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Rachel's Remarks

2026 is already here! My first quarter with Our Valley Our Future has truly flown by.

This year will be full of activity and opportunity. The biggest of which is the community visioning to develop the 2027-31 Action Plan. I hope each of you participate somehow, whether it's taking the public survey, attending a listening session, or serving on an Action Team.

Together, we will develop the next five-year Action Plan and make our shared vision a reality!

What We've Been Up To



Mental Health Symposium

Our last symposium of 2025 was focused on "Mental Health Literacy Through Community Collaboration."

It was another sold out event, with over 90 in attendance. Topics ranged from suicide prevention to bilingual access to well-being in a tech-driven world.

[Watch the Recording](#)



Thank you!

We received \$7,571.75 from 27 donors during Give NCW.

The giving campaign, hosted by the Community Foundation of NCW, celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2025. We are grateful for our generous community!

Ready, Set, Action Plan!



We're ramping up to conduct the community visioning process that will result in the 2027-31 Action Plan.

We will need **your** input to develop our community's shared vision for the future. In March, the public survey will open and we'll begin hosting listening sessions across the region with our partners.

Stay tuned for more updates in this newsletter section and on our social media!



Join Us & Get Involved



Early Learning Symposium March 19, 10am-2pm

Join us to increase your awareness of the challenges and successes of early learning in our region. You will help the broader community and employers better see their role in improving systems. Early Learning encompasses children pre-natal thru age 8.

Tickets will go on sale in February.

Save the Date

Connect, learn, and build momentum with our 2026 Symposium series.

March 19: Early Learning

June 11: Housing Solutions

Sept. 17: Industrial Symbiosis

Dec. 10: Wildfire

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Action Plan Successes

The shared vision of Our Valley is becoming a reality through the steady progress of our partners' achieving objectives and moving Game Changer initiatives forward. Join us in celebrating them!

- [Wenatchee Valley Museum nears major renovation, expansion with community support](#) (Wenatchee World)
- [Wenatchee and Douglas County roundup: Apartments and fueling station](#) (Wenatchee World)
- [YMCA, theater projects advance at former Chelan PUD site](#) (Wenatchee World)
- [East Wenatchee roundup: development, lodging tax request denied and annexations](#) (Wenatchee World)
- [Wenatchee Confluence Parkway Year 1 Highlights](#) (City of Wenatchee)

Steve's Reading Recommendations

- [Washington's 2026 legislative session is getting underway. Will anyone be smiling when it's over?](#) (Washington State Standard)
- [Washington state trails in data center growth](#) (Axios Seattle)
- [Inflatable fabric robotic arm picks apples](#) (WSU Insider)
- [New report sheds light on babies experiencing homelessness](#) (The Seattle Times)

- [In Washington orchards, immigration crackdown sows fear and uncertainty](#) (Washington State Standard)
- [Hayden Homes focusing on homes priced for working families](#) (East Oregonian)
- [2021 heat dome left Rhode Island-sized damage in Washington and Oregon forests](#) (Oregon Capital Chronicle)
- [Microsoft swears off local subsidies as worry over AI power crunch looms](#) (The Seattle Times)

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