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Organization's General Goals:
Our mission is to bridge bias and build unity through multi-faith peacemaking.

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2023 Q3	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Paths to Understanding.

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Final Report

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PTU Website: <https://pathstounderstanding.org/>

3 Events for the “Let’s Go Together” Program in Skagit County, WA

TESTIMONIAL VIDEOS

Event 1: Sharing Food and Stories

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3kmtWfHrqM>

Event 2: Service Project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CY9nXgYVFEo>

Event 3: Public Solidarity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBwBJxd0Qes>

All three events produced most of the outcomes we had hoped for in this first year of activities for the Skagit public multi-cultural partnership (“Let’s Go Together” Skagit).

We received enthusiastic feedback from participants through our post-event surveys.

The group will continue to meet a few times a year and is planning other community-building activities such as service days and Potlucks for Democracy (an initiative by Paths to Understanding).

Outcomes

Diverse local leadership of multi-cultural partnership:

- Currently 27 members on the Leadership Council, representing 24 community groups. Met several times in the run-up to the events.
- Members of at approximately 20 different cultural/social groups attended each event.
- PTU deepened its relationship with representatives of more than 20 social/cultural/community service organizations, including with elders of the Upper Skagit Tribe who acted as speakers and leaders during the events.

- The public officials and media we had invited unfortunately did not attend the events. We are continuing private conversations to increase their public support for the program.

Participants' engagement, learning, and retention:

- 70 participants at the first event, 61 at the second event (smaller number due to overlap with other Earth Day activities). Only 3 no come no show. Approx. 70 members of the public attending the public event.
- Many people signed up to volunteer even before experiencing the first event, showing commitment and eagerness for this work.
- After hearing about the first event, more people signed up to be participants.
- Survey responses and comments during the events indicated a significantly increased sense of trust, shared humanity, and hope for a shared future.
- Many participants are building cross-cultural/interfaith friendships outside of the program events, and 40% of participants expressed interest in hosting a Potlucks for Democracy and other group-to-group partnership activities to engage more members of the wider community. The Sikh Gurdwara and a church invited all program participants to come to their celebrations and events.

Spreading the vision:

- We were hoping for more local media coverage. NW News Radio did interview us: <https://www.nwnewsradio.com/2024/02/28/northwest-newsradios-brian-calvert-introduces-us-to-paths-to-understanding/>
- Participants report sharing their experience with friends and acquaintances. Some new people were already recruited into the program after the first event.
- A few local philanthropists have shown interest in supporting the program and other community groups have expressed interest in partnering with PTU.

