

# **VAMOS OUTDOORS PROJECT**

2021

# ANNUAL REPORT



# A THANK YOU

Vamos Outdoors Project is a non-hierarchical organization working to strengthen community. Recognizing that Vamos is working within structural systems that perpetuate inequity and inequality, Vamos would like to share our thoughts on how we would like to continue building community connections and support. Community support manifests in many ways, each supporter showing up in different ways. We recognize that financial capacity, available time, technical expertise, transportation, and many other factors impact how folks can engage with Vamos. We would like to thank all of our supporters equally.

Thank you for helping Vamos further is mission to build community through connection to the land and access to the outdoors. Vamos is doing amazing things and growing thanks to you all. New partnerships and collaboration are happening every day that would not be possible without your support.

The Leadership Team





## A NEW BOARD

Vamos' work has shifted to place more of an emphasis on building relationships with participants, families, and the Latine community. With these shifts has come a new board. In 2021 Vamos began the search for a new representative board of directors. As of early 2022 Vamos has welcomed Alan Alatorre, Tina Castillo, Ashely Ashley Mocorro Powell, Laura Nunez, and Andres Guerrero-Guzman. We look forward to the collaboration, partnerships and growth that is to come.

# A NEW MISSION STATEMENT

**Previous mission statement:** Building Community Through Access to Environmental Education

**New mission statement:** Building Community through Connection to the Land and Access to the Outdoors.

The new mission statement reflects Vamos's commitment to building community, recognizing the importance of connection to the land, and the need for equitable access to the outdoors. The new mission statement is the result of deep reflection.



#### STUDENTS SERVED

Vamos served over 370 different students via:

Summer Migrant Programs.

Weekly walks, Climbing at Vital, Climbing at Mt. Erie, Backpacking, Swimming at the YMCA, Book Parties, Community Bike Days, Snowboarding, Mountain Biking at Waypoint Park, Mountain Biking at Galbraith, Gear Up, and Summer Migrant Programs at Mt. Vernon, Lynden, Bellingham, and Burlington-Edison school districts. New programs are coming in 2022 and we are excited to expand Vamos' reach and supports.

#### **BOOK PARTIES**

Through this program, Vamos increases its capacity and opens a new pathway for youth to dream and craft new stories for themselves, their community, and the land they live on. Instilling joy and love for literacy allows youth to improve their academic skills and in the long run, increase their ability to succeed in an everchanging world. Vamos' Reading Parties prioritize the storytelling and representation that authors of colors bring youth and craft lessons and activities that help students improve their literacy skills and meet Common Core Standards.

# CAREER LAUNCH COMING 2022-2023

Career Connect Washington makes it possible for every student to learn and earn—preparing for a career while earning money and college-level credit. By linking the many people, programs, and resources across Vamos has access to we will offer high-quality, unique pathways to learning, college, and career, we are filling a gap so students can begin to explore, prepare for, and launch into careers of purpose and impact.



#### 2022 FINANCIALS

#### **Income**

Grants- \$52,000
Program Revenue-\$78,397
Fundraising- \$59,303
Total- \$189,700

### **Expenditures**

Payroll and Taxes- \$175,431
Program Costs- \$22,579
Administrative- \$13,402
Total- \$211,412

2021 Revenue -\$21,711





VAMOS IS GROWING
In 2022 Vamos will be expanding! New staff, programs, and partnerships.

Change has been constant this year and will continue into 2022.lf anyone you know can help expand Vamos' capacity, community support of all kinds is welcome.
Thank you for a great year!

