ANNUAL REPORT 2019





OLYMPIC NEIGHBORS

CREATING HOME AND COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

What an incredible year 2019 was for Olympic Neighbors! February marked our one year anniversary. Less than two years into running our adult family home we have found a great routine. Residents are healthy, happy and engaged. We also added two new services, hired a house manager, and gained four new board members. In addition, I am thrilled to announce that I have accepted the executive director position within the organization.

We had a stellar year for fundraising. We were awarded seven different grants. We received a 10% increase in state funding. We held over 10 fundraising events - some small and some big.



Our largest event, our annual summer bash at the Pourhouse, raised almost \$24,000. Over 200 different donors helped us raise 36% of the revenue needed to operate for the year.

We still face many challenges as Washington State continues to rank near the bottom in the Nation for funding for this population. Olympic Neighbors continues to operate the only adult family home for this population in all of Jefferson County. Throughout the year we heard and read countless news stories about people in Washington with disabilities being forced to live in hospitals and emergency rooms because their families could no longer care for them and there were no available community placements. We are here to say, this is not okay.

There are many groups advocating to change this, and with your support we can bridge the funding gap till those system changes happen. Together we can change lives across our great state.

Thank you for your support. We COULD NOT do this without you!

Best, Claudia Coppola Executive Director



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OUR GOALS FOR 2020

As we move into 2020, our focus continues to be ensuring people with developmental disabilities have housing options in the community. We are dedicated to increasing the number of people we are able to serve each year and to helping this group live their best life.

We are exploring the option of becoming a supportive living provider, which means that in addition to operating adult family homes, we could potentially support adults with developmental disabilities who live in their own home or apartment.

We believe very strong in the housing model provided through adult family homes and we are hopeful that we will be able to open another house in the next few years.

We are also committed to ensuring our legislators are aware of the needs of this population. Together we can lead the way for inclusive residential services in local communities around the state for one of our Country's most vulnerable populations.

We plan to continue with our ancillary services of hosting monthly community events and teaching sexual health and education courses for adults.

"Living at Hamilton House has enriched our son's life in many ways. He and his housemates have developed a really supportive group. They all care about and look out for each other. He also has become involved with the Port Townsend Community more than he ever was before. Also, our son is nearly 56 years old so, as aging parents, we have been very concerned about what would happen to him when we were no longer able to care for him. We feel very fortunate to have had the chance for him to become a resident of Hamilton House, a truly great place for him to be living."



- Marianne & Jim Ott

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OUR PROGRAMS

Olympic Neighbors is helping people with developmental disabilities live in the community - where they belong! With the support they need to be healthy, happy, and engaged.

Our Adult Family Home, Hamilton House

The home provides affordable rent and 24-hour support to six adults to ensure they are living meaningful inclusive lives in a regular house in a regular neighborhood.

Staff offer support with all aspects of daily living such as hygiene and grooming, shopping and meal preparation, money management, communication skills, and under-standing how to share a home with roommates.



- Engage in routine employment, volunteer work or classes
- Participate in groups, hobbies, and recreational and spiritual activities
- Have meaningful relationships with others
- Maintain good physical and emotional health
- Have a place and a voice in their community
- Are empowered to discover and achieve the goals they set for themselves



This year we began hosting free monthly events open to everyone in the community as a way to bring together people with and without disabilities. Activities included from game nights, dance parties, karaoke, bbq's and pot lucks. On average 30 - 50 people attended each event.

Healthy Relationship and Sexual Health Courses

With the help of Kelly Matlock, our amazing volunteer teach, we taught our first 20-week session to nine adults. People with developmental disabilities have an increased risk of being a victim of sexual abuse and often times have little opportunity to learn about healthy relationships.



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2019 IMPACT



Of residents were employed, enrolled in school or engaged in routine volunteer work each week



Of residents were **employed** in the community



Residents volunteered for over **300** hours in 2019. They gave more than **\$7,000** worth of their time to other nonprofits in our local community.

It is important to Olympic Neighbors that our services help people live good lives. We created a simple way to define what a good life is and we track data to make sure we are helping residents obtain that. Our complete Outcome Measure Report can be found on our website or you can contact us for hard copy.

On average, each resident participated in





Which allowed them to build **relationships** and interact with the larger **community**



100% of residents were assisted to attend medical appointments. On average residents missed only 3 days of routine work or activities due to illness during the year





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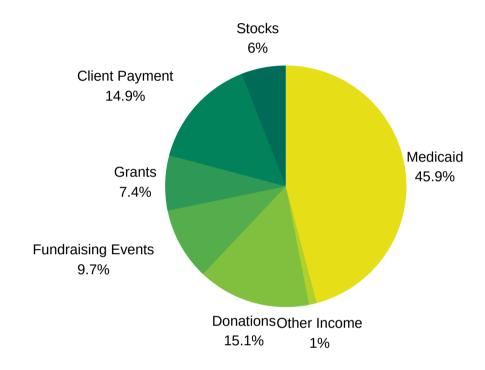
We taught our first 20-week session of *Healthy Relationship and Sexual Health* course. People with developmental disabilities often times have little opportunity to learn about healthy relationships and are at an increased risk for assault.



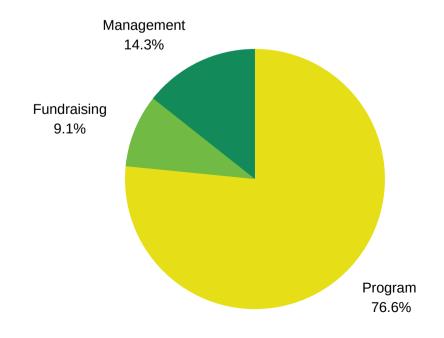


2019 FINANCIALS

REVENUE \$377,293



EXPENSES \$304,441



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"Olympic Neighbors is an organization that does not just provide a wonderful housing experience for our 6 residents - we truly are fighting for all people with developmental disabilities in their urgent need for housing all over our county, state and country. Being a part of an organization filled with such passionate and talented individuals has truly changed my outlook on the impact that a 'small' organization can have in any community."

- Stephanie Brooks, Board Member



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