



Point Roberts
Circle of Care
2018 Annual Report

Dear friends and neighbors,

Looking back at 2018, I can't help but be cheered by the continued resilience and good-hearted spirit of those who live in Point Roberts. Over and over I saw my neighbors and friends reach out to help those around them, no matter what their age or situation.

As many of you may know by now, 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.

To that end, the only way we can possibly honor the mission of Circle of Care is with the dedication of our volunteers who have graciously donated over 350 hours this past year. We are so thankful for all of you, as are our clients. There would be no "circle of care" without you. And to our donors and supporters, both individual and corporate, a heart felt thank you for your contributions. We appreciate all that you have done, and continue to do to move us towards our goals.

We collaborated with PREP, CARES program, the Food Bank, the Hospital District, North West Regional Council, Adult Protective Services and our local Fire Department to form a committee "The Point Roberts Community Resource Network" in order to provide more resources and community services to the residents of Point Roberts.

As we move into 2019 and beyond, the Board of Trustees has determined that our initial goal for 2019 is to acquire and operate a transportation van to provide rides for

doctor's appointments, errands, rides to Bellingham and to and from special events. Our ultimate vision is to have a place in Point Roberts where those who can no longer stay in their own home can live and receive care without having to leave The Point. As our first step toward this goal, we will be actively fundraising to fund a respite home for those who need a place to stay and be cared for while their own family caregivers have a much-needed rest.

Our call to all of you is simple: Please join us.

- As a **volunteer** interested in either fundraising and/or client care.
- As a member, which allows you to have a vote in our plans for the future, as well as feel the satisfaction that comes with being part of a community group.
- And finally, as a **donor**, contributing financially 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 humour. Thank you to all who have contributed to our success in 2018 and we look forward to exciting days ahead in 2019.



Wishing everyone the best,
Chris Cameron
President, PRCoC

Board of Trustees:

Barbara Bradstock, Isobel Brophy,
Chris Cameron, Louise Cassidy,
Robbi Nielson & Galen Wood

Why Volunteer?

There are several often heard reasons to volunteer; pay it forward, karma, community service and meet-new-people are only a few. Before experiencing being a volunteer I probably embraced all of them.

Little did I know that some months after becoming a volunteer I would embrace none of them. I'm not saying that they aren't good reasons to help out but rather that they pale in comparison to the sense of satisfaction one experiences having wrought a change for the better in a client's life. That change may be very subtle. It might be a sense of humor awakening, becoming a bit more robust or the return of an absent enthusiasm or spring in the step.

For those of us that are blessed with good health and mobility it is remarkable how little effort it might take to resolve an issue that for a client may be a huge problem. It might be something as trivial as running an errand, transportation to a doctor's appointment or visiting over coffee.

Volunteering with Circle of Care is a unique opportunity in as much as it is personal. The volunteer is directly involved with the client and experiences the results of his or her efforts first hand unlike some of the large bureaucratic charities.

I would urge anyone contemplating volunteering with Circle of Care to just do it. I am certain that you will be glad you did!

Tom Kelley, Circle of Care Volunteer

"It is better to give than receive". Acts 20:35

Volunteering with Circle of Care is good for me, whether it has been making a meal for someone who currently can't get around in their own kitchen after surgery, staying for a visit, sharing life stories, taking someone shopping or even just pushing a vacuum cleaner or lawnmower around. I always return home at the end of the task feeling better about myself and life in general.

Isobel Brophy, Circle of Care Volunteer and Board of Trustees



Board of Trustees and friends celebrating at the 4th of July Parade

I can't thank Circle of Care and your group of volunteers enough for the amazing care you gave me when I came home from the hospital. I needed you and you were there with daily visitation and wonderful dinners big enough for two or three meals.

With all this attention my recovery went very fast.

Thank you, ladies. You are angels.

Carol Woodman



Mexican Brunch fundraiser with Max & Diana at South Beach House

My deepest gratitude pours forth to those selfless individuals who volunteer and support the Circle of Care. I don't know how I would exist without the help of this group. They take me out every week, take me to medical appointments and assist my well-being in every aspect of my life.

Our unique geographic location makes the continued existence of the Circle of Care vital to the positive evolution of our collective community.

Bless all those who serve and contribute.

*Most sincerely, **A grateful senior***

The Circle of Care has provided generously of their time, goodwill and health giving attention to many of us. In my case, due having an accidental fall, I needed emergency hip replacement surgery. With the administrator's organizational skills and lots of volunteer hours my home was put in order so that I could safely return as a post operative patient. Had it been a planned surgery, I would have set up the home accordingly and likely frozen some pre-prepared meals. As it was, volunteers brought me wonderful meals, transported me to clinic and PT and provided the needed medical equipment and kept me company. Without their assistance in all these ways, life would have been most difficult.

Nancy King



Annette & Liz enjoying the festivities at SBH

Circle of Care volunteers reported that they had provided over 350 hours of service to our community. Circle of Care Board of Trustee members have contributed over 250 hours in Board-related activities (meetings, fundraisers, serving food and coffee at community functions, etc.) and provided nearly 150 hours in client care and services.



Vyna and Manfred - winners of the door prize at South Beach House



Suzanne Pinckston with swag crafted by CoC, at the Christmas Faire



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 2018 Year

	2018 Actual Jan-Dec	Budget 2018 Projected	Difference
Income			
Fundraisers & Events	7,274.62	6,800.00	474.62
Donations	4,631.34	4,000.00	631.34
Other	125.00	50.00	75.00
Total Income	\$12,030.96	\$10,850.00	\$1,180.96
Expenses			
Coordinator part time	5,279.60	6,000.00	-720.40
Operations			
Advertising	291.29	300.00	-8.71
Insurance	1,903.60	1,500.00	403.60
Legal & Accounting	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medical Equipment	37.50	0.00	37.50
Meetings-AGM	28.03	50.00	-21.97
Storage	900.00	900.00	0.00
Permits, Registrations	10.00	25.00	-15.00
Postage & Delivery	4.90	10.00	-5.10
Printing & Reproduction	80.57	50.00	30.57
Office Supplies	1.94	50.00	-48.06
Bank Charges	0.00	48.00	-48.00
Event Expenses	1,484.80	1,575.00	-90.20
Telephone/Internet	129.60	150.00	-20.40
Web development & Support	0.00	0.00	0.00
Set up/Research/Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	\$10,151.83	\$10,658.00	\$-506.17
Net Income	\$1,879.13	\$192.00	\$1,687.13
Bank Opening Balance	\$12,157.03		
Income	12,030.96		
Less Expenses	10,151.83		
Bank Ending Balance	\$14,036.16		