



## Final Report of Services Provided in 2020

1. The Bainbridge Island Special Needs Foundation provided 2,143 hours of direct client care and 68 hours of indirect client care in our community throughout this past year of 2020. We served 17 individuals with intellectual dis/abilities by providing a day program that focuses on improved physical health, mental wellbeing, and positive social interactions. Our members are able to achieve these goals through accessing community-based leisure and recreational opportunities as well as on-site activities. With the onset of COVID-19 and the mandated community health response, we pivoted to providing indirect services to our members who were able to access the Internet and/or take socially distanced walks. Pre-pandemic, the COBI grant enabled us to provide meaningful activities such as weekly swimming, bowling, movies, sing-a-longs at the Senior Center, art investigations and activities, and cooking. Your support has strengthened the connection between the SH member community and the broader community of Bainbridge Island. Our members, the direct recipients of the services provided by these funds, range in age (18-75+) and have living arrangements that are either with their families or care is provided through a group home.
2. During 2020, by means of obtaining the COBI grant, we were able to partially address our objectives of providing a safe, enriching environment for adults with intellectual dis/abilities and strengthen our community connections. During this unprecedented year, we engaged in on-going evaluation and adaptation of our program to address the individual needs of our members. Our program pivoted to provide virtual support and activities, the COBI grant was instrumental in providing financial stability to our program as we were not generating revenue to support our operating costs. With the economic uncertainty of the pandemic, we provided outreach services to our members without charge as many of our members family's experienced economic hardship. We believed it was critical to create community and connection for our members who were and continue to be isolated under the current circumstances. Our members, who have been historically under-served, would not have had these opportunities (pre-COVID and during COVID) without the support of COBI. While we were not able to realize our project objectives, the COBI grant has ensured that we will be able to re-open our program when permissible. Providing a high-quality community-based programming is critical for the population. We anticipate this need will be greater when we re-open and re-launch our program as we understand that there are several young adults who will be exiting the public school system and will be in need of a community space and community connection. Our program during BAU, was supported by two staff members. Additionally, our board consists of six individuals who bring a wealth of expertise and guidance and have worked tirelessly to respond to the challenges of the pandemic.
3. BISNF continues to network with transition programs at our local high school, BHS, as well as the surrounding Kitsap County high schools (North Kitsap, Central Kitsap, Bremerton and South Kitsap). We are serving individuals from our community and bordering communities due to the non-existence of programs in our area that provide community-based programming to a range of individual needs. We have collaborated with an organization on Bainbridge Island that provides a different set of services to individuals with dis/abilities. Our conversations have been centered on how to resume programming and/or provide meaningful outreach. On behalf of our members, we continue to seek ways to coordinate activities with this organization as a way to deepen our community connections. Our program started over 20 years ago with 100% participation from BI residents.

Over the years, not only to support the program, it made sense to open our doors to Kitsap County residents that can use Kitsap Access to join us on Bainbridge. In keeping with the inclusive nature of our program and broader Bainbridge Island community, we seek to welcome those in need of our program. Our members represent 60% from Bainbridge and 40% off island; all Kitsap County residents.

4. We continued our partnership with community-based organizations that provided activities that aligned with our members interests and abilities. While we were operational, we continued to foster our relationship with BI CrossFit and offered our members the opportunity to take 1 or 2 classes a week. The instructors tailored the fitness routine to our members. Bainbridge Arts and Crafts continued to work with us once a month by sending an Art docent to Stephens House. The Art docent provided activities that were engaging and our members were offered a range of art mediums to foster creativity and offer new opportunities. The funds that we have received from COBI has allowed us to help expense these special partnerships as well as ensure the future possibility of continuing these activities. While our program fees offset a portion of our staff members salaries, we have had to invoice our members family/caregivers for certain activities. We are mindful to monitor the invoicing of activities as not all of our members family/caregivers have the ability to cover additional expenses. We are an inclusive program and we don't want to limit our ability to provide programming, such as CrossFit and BAC, that enrich our members. COBI support is vital to the operations of our organization and creating accessible and meaningful opportunities to our members.
5. See attached Income & Expense Report.
6. As stated in #4, the support we receive from COBI as been critical in the past and even more so this year. COBI helped keep the operations of our organization going while we responded to the pandemic. Prior to COVID, our members were able to access services at the Bainbridge Senior Center, eat out locally, visit our local museums, as well as explore the BI parks and trails. Due to a grant from Kitsap Van Link, we are provided with a van that we can use throughout Kitsap County. Creating access and community is essential for our members quality of life, without these structured and supported opportunities our members daily lives would be far more limited and isolated. With the mandate to "stay at home" and then social distancing, we pivoted to provide indirect activities which included phone calls, Zoom meet-ups, letters, activity packets, and socially distanced walks. Our program mission is to provide meaningful, community-based experiences and activities to individuals who are under-served and have limited access to our broader community. We were able to continue our mission in alternative ways (i.e., virtually) by means of the COBI grant. On behalf of our members and community, we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to have provided programming when we could and to be able to relaunch when we are able to. Now, more than ever, our members need a community program that creates a space whereby they are empowered to be part of their community as well as establish one of their own.
7. BISNF supports the two-year cycle of the funding received by COBI.

Thank you for being the reason our doors will be able to re-open and providing our members a true sense of community within Bainbridge Island.

Submitted by

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**Bainbridge Island Special Needs Foundation**  
**SH Program Activities Summary**  
 January - December 2020

	<b>SH Day Program</b>	<b>SH Lunch</b>	<b>Offsite Lunch</b>	<b>Activities</b>
	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
<b>Full Day Fee</b>	295			
<b>Half Day Fee</b>	26			
<b>SH Lunch Fee</b>		115		
<b>SH Activity</b>				
<b>Offsite Lunch</b>		59		
<b>CrossFit</b>				29
<b>Movie</b>				13
<b>Museum</b>				6
<b>Bowling</b>				5
<b>Swimming</b>				62
<b>YMCA</b>				5
<b>Travel</b>				1
<b>Indirect services</b>				28
<b>TOTAL</b>	321	174		149