

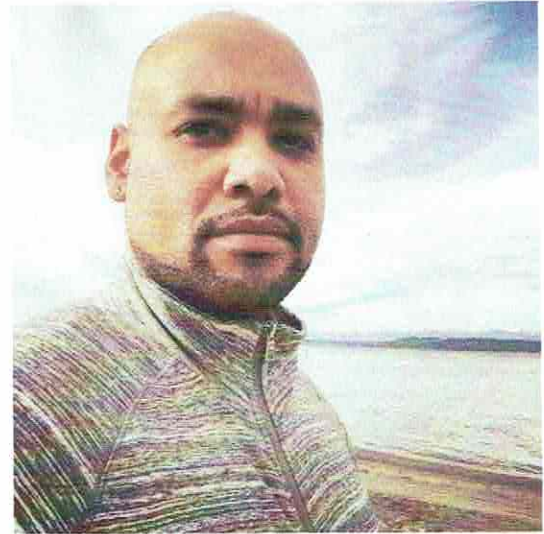


Scholarship Winners, Big Givers

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Nancy Israel



Aaron "A.J." Feit

Scholarship Winners to Embark on Teacher Training with The Benji Project

The Benji Project has awarded scholarships to Nancy Israel and Aaron "AJ" Feit to train as instructors in its program of stress management and emotional resilience skills for adolescents.

Israel, a youth educator at the Northwest Maritime Center, and Feit, a social worker in Port Townsend schools, will finish their training in mid-2020 when they will be ready to lead The Benji Project's "Making Friends with Yourself" class and other programs. The scholarships underwrite training costs of about \$5,000 per recipient.

The pair will join 2018 scholarship winners Teresa Shiraishi and Heather McRae-Woolf who will complete their training this summer.

"We are thrilled to have Nancy and AJ join The Benji Project," said Cynthia Osterman, Founder and Board Chair. "They were chosen from a highly competitive field of applicants. The selection committee was impressed by their experience working with youth, commitment to our mission, and personal qualities."

Read more about Nancy and A.J. and their reasons for seeking the scholarships [here](#).

[Details](#)

More Spaces Opened for Summer Camp August 12-15

Spaces have been added and registration extended for The Benji Project's summer camp from Aug 12 to 15. The camp is geared for boys and girls ages 11 to 14. Scholarships are available.

[Learn More](#)



**Thank You to Port Townsend Rotary, Premera Blue
Cross -- and YOU
for Supporting The Benji Project**

The Benji Project has received major support from Port Townsend Rotary, and a sponsorship from Premera Blue Cross helped fund the expansion of the organization's scholarship program. (See previous article.) We extend thanks as well to many generous

individual contributors.

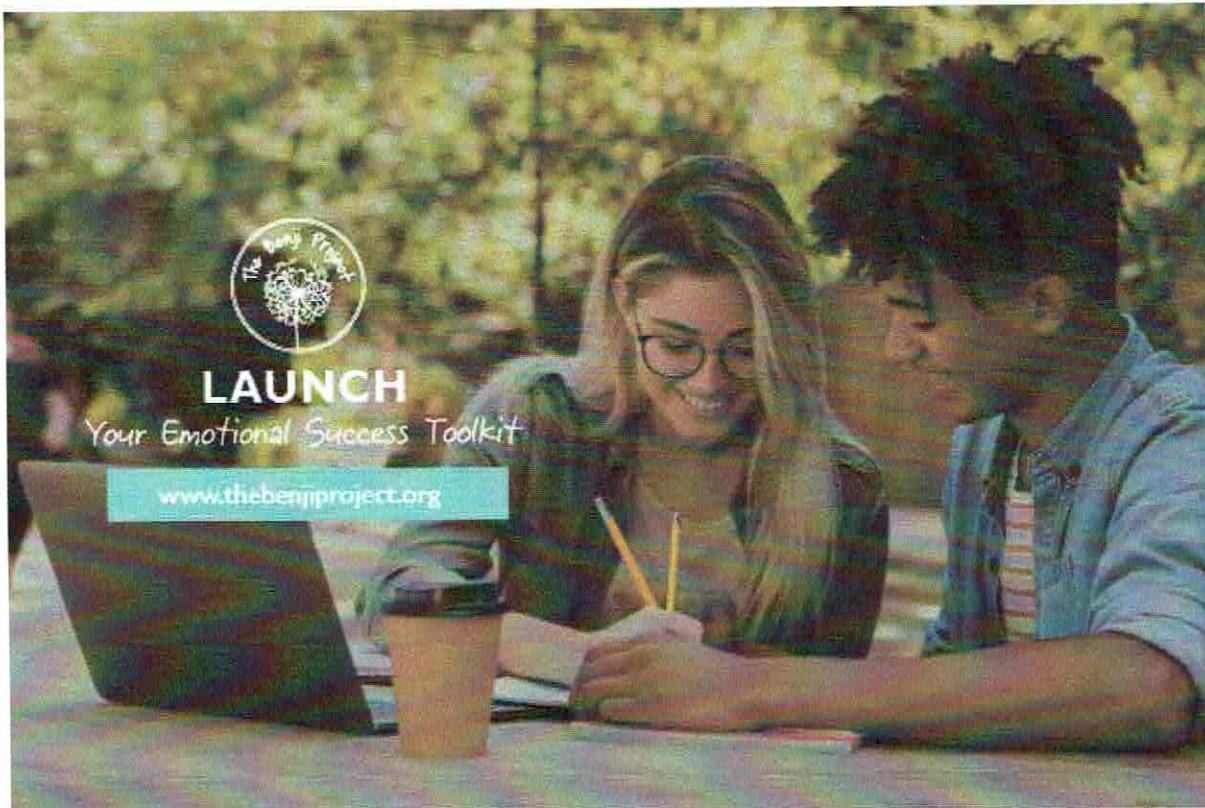
Port Townsend Rotary donated \$22,000 from the fund-a-cause portion of its annual spring fundraiser to The Benji Project, and those funds are being directed toward teacher training, teen program scholarships, and operational costs.

Premiera Blue Cross presented an \$8,500 sponsorship toward the teacher-training scholarship program that covers training, student teaching, and related costs.

In addition, we extend heartfelt thanks to the following individuals who made key gifts to The Benji Project in recent months:

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LAUNCH: Your Emotional Success Toolkit

What: LAUNCH: Your Emotional Success Toolkit

Training for high school graduates, new and returning college students

High school graduation signals a life transition. Prepare emotionally for this next phase of your life whether you're off to college, moving away from home, or starting work. Hear about common experiences, learn how to support your well-being in a new environment, and set yourself up for success.

Who: High school graduates, new and returning college students

When: Sunday, August 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Masonic Lodge, 1360 Jefferson St., Port Townsend

Cost: By donation, registration required.

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