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**Senior Advocates for Generational Equity**

# **Annual Report 2017 - 2018**

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.  
The second best time is now.**

**- Chinese Proverb**

Maybe  
we  
will  
change  
the  
world  
after  
all.

- Vici Wolff, Board Member

## Major Initiatives in 2017-2018

Because of you, this year we engaged over 600 people in our discussions and workshops, fellowships, and our gala to celebrate generations working together. We also released our first Impact Report, sharing the first chapter in our story of one generation helping the next. Through community, we gain strength and energy to share our gifts with others and to create opportunity for future generations to thrive.

### OFFERING PATHWAYS FOR GIVING FORWARD

SAGE led 14 discussions and workshops to raise awareness about challenges facing the future, and solutions. Participants developed action plans and learned about service and advocacy roles with local nonprofits that strengthen education, restore our environment and promote economic opportunity.



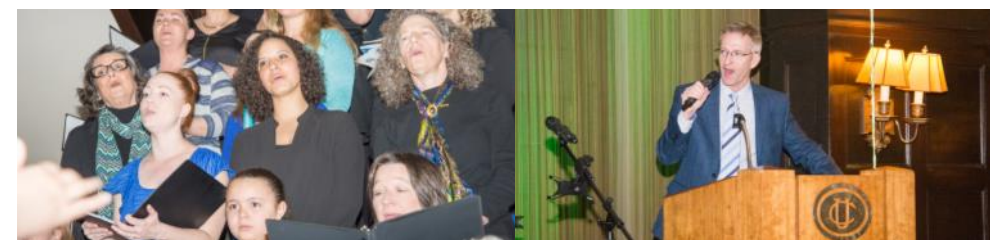
### BUILDING BRIDGES TO ADVANCE SHARED GOALS

We launched the SAGE Citizen Project to foster open and honest dialogue about the state of our democracy and public trust in the media, our government and elected officials. With over 250 participants, we shared tools and ideas to engage in conversations across political divides.



### BRINGING GENERATIONS TOGETHER

SAGE's Young Leaders Advisory Board spotlighted community challenges facing their generation, and Mayor Ted Wheeler highlighted the importance of our work to build bridges across generations.



## Spotlight on This Year's Legacy Fellows



**Trisha Schultz** established a community garden on the roof of a multi-family housing residence for low-income communities. Gardeners are growing organic, healthy and culturally-significant food, providing food security and building community and self-confidence.



**John Daggett** raised funds for PDX Bridge, a collaborative initiative to propel foster, juvenile justice, and homeless youth onto a pathway from high school through their first year of college. He helped secure a \$25,000 grant to explore expansion of the PDX Bridge model to other cities across the country.



**Sami Springs** worked with the Intertwine Alliance and Portland Public Schools to create more schoolyards that feature nature play, gardens and wildlife habitat. Students who spend time in nature experience physical and psychological benefits and often develop a lifelong connection to the natural world.



**Terence Shumaker** engaged youth with special needs in projects to help them learn about the importance of the 3 Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle. By helping young adults develop job skills in materials recovery and recycling, he hopes to improve their daily living skills, job readiness and career opportunities.

Now in its fifth year, SAGE's Legacy Fellowship is our signature nine-month leadership program that inspires individuals and teams to carry out community benefit projects of their own design. Together, fellows demonstrate how citizen initiatives strengthen communities and improve our world.

45+ Projects

Projects focus on education, the environment, the economy and arts.

48 Fellows

Fellows reflect diverse backgrounds and ages, and include recent graduates, working people, and retirees.

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