THE WASHINGTON BUS 2018 IMPACT REPORT
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

For 11 years, The Washington Bus has been committed to increasing youth civic engagement and building a pipeline for talented, young leadership. The Bus Fellowship is the most comprehensive social justice and political organizing program for young people in Washington. We are so proud of the success we had this legislative session, the impact of our staff and volunteers in the field, and the momentum we’ve seen from young people who are eager to make a difference.

We are looking forward to the exciting work and growth that lies ahead for the Bus in 2019. It’s an honor to do this work together and we’re pleased to share this report with you.

Seferiana Day, Washington Bus Board President

Aaron Robertson, Washington Bus Education Fund Board President

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To best fulfill our mission, “The Washington Bus” header is comprised of two separate entities: The Washington Bus Education Fund 501(c)(3) and The Washington Bus 501(c)(4). This report includes highlights from both organizations.
FELLOWSHIP REVIEW

This summer, the Bus graduated its 10th Fellowship cohort. The Fellowship represents a key strategy for mobilizing young people around the issues that matter to them. Fellows flexed their organizing skills for tuition-free college advocacy. They planned town hall discussions with educational leaders and college-aged constituents and their families to weigh in on the ways that Seattle Promise and King County Promise programs would affect their lives. We’re proud of the work they did to ensure young people’s voices are heard by our representatives. Fellows registered 454 new voters, made 6,401 calls, and collected 1,486 pledge-to-vote cards, a new Bus record.

We’re thrilled to welcome this class to our alumni network, now 169 people strong. Of her future plans, 2018 Fellow Lucera Cox says, “I hope to hold public office to be a role model to young women like myself who come from communities that are not equally represented in government.”

Long time homestay hosts Libby Sinclair and Bob Crittenden say that opening their home for 10 weeks is an easy way to make the Fellowship accessible to a participant from outside of Seattle. “We have been delighted to meet so many terrific young people and to follow their progress over the years as they make a positive difference in our community and state.”

To learn more about serving as a homestay host for a Fellow in 2019, please send us a message at contact@washingtonbus.org.

“Their leadership and passion make us feel so very optimistic about the future.”

-Libby Sinclair,
Homestay Host

[Pictured: Libby Sinclair, Sarai Robledo-Velador, ’18, and Bob Crittenden at graduation]

2018 FELLOWSHIP CLASS

Nora Abdi *
Ye Rim Cho
Josh Claxton
Lucera Cox
Nora Fujita-Yuhas
Tony Goss
Ashlynn Johnson
Gurjot Kang
Asher Maria
Jose Mariscal-Cruz *
Gabbi Nazari
Sarai Robledo-Velador
Abranna Romero-Rocha
Tara Wilson

*not pictured
FINANCIALS

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| **Expenditures**         |                                             |                                  |
| Personnel                | $302,315                                    | $117,336                         |
| Operating                | $99,097                                     | $46,435                          |
| **Total expenditures**   | $401,412                                    | $163,771                         |

*As of 11/30/18, not yet audited.

EVENTS RECAP

Victory Fund was held in the Pacific Tower and gathered 55 of our core supporters and civic and business leaders to raise $24,000 for the Washington Bus in support of crucial midterm voter mobilization work. We’re grateful to our event sponsors: Maggie Walker, Jon and Kim Shirley, Jean and Pete Miller, SEIU 775, Dow Constantine, Gerry Jonson and Linda Larson, and Krueger Sheet Metal.

Bus Bash was held at Georgetown Stables and was attended by 120 supporters, alumni, and community members to celebrate the impact of the Bus Fellowship. Together, we raised a record $14,000 for the Washington Bus Education Fund. Thank you to our Bus Bash sponsors: SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, House Democratic Campaign Committee, Abracadabra Printing, Argo Strategies, CN4 Partners, NWP Consulting, Summit Strategy, and The Sinclair Crittenden Family.

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**POLITICAL IMPACT**

- **Voter Registrations**: 6,499
- **Pledge-to-vote cards**: 3,959
- **Calls**: 23,498
- **Texts**: 16,620
- **Doors**: 1,705

- Young people in the Bus universe turned out to vote at a rate of **16.4% higher than their peers!**
- **72% of Bus contacts** turned in their ballots this midterm.
- **All 8 of the candidates** we endorsed this year won their midterm races.

**This year, the Bus...**

- Served on the steering committee of the Washington Voting Justice Coalition to help pass new legislation making it easier to vote in our state, including Same Day Voter Registration, Automatic Voter Registration, and Pre-registration for 16 and 17 years olds -- an important part of our policy agenda since the Bus’s inception.

- Joined 9 amazing organizations in the Our Votes Count coalition to turn out infrequent progressive and newly registered voters in swing districts. In 2018, OVC targeted 49,268 infrequent voters, resulting in impressive win margins across the 5th, 28th, 30th, and 47th LDs.

- Completed our second year with the Voter Education Fund, a partnership with Seattle Foundation, King County Elections, and community organizations to remove barriers to voting in diverse communities.

[Pictured: 2018 Voter Education Fund Grantees]
POLITICAL IMPACT (CONT.)

- Conducted voter registration drives and classroom presentations at more than 30 high schools and colleges. Taylor Reuhl, a counselor at Lake Washington High School, says that on-campus voter registration is the first step to ensuring that students leave school ready to make change. “Partnership with the Bus feels natural and well organized. I truly hope this program expands for years to come.”

- Convened a table of community organizations, unions, and other stakeholders to strategize and build support for tuition-free college programs in Seattle to expand access to higher education as a matter of economic justice.

- Partnered with King County and Seattle Foundation for Communities of Opportunity, which offers a learning community for organizations working to catalyze policy and systems change and build relationships among people within these systems to advance better health, safe and affordable housing, economic opportunity and stronger community connections for residents.

- Campaigned for Yes on 1631. We are proud of the leadership of Campaign Manager Abigail Doerr, a 2011 Bus Fellow, and the solidarity of the communities this campaign brought together.

"Efficiency has a high currency in education and the Bus brings that and more!"

- Taylor, Lake Washington High School

Volunteers filled 200 shifts for our GOTV phonebanks and doorknocking trips

[Pictured: Bus staff, interns, and volunteers phonebanking for Yes on 1631]  [Pictured: Bus staff, interns, and volunteers doorknocking in South King County]
SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Our donors are a community of our closest partners, friends, advisors, and alumni. Your generosity fuels our vision for a more equitably representative democracy. Make a tax-deductible gift of any size to the Washington Bus Education Fund to sustain our civic engagement and leadership development programs. Pledge a recurring gift and join Bus Friends Forever, our network of monthly donors. Thank you for being an advocate for youth civic engagement!

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