



2024 Report to the Community



**VISION** We imagine a world where all children are healthy, safe and prepared to build their own futures.

MISSION | KidVantage helps kids reach their full potential tomorrow by meeting basic needs today.



## From the Executive Director

As I look back on 2024. I recognize how COVID truly changed our community and the world we live in. So many things about our society have shifted, including how we congregate and how we care for one another. At KidVantage, we've worked hard to create a place where everyone in the community feels welcome and can participate in activities that help children—from children next door to across the Puget Sound. This hasn't always been easy. We've experienced rising prices, drops in the donations of the most requested goods, and funding, as more families in our community struggle to get by. Together, these factors have created challenges for our board, staff and volunteers as we deliver on our mission. And yet, through all of it, we still gather every day under the KidVantage banner to do what we can to help kids thrive.

Each week, our provider partners work with their families to order goods from KidVantage. We have over 200 different, essential items available. For most families this works out well. But when emergencies arise or tragedy strikes, KidVantage is there to make sure that kids have their needs met. KidVantage's response is called Emergency Orders. Through Emergency Orders, our staff and volunteers can respond to a family in need in less than an hour. Examples of when emergency orders are needed include when a parent loses their job, a family loses housing, during bed bug infestations. a family's possessions are destroyed in a fire and or an unplanned hospitalization. Sometimes there are happy surprises—like a family moving from a shelter to permanent housing or a baby being released from the NICU and coming home. All of these circumstances, and more, require a fast response so that the trauma can be mitigated and resiliency is reinforced.

Since its founding, KidVantage has always been a hub for innovation and championed partnership. As one of the first basic needs banks in the country, KidVantage has helped to nurture and support networks (both in Washington and across the country) dedicated to



Jack Edgerton
Executive Director

making sure that children have their basic needs met. We are proud to be part of two outstanding national networks; the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN) and Baby2Baby. It is through our partnership with NDBN that KidVantage was able to share clothing and toys with families after the fires in Los Angeles. KidVantage's other national partners include Operation Warm, supplying warm coats in the winter and Soles4Souls supplying shoes. Locally, KidVantage has partnered with many community businesses such as Small Threads for Kids and Superior Seconds. The recycling company, Ridwell, has helped us to collect diapers, toys, hygiene items and more. Working with these partners helps us deliver on our mission.

Yes, the pandemic shook us up—but we're still standing! As KidVantage marks its 35<sup>th</sup> year in 2025, we are so grateful to be part of a wonderful, caring community. As our beloved founder, Karen Ridlon, used to remind us—it takes an entire community of caring folks to make sure that our children are safe, healthy and happy.

Thank you for the part you have played in helping kids in our community thrive.



## What we did

202,332

Product orders

7,230,012

Individual items

Counting each shirt, diaper, wipe, etc.

277,712

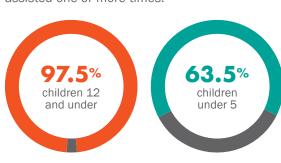
Items provided to food banks and community resource programs \$5,563,124

Total value of items provided

Orders range from a can of formula to a Big Bundle+ (a kit with a week's worth of clothing, shoes, coat, toothbrush/toothpaste, along with toys and books).

### Recipients by the numbers

**18,033** kids and expectant mothers were assisted one or more times.



expectant or post-partum mothers 34% children ages 5-12

In 2024, KidVantage assisted, on average, 1,239 kids each week!

## 2024 Distribution highlights

2,615	Car seats
4,444,800	Diaper wipes
2,125,709	Diapers
7,428	Cans of formula
56,211	Toys
17,185	Shoes
45,510	Socks
39,078	Underwear
330,541	Clothing items
11,092	Sheets, comforters, blankets
30,262	Personal hygiene products

## How we did it

#### 27,515 Volunteer hours given

Volunteers are at the heart of KidVantage. In 2024, **5,400** volunteers, from age 12 to 80, donated over **27,000** hours to collect and sort donations, assist with backstock and storage, repairs, preparing custom orders for kids and governing the organization.

# 283,474 items donated through drives

Community collection drives are one of the most fun and engaging ways in which people get involved with KidVantage. In the spring, 40 teams competed in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Diaper Derby, bringing in **158,845** diapers and **51,763** diaper wipes. Pencils & Pants and Winter WishGiver drives contributed school supplies, clothing and new toys for kids.

### \$2,294,006 contributed

Thank you for the generous gifts made at the Helping Kids Thrive benefit luncheon, individual gifts throughout the year, and donations from businsesses, civic and faith organizations. Coupled with foundation grants and government funding, your support ensures KidVantage can be a reliable resource for kids and families in our community.

