

2018-19 WOLFF FELLOWSHIP PROJECTS

CENTER FOR JUSTICE:

The Center for Justice advocates for a just community by using the power of the law, public policy, and media to create solution that benefit all communities in Spokane. The Center also provides direct client representation and partners with others in the community. Our solutions address all aspects of a just, vital and thriving community, like housing, re-entry from incarceration, civil rights, land use, and the environment. The Center for Justice is a Spokane-based nonprofit legal advocacy organization. For more information about how we create a more just community, see www.cforjustice.org.

This project has three components: (1) Identify existing resources available for the immigrant community in Spokane and compile and update as needed a resource guide for use at Center for Justice outreach events, on the web, and to partner organizations. Included in this effort will be attending coalition meetings and direct coordination with community partner organizations. (2) The Fellow will assist in the development and implementation of the Center's walk-in legal clinic, Justice Night, including recruiting volunteer lawyers, staffing and conducting intake of clients, and compiling follow-up surveys. (3) Track draft legislation in the Washington Legislature that may impact the Center and/or its clients. Assist in the development of "action alerts" to elected officials that summarize the Center's position on that legislation.

Primary Engagement Pathways: Policy/Politics, Advocacy/Awareness, Community-Based Research, Direct Service.

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER & HOGAN ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:

CCE and the Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program are partnering to support a Wolff Fellow at Northeast Community Center. The Northeast Community Center's mission is to strive to improve the quality of life for the residents of Northeast Spokane, with emphasis on social, health, economic, educational and recreational needs. The Center houses numerous organizations that serve low-moderate income individuals and is the sponsoring organization for The Zone Project. The Zone Project is a place-based collective impact initiative that brings residents and organizations together to help fulfill the community's holistic goals of better housing, increased employment, safer neighborhoods, educational opportunities and better health. The Zone Project plays the backbone role of convening partners, identifying joint outcomes, activating strategies, building capacity, tracking data, and maximizing resources to open up doors and break down obstacles that stand in the way of Northeast Spokane residents reaching their full potential.

The Wolff Fellow will work in partnership with the New Venture Lab (NVL) at Gonzaga University in support of The Zone Project's strategic 10-year plan, specially creating new opportunities for youth employment in Northeast Spokane. The Fellow will: 1) create a business plan for a social microenterprise: a coffee stand at the Northeast Community Center that will provide employment to underserved youth; 2) help implement the business plan.

Primary Engagement Pathways: Social Innovation, Community-Based Research, Direct Service

PROJECT: INSPIRE:

Project: Inspire was created through CCE's Wolff Fellowship Program. Our mission is to help youth who are labeled as different thinkers and their families by connecting them with a successful Gonzaga student with the same or similar Learning Disability for a one-time, two-hour meeting at Gonzaga. During the meeting, a trained, GU student volunteer will work with the youth to promote self-advocacy, help youth see their "disability" as an asset, recognize they are not alone, and write a self-advocacy letter to the youth's classroom teacher.

The Fellow will recruit and train GU volunteers to conduct the meetings, partner with local organizations to recruit local youth/families, coordinate meetings, and evaluate the program.

Primary Engagement Pathways: Advocacy and Awareness, Direct Service

SPOKANE ALLIANCE:

The Spokane Alliance is an alliance of 29 community organizations including faith communities, labor unions, civic non-profits, and education groups. The Alliance develops community leadership and strengthens community organizations to increase their civic capacity and ability to act in the public sphere for the common good. Recent campaigns include the creation of the jail diversion facility for people with mental illness and passing the sick/safe leave ordinance in Spokane.

The Spokane Alliance Healthcare Research/Action team is working to identify gaps in healthcare access and address them through public action. Currently the team is working with community health centers and the new WSU College of Medicine to improve access to healthcare for rural and underserved populations. The team is working with the BAVI health plan, connected to WSU on a needs assessment for a mobile medicine program that is in development. Wolff Fellow activities include: organizing and providing training to Alliance institutions members to identify and carry out a campaign around healthcare access; meeting with healthcare, social services, and public health institutions to develop relationships and identify partnerships; organize diverse cross-institutional gatherings to bring the community together; and initiate a campaign to address healthcare access issue and guide development of mobile medical clinics.

Primary Engagement Pathways: Advocacy/Awareness, Policy/Politics

SPOKANE FÄVS:

Spokane FäVS is an online publication that covers religion news and offers religion commentary in the Spokane area, as well as providing the community with offline interfaith engagement opportunities. There are approximately 500 houses of worship in the Spokane area, yet there is no comprehensive digital database. We would like to create an online worship directory for our users. This would include a map of houses of worship in Spokane, a description and a photo of each place.

This fellowship will consist of mapping houses of worship in the Spokane area and creating an online worship directory for users, including a map of houses of worship in Spokane with a description and photo of each place. This includes taking photographs of buildings throughout the area and plotting data onto a map using mapping software, such as Google Maps. Instruction will be provided.

Primary Engagement Pathways: Faith and Justice

THE ZONE PROJECT (TZP), NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER:

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The Wolff Fellow will do community-based research in support of The Zone Project's strategic 10-year plan. Specifically, the Fellow will: 1) help identify and collect baseline data and community indicators that can be used to measure the success of specific strategies implemented by partners in The Zone over the next 10 years; and 2) research new trends and best practices for activating employment, health and housing in low-moderate income neighborhoods.

Primary Engagement Pathways: Community-Based Research, Direct Service