



Point Roberts Circle of Care 2017 YEAR

Dear friends and neighbors,

As a part-time resident of Point Roberts for 37 years, I have long known what an amazing community it is. From dealing with everything from floods, fluctuating exchange rates and the challenges that two international borders place on every-day life, those who live in Point Roberts meet it all with resilience, grace and humour.

Circle of Care was formed to help the residents of Point Roberts meet one of the final challenges we all must face wherever we live: dealing with aging and potential ill-health while remaining in our own homes if that is our wish.

2017 was a great year for Circle of Care. We gathered volunteers and helped with everything from delivering soup, walking dogs, grocery shopping and providing transportation to and from Bellingham and raising funds to help purchase home care equipment to loan out.

Throughout the year we provided coffee, tea, sweets and sandwiches at various community events including the Fibre Fest, Spring Faire and Christmas Craft Faire, where we sold lovely evergreen door swags made by faithful CoC volunteers and friends. The Point Roberts Quilters donated a beautiful Sunflower Quilt to Circle of Care for fundraising purposes, which, through the sale of raffle tickets, helped us raise funds

which we hope will eventually be used to enable those interested to become trained health care aids. Our most significant fund-raising event of the year was the South Beach House Dinner Dance held in March was a terrific success and was virtually sold out. The food and staff at South Beach House were extraordinary and Shaune Ann Feuz and her band provided dance music as well as jazz.

We are very grateful to all our volunteers who helped us with all projects and to the community for their continued support of our efforts to be of service to those in need in Point Roberts.

The Board of Trustees determined in 2017 that a paid, part-time position of Administrator/Volunteer Coordinator/Client Services was needed. After interviewing several applicants from the community, the Trustees hired Annelle Norman to fill the position.

Our community is in real need of more certified health care aids, as volunteers can not take care of medications or person care. The certification involves 70 hours of instruction in Bellingham, passing a state exam and is costly, about \$800 in tuition, exam and certification fees, so the requirement certainly has challenges for Point Roberts residents.

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**So, moving forward in 2018,
our significant goals include:**

- To have three home care aids trained and certified by December 2018
- To organize one monthly event for seniors
- To sign up 10 new volunteers, both for fundraising events and volunteer client services
- Community involvement to include Fibre Fest, 4th of July parade, Harvest fair and Christmas Craft faire and one major fundraising event
- Build a donor base including a corporate sponsor
- To continue to collaborate with the Fire Department, PREP, CARES and Food Bank
- To ensure we have hospice care in PR: by collaborating with Bellingham Hospice Care



Raffle Quilt



Craft Fairs serving food

To that end, we are working on expanding our volunteer base and collaborating with PREP, CARE, the Food Bank and Fire Department. Our call to all of you is simple: **join** us.

- As a **volunteer** interested in either fundraising or client care.
- Or as a **member** which will allow you to have a vote in our plans for the future and feel the satisfaction that comes with being part of a community group.
- And finally, **donate** what you can to help us grow in our ability to help our fellow community members.

We are part of an amazing community circle here in Point Roberts. Join Circle of Care and help all of us face whatever comes with grace and humor.

Join, donate and be part of Circle of Care!

Wishing everyone the best,

Chris Cameron

President, PRCoC



South Beach House



Christmas Swag

Circle of Care Testimonials:

"With a disabled husband and myself with a chronic illness, upkeep in my garden became impossible. Circle of Care sent two darling, hard-working and capable volunteers to put it back in shape. Not only did I recover my beautiful garden but I made two special and wonderful friends. I am so appreciative of both of them and the Circle of Care. Thank you so much."

"I express my deep gratitude for the services provided by your organization. I am a disabled senior, unable to drive because of the variety of medications I take. As someone who lives below the extreme poverty level, hiring help was prohibitive. Public transportation is non-existent in Point Roberts. Life for someone in this position becomes destitute. My caregiver takes me shopping, helps me run errands, and takes me to medical appointments. She has also washed my clothes and has made special excursions to insure my presence at celebratory occasions. May those who donate their time, service and support be blessed. Special thanks to my caregiver."

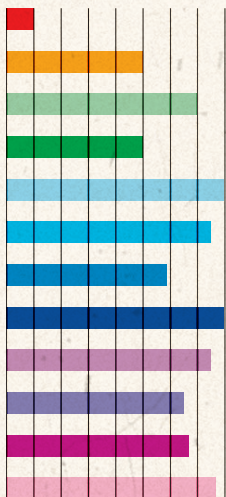
"We are fortunate to have the Circle of Care here with us in Point Roberts. I consider myself one of those lucky people. When my husband and I were diagnosed with cancer in the

same week we thought we had all our appointments, which were many, covered. I had talked to their coordinator about maybe needing some help with the appointments but wasn't sure when. She kept on top of things, emailing first of all to make sure I was ok, and was always there for anything The Circle of Care could do to help."

"The beginning of last year 2017, the team of Circle of Care began to address the attention to transport from our remotely situated peninsula to Bellingham for my forthcoming operation scheduled the beginning of March at St. Josephs hospital. As a senior living alone, I was most grateful for the reassurance of care to be offered within my own home by the organizers."

"I'm sure that in the coming days there will be many in our community who will benefit from the dedication of this small group of people. Circle of Care will be a great resource and comfort not only to the elderly but also the injured, ill or disabled as well. Thank you Circle of Care for bringing our small community together in such a giving and precious way."

Survey: January 2018 – 96 respondents



10% are currently in need of in home care/services If extrapolated, that would be approx 65 people

50% have no family living within 1-2 hours drive

70% have NOT spoken with family members about elder care

50% believe that they will not be able to rely upon family for any care

80% would welcome non-family providers of in home care

75% are concerned about having help with routine chores, personal care and home upkeep

59% are concerned about having transportation to necessary appointments

80% would prefer to stay in their own home

75% of respondents are over 65

65% are concerned with being able to pay for care

67% have an income of less than \$4000/month, and of those, 10% have income less than \$1000/month

77% feel that State Certification of Home Care Assistants is important



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	2017 Actual Jan-Dec	Budget 2017 Projected	Difference
Income			
Fundraisers & Events	6756.60	4000.00	2756.60
Donations	1962.79	1000.00	962.79
Other	21.66		21.66
Total Income	\$8,741.05	\$5,000.00	\$3,741.05
Expenses			
Coordinator part time	904.40		904.40
Operations			
Advertising	78.75	300.00	-221.25
Insurance	1230.00	1240.00	-10.00
Legal & Accounting		500.00	-500.00
Medical Equipment		250.00	-250.00
Storage (Aug-Dec)	375.00		375.00
Permits, Registrations	10.00	100.00	-90.00
Postage & Delivery		50.00	-50.00
Printing & Reproduction		250.00	-250.00
Office Supplies		240.00	-240.00
Bank Charges		48.00	-48.00
Event Expenses	1424.00	500.00	924.00
Telephone, Internet, Fax	129.60	144.00	-14.40
Web development & Support		800.00	-800.00
Set up/Research/Travel		300.00	-300.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	275.00	25.00
Total Expense	\$4,451.75	\$4,997.00	-545.25
Net Income	\$4,289.30	\$3.00	\$4,286.30
Bank Opening Balance	\$7,867.73		
Income	\$8,741.05		
Less Expenses	\$4,451.75		
Bank Ending Balance	\$12,157.03		