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Photos top to bottom: Frink Park; Goblin Gallop; NAIOP volunteers at Northwest Center Kids; Jeff Towne and Chuck Welsh.

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WE SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY to make this a great community.

GLY is grateful to be part of a community where people care and inspire each other to take action. The opportunity to contribute, affect change, and the resulting emotional satisfaction are just some of the benefits of performing service. Building community with our colleagues, clients and friends also creates strong bonds

among us and with those we hope to serve. We're all challenged by many needs, yet motivated by what our collective efforts can accomplish. Together we can do so much more.

GALLOPING BY LEAPS + BOUNDS. In 2012, Group Health and GLY debuted the first ever [Goblin Gallop at Marymoor](#)

[Park](#), a 5K fundraising event for the [GHC Foundation](#). With its focus on families, fun, music and Halloween costumes, word got out. This year, attendance jumped from 600 to 800, and the event





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raised \$68,000 for the Foundation's Childhood Immunization Initiative, focused on increasing childhood immunizations and preventing childhood diseases, such as last year's whooping cough epidemic. You can help the cause by urging families to vaccinate against pertussis.



ONE MAN + ONE SPECIAL LIFT = MANY BUCKS. Operator Chuck Welsh runs a manlift on GLY jobsites. In honor of family members, he began collecting dollar donations from everyone he transported up and down, pasting them in a careful grid pattern on the walls of his elevator in Amazon's Arizona building in South Lake Union. A team member introduced Chuck to Jeff Towne, who founded the [Ben Towne Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation](#) in honor of his young son. When Jeff explained that all donations go directly to the foundation's very promising research to find cures for childhood cancers, Chuck was energized to help even more.

Last month, he donated his collection of nearly \$1,500 along with a match from GLY. Jeff was touched by Chuck's creativity and generosity, and is so thankful to the field crew, designers, subcontractors, inspectors and clients who rode Chuck's manlift and gifted their small bills for this great cause.

FORTERRA C3 – TURNING CARBON INTO FRESH AIR. Forterra's mission to protect, enhance and steward our state's most precious resources – both its communities and landscapes – fills a unique niche. Their C3 carbon mitigating idea was simple; therefore brilliant. It turns a calculation of a business' operational carbon footprint into newly planted trees who take that carbon out of circulation.





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Last year, we joined [Forterra's C3 \[Carbon Capturing Companies\]](#) founding partnership of 13 businesses who commit to be responsible for the carbon they produce: by assessing and reducing it; then by paying for it. Our assessment purchased 178 baby trees planted in the Leschi neighborhood's Frink Park. Last spring, a GLY work party mulched, weeded and nurtured the saplings, and next year, we'll grow our little patch of forest bigger with a second planting.



MANY NAIOP HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK – YEAR AFTER YEAR.

Like clockwork every fall, [NAIOP sponsors a community enhancement project](#) that draws hundreds of volunteers from across the broader commercial real estate community. This fall's project targeted the [Northwest Center Kids](#), which provides vital services to children of

special needs and all abilities. With more than 50 projects on the Center's wish list and a Strategic Plan, 300 folks worked in teams to tackle plumbing, lighting, rehabbing the sensory garden, landscaping, and lots and lots of painting. In a few short hours – complete transformation!

Partnering with colleagues, clients, community organizations or supporting one person's inspired idea — it really does take a village to build community. We're proud to work among you and thankful for all you do to make our community a better place for children, and all of us.

