

## **STATEMENT OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Summit Fund of Washington's board and staff strive to respect our donors' charitable intentions expressed in organizational charters and core documents as we apply our philanthropic resources to contemporary social conditions. We attend to the future through prudent stewardship of financial and other resources and we recognize that accountability calls for openness, fairness, and trust. In our actions, we commit to responsiveness to our constituents; transparency of governance and operations; disclosure of information regarding our goals and practices; and a commitment of accessibility to those we serve.

The Summit Fund of Washington enhances accountability in many ways. We focus particular attention on the following:

- Understanding and complying with legal requirements and acting in accordance with the spirit of the law
- Communicating to the public our commitment to responsible and effective philanthropy
- Communicating to the public the goals and procedures that govern our decision-making process
- Ensuring that the organization has the capacity to carry out its programs effectively
- Reviewing program effectiveness and incorporating lessons learned into future activities
- Practicing and promoting ethical behavior
- Building respectful and constructive relationships with our diverse constituencies

In short, we hold ourselves responsible to those who created us, those with whom we currently interact, and those who may rely on us in the future.