlimited to do public education in more than one area of common interest.

1. **Continued to improve governance/administrative and** **fiduciary responsibilities by members of the Board to show transparencies to Fund contributors and Donors.**

The CLESF continued to employ sound governance and fiduciary policies for all its management activities. This was exemplified by the following:

* The Board of Directors approved the Operating Plan to be presented to the Advisory Council (Messrs. Heagle, Kristoferson and McCready) seeking their guidance on soundness on our plan in going forward to implement and execute the mission directed tasks as well as guidance on future direction of the Foundation such that it remains sustainable.
* Prepared and implemented an annual budget (Income/Expense (Plan vs. Actual)) during first quarter of the fiscal year which supports the mission directed tasks in the Operating Plan.
* Made monthly financial and program progress reports available to members and the Board.
* Submitted yearly financial reports and legal documents on time to the appropriate Federal and State authorities and complied with all regulatory obligations as required.
* Had the financial records reviewed by an independent third-party Financial Expert who produced three (3) observations. The Board is briefed on these observations via email and these observations were implemented immediately in managing the finances of the Foundation.
* Due to uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 we had to cancel the annual Fundraising event scheduled in May 2020 and rescheduled it to be held on September 12, 2020 but we had to cancel the September 12 event as well due to uncertainties of achieving Phase IV in the Island County. We are planning to hold this event during the month of August or September 2021, with the hope that the Island County achieves Phase IV. It is our hope that you will join us for this outdoor event at the Olsen-Heagle party barn. You are cordially invited.

Finally, as we navigated through these unprecedented times, and despite no fundraising event held in May 2020, financially we remained in an acceptable state with a workable balance sheet as noted in the attached end of the year Income/Expense Statement. Your guidance helped us see through that no challenge is too great no matter how difficult the trails are, and in that vein, I must say what we have accomplished would not have been possible without the help of many businesses and individuals. Further, I must also say that in a times of so much uncertainty, there are some things to be sure of, and they include the values that drive CLESF’s resolute commitment to serving our communities. The trust you have placed in us to manage the resources carefully and responsibly is something we take very seriously, and on behalf of the Board and members I thank you all for your support to our Camano Law Enforcement agencies.

Respectfully Submitted,

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