



# WTR/SPR 2025

DYNAMIC URBAN OPPORTUNITIES FOUNDATION

# NEWSLETTER

## Dynamic Impact: Building Futures, Uplifting Communities

From classrooms to curly hair kits, we're making equity actionable—one youth, one woman, one community at a time



This season, the Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation brought action to equity. From MLK Day service with Treehouse to weekly chip bag donations at Graham Hill Elementary, we met needs with purpose. We relaunched our Youth Leadership Institute, awarded \$3,000 scholarships to two Black high school seniors, and debuted the Elevate Expo to support Black women entrepreneurs. With every kit, class, and connection—we're building brighter futures, together.



### **Packing Curly Hair kits for Treehouse on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

On MLK Day we partnered with members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to create and distribute curly hair kits for

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# Fighting Childhood Hunger



Graham Hill Elementary

**53.4%**  
*of students are eligible for free lunch*

## Over 1000 students served!

### Program

The AKA Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack CHIPP program provides weekend meals to elementary students who may face food insecurity when they are away from school.

### What we did

From Jan-May of the 2024–2025 school year, the Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation fully funded the program at Graham Hill Elementary. We delivered 1,000 Power Pack bags—200 bags each month—ensuring every student enrolled in CHIPP received a reliable weekend meal package.

### Impact

This support helped fight childhood hunger in innercity Seattle school where over 50% of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. By providing consistent monthly food bags, we helped students return to school prepared, supported, and ready to learn.



# Youth Leadership Institute



## ***Meany Middle School...***

***...is labeled as one of the most diverse middle schools in WA State.***



### **Program**

In partnership with Meany Middle School's 8th grade, the Dynamic Urban Opportunity Foundation launched the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI).

### **What we did**

Three consecutive Saturdays of leadership training focused on self-belief, collaboration, communication, and civic action—delivered through interactive, hands-on activities.

### **Impact**

Students surfaced real issues, crafted strategies to tackle them, and left with personalized leadership plans and renewed confidence to serve their community.

***“From ideas to action in just three Saturdays.”***



# ELEVATEHER - A Black Women Entrepreneurs Expo



## Program:

On April 27, 2025, the Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation sponsored the Elevate Her Expo in Seattle, celebrating Black women entrepreneurs.

## What we did:

The event featured a vibrant marketplace with local small businesses and included three workshops on:

## Impact:

As part of our commitment to economic empowerment, DUOF offered participating vendors the chance to apply for a \$250 micro-grant to expand their business capacity. Two outstanding recipients were awarded:

- GLS Designs — for the purchase of a larger printer to increase production
- Kay's Paint Gallery — to help launch youth art classes

## TWO (2) \$250 GRANTS WERE AWARDED

*Pictured with Grant Award Winner, Whitney Mason, Owner of GLS Designs*



*Through strategic programming, community partnerships, and targeted giving, the foundation continues to create meaningful opportunities and lasting impact across the communities we serve.*

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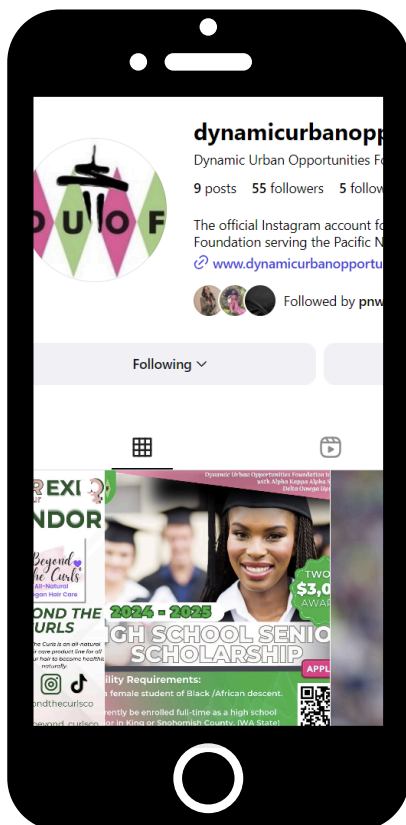
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