## Connecting for kids and families

Families access KidVantage services through a partnership network of **78** education, health and human service organizations. Providers (representatives) from **256** program sites place orders of goods through our online system, pick up the items, and deliver them to the families weekly. Through this network, we are able to both **"help the helpers,"** and provide kids what they need, when they need it.

## Types of partner programs

- 6 Case management
- 4 Child welfare services
- 5 Community resource programs
- 9 Disability services
- 77 Early learning programs
- **18** Emergency assistance programs
- 2 | Employment/education programs
- 11 Food banks
- 47 Housing programs
- 12 Maternal and infant health programs
- 10 Medical services
  - 6 Refugee/immigrant assistance programs
- 46 Schools
  - 3 | Specialized services

See a complete list of 2024 Partner Agencies on page 13.

Volunteers and staff prepared and distributed an average of **3,776** orders every week in 2024!



## How well we did it

## Outcomes snapshot: when partner providers were surveyed...



97%
Agreed that receiving goods from KidVantage reduces both financial and

family stress.

Agreed that goods from KidVantage increases family caregiver's ability to care for their children.

83%
Agreed that receiving goods from KidVantage makes children happier.

Agreed that receiving goods from KidVantage improves health outcomes for their clients.

## People assisted, by county

12,285 | Recipients in King County

1,236 | Recipients in Kitsap County

1,103 | Recipients in Snohomish County

566 | Recipients in Pierce County

54 | Recipients in Mason County

3 | Recipients in Thurston County



## Revenue and resources

Resources and revenue: \$8,053,654

71% | \$5.702.193

Non-cash (In-kind) donations of products for kids, rent, services

**17**% | \$1,348,931

Contributions: individuals, corporations, businesses, civic orgs, clubs and faith-based orgs

**9**% I \$743,735

**1% | \$57.455** 

Government: local cities, county and state

**2% I** \$201,340 Foundation and corporate grants

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Interest, referral fees, investments and miscellaneous

**Use of resources: \$7,427,442** 

**63**% I \$4,678,721

Program non-cash (In-kind) donations of new and used products for kids\*

**12**% I \$898,888

Program service and support

11% I \$790,009

Program direct services (safety, nourishment, hygiene, personal care for kids)

**7**% | \$530,289

Fund development

**5**% | \$341,366

General administration

**2**% I \$139,406

Donated (in-kind) rent

**<1**% | \$48,763

Depreciation

<sup>\*</sup>In-kind value of Inventory adjusted by -\$884,066 at year end, based on disbursment and pricing schedule.



# 2024 highlights

## **Helping Kids Thrive benefit luncheon**





The annual Helping Kids Thrive benefit luncheon, held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue was centered around the theme "Connecting for Kids...because every kid counts."



Emcee Angela Poe Russell.

Interviewed by emcee Angela Poe Russell, a panel of amazing partner providers gave insight into how KidVantage helps kids and families. Volunteers, donors, service partners, board members, sponsors, staff and elected officials—all integral pieces of the KidVantage "puzzle" joined together on stage as they connected for kids.

## By the numbers...

Nearly \$400,000 raised **520**Registered guests

**62**Table captains

10 Sponsors

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Inspiring panel members

Dynamic emcee

## **TACK** (Take a Chance for Kids)



Take a Chance for Kids, a fun-filled evening of fantasy casino, KidVantage-themed games and rousing live auction.

The first "Take a Chance" since 2019, was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the The Ballroom on Lake Sammamish, Vasa Park Resort.

Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers and guests!



#### Other events



Making winter wishes come true with a Winter WishGiver drive.



KidVantage at the Microsoft Volunteer Village, October 2024.



Redmond Kiwanis Club at a Pencils & Pants back to school drive.



# Staff and leadership

#### Officers of the Board

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# Supporters

Because of you - our supporters - more than 18,000 children and expectant mothers received help in a time of need in 2024. Each donation of volunteer time, of clothes or toys or quilts, each financial gift contributed to changing the lives of kids and families.

KidVantage is deeply appreciative for the 4,059 individuals who generously gave money and goods in 2024. You keep kids fed, safe, warm and thriving. Thank you!

We applogize for any misspellings or omissions and would appreciate the opportunity to correct our records. Please email Shannon Westfahl, Development Manager at shannonw@KidVantageNW.org, with any updates or corrections.

## 2024 Year Around Sponsors, including the Take a Chance for Kids casino event and the Helping Kids Thrive benefit luncheon

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KidVantage is grateful for the many community organizations, businesses, foundations and local governments who support our work.



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### **KidVantage service partners**

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