

Did you know that SPIE has a **Good Corporate Citizens Committee?**

SPIE seeks to be a responsible, positive contributor to our local community. Beginning in 2002 SPIE established a fund to provide monies to local non-profits and charities. Between 2002-2017 thus far, **SPIE** has donated a total of **\$214,626** to various organizations within Whatcom County.

The **GCCC's** purpose is to evaluate proposals and allocate funding. We do this by:

- Establishing guidelines for “giving”
- Dialog to reach a consensus on funding decisions
- Manage and monitor the annual funding budget
- Maintain historical records of donations
- Maintain reports outlining giving activities located on SPIE’s intranet
- Insure the giving protects SPIE 501(c)(3) status

What needs do we try to meet? Our charter provides guidelines for funding.

- Strong emphasis is to provide basic human needs such as food, housing, medical aide, daycare or child support, safety and mental health. Funding should assist the local community in a direct way.
- SPIE staff that are personally involved with an organization receive funding priority. The GCCC wishes to promote active volunteerism within our community.

In 2017 thus far, funding and support has been provided to:

American Cancer Society	Interfaith Coalition	Brigid Collins
Animals as Natural Therapy	FGBA Makayla’s Street Jam	Lydia Place
Whatcom Literacy Council	Opportunity Council-Dorothy Place	Secret Harbor
ALS Foundation	Northwest Youth Services	Tree House
Sean Humphrey House	Whatcom Hospice	YWCA
United Way	Max Higbee	
Breast Cancer Research/Pink Boat Regatta		
Women Sharing Hope/Skoocum Kids & Family		
B’ham Public School Foundation/Beds for Children in Low Income Homes		



At SPIE, funding is not done to create a “footprint” in our community, nor is it done for publicity. Part of the purpose of the Good Corporate Citizens Committee is to provide an additional benefit in support of our staff that already donate their own time and energy toward important needs within our community. In order to prevent conflicts with SPIE’s non-profit status, we cannot donate money for educational purposes unless the purpose of the organization is to promote optics and photonics. SPIE cannot fund disaster relief outside of Whatcom County or fund non-local charities.