Dear Friends,

2016 was a year to celebrate at Senior Services for South Sound. Early in the year, we embraced an enhanced mission to improve the lives of people as they age. This mission has empowered our staff, board, and volunteers to take more ownership in our people-first organization, challenging them to think, “How am I improving this person’s life today.”

When we reached out to a few of our financial partners with our new mission they responded in kind. We were thrilled to once again partner with Hanson Subaru and Subaru of America for the Share the Love Campaign. The funds raised from this campaign, plus a grant from the Chehalis Tribe, helped us to open our Rochester meal site an additional day. This site had previously only been open one day a week. These funds also helped us to start providing seven meals a week again to our Meals on Wheels clients.

This year also brought two new programs under the umbrella of our Supportive Services Department. First, was the Shared Housing Program with start up funding provided by a bequest to support innovative housing for seniors in our community. The Shared Housing Program provides the opportunity for those who are aging, who many need some additional support, to offer a room for rent, at below market rate, in exchange for extra support (such as yard work, transportation support, grocery shopping, etc) that allows them to stay in their home longer. Senior Services helps make matches between Home Providers and Home Seekers in our community.

Our board also voted to bring the Sharing Teens and Elders Program (STEP) under our umbrella. Founded by Linda Terry, we have seen STEP grow from a small group of seniors and teens getting together monthly for facilitated conversation to over 50 teens and elders gathering monthly at the Olympia Senior Center to break down intergenerational barriers through generative conversation.

This year we were also picked as one of just a small number of Senior organizations to offer a new program by the National Council on Aging called the Aging Mastery Program (AMP). We’ve been getting people “AMP”ed up all year at the Olympia and Lacey Senior. AMP! is a six-week life changing program that gets our seniors ready to live longer and more productive lives. The changes have been so amazing that we have decided to seek additional funding to continue this program for our seniors and look forward to offering it at other senior related organizations in our community.

I can’t close this annual “address” without stating how much our community means to us. Our mission to improve the lives of people as they age couldn’t be done without the dedicated support of over 500 volunteers, our donors, and community advocates. Thank you for being part of this amazing year!

Sincerely,

Eileen McKenzieSullivan
Executive Director
Improving the Lives of People as They Age.

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Senior Services for South Sound Programs
South Sound Care Connection
Our in-home caregiver registry providing care to Seniors and their families in Mason and Thurston counties.

Transportation Program
Transportation to essential errands, medical appointment, and nutrition sites by volunteer drivers in Thurston County for those aged 60 or older.

Senior Activities
Management of the Lacey and Olympia Senior Centers, and academic, recreation, and physical health classes provided for seniors in our community. Over 1,900 seniors served each year. Scholarships are available.

Senior Nutrition Program
Over 110,000 meals served to seniors in Mason and Thurston County at eight senior nutrition sites or via Meals on Wheels home-delivered meals. Available at a suggested donation for $3-$6 for seniors aged 60 or older.

STARS Adult Day Care
Seniors and other adults with dementia, Alzheimer’s, and other cognitive challenges in need of supervised care can enjoy a safe, and nurturing environment in both Mason and Thurston county. Over 75 families are served each year. Scholarships available.

Supportive Services
Assistance for seniors with accessing community resources, SHIBA, and more.

2016 Expenses

2016 Revenue

Senior Services for South Sound Administration & Olympia Senior Center
222 Columbia St NW | Olympia, WA 98501 | 360.586.6181 | www.SouthSoundSeniors.org

Virgil Clarkson Lacey Senior Center
6757 Pacific Ave SE | Lacey, WA 98501 | 360.407.3967

Mason County
790 E Johns Prairie Rd | Shelton, WA 98584 | 360.427.2060