



# 2016 Annual Report

*Greater Seattle Cares connects volunteers and resources to help people living in encampments survive homelessness.*

**Every year is a discouraging year when one is homeless. But in 2016, you showed hundreds of people that Greater Seattle does indeed care.**

## HIGHLIGHTS

### The situation has not improved.

Everyone hoped that the Seattle Mayor's 2015 declaration of a state of emergency regarding homelessness might impel a change, but the 2016 annual One Night Count on January 29<sup>th</sup> only confirmed advocates' fears. The number of people sleeping unsheltered in King County increased 19% over the previous year. Unsanctioned camps cropped up all over Seattle, bringing a proliferation of tents, garbage, and hopelessness. By December, the Mayor had called for three additional formal encampments.

### But with your support, Greater Seattle Cares responded.

With the help of our donors and volunteers, GSC expanded its services for a second year in a row.

- **Another New Camp**

Camp Second Chance split from Tent City 3 in April, ending up on unpermitted public land near West Seattle. There the politeness, cleanliness, and hard work of the camp residents won the hearts of the neighbors, the police, and the fire department. In late 2016, the City of Seattle recognized the camp, and GSC helped the residents incorporate and form a Board of Directors. CSC became the fourth transitional encampment receiving on-going support from GSC.

- **Programs**

During 2016, GSC continued to:

- Coordinate donors to cook one hot meal a day for camp residents at three camps through the meal calendars on our website.
- Support St. Dunstan Episcopal Church's meal program, which by year's end was sending meals once a week to five homeless camps.
- Provide a constant flow of donated clothing to the camps.
- Glean donated items four times a week from a major box store, Starbucks and Auntie Anne's Pretzels, delivering items to the camps and to other service organizations.
- Collaborate with Medical Teams International to bring a mobile dental clinic to Tent City 3 every few months.

We also expanded our programs to:

- Make a bulk purchase of tents, tarps, and carports in order to accommodate the growing need for outside emergency shelter.
- Provide financial support to Camp Unity Eastside to cover electricity and Honey Buckets.
- Provide weekly cleaning and kitchen supplies to Tent City 3, Camp United We Stand, Tent City 5 and Camp Second Chance, based on weekly written requests.

## Items Gleaned

114,237

## Tents, Tarps and Carports Distributed

145

## Meals Coordinated

21,300

## ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH

In 2016, GSC continued to mature as an organization.

- We formed a Communications Committee to increase the frequency and type of communications we have with you.
- We methodically expanded our contact with local religious and social service organizations.
- We increased our grant support.
- We on-boarded a dozen new volunteers.

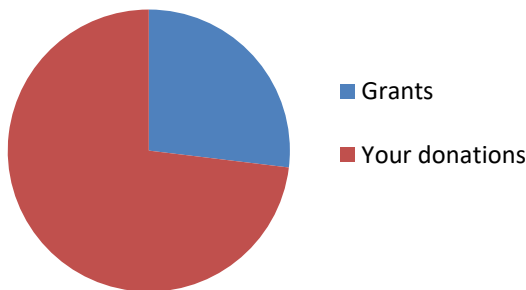
Our board has grown a bit smaller over the past two years. Two board members retired but continued on as dedicated volunteers, while one moved out of state. GSC is actively searching for new board members!

### 2016 Board of Directors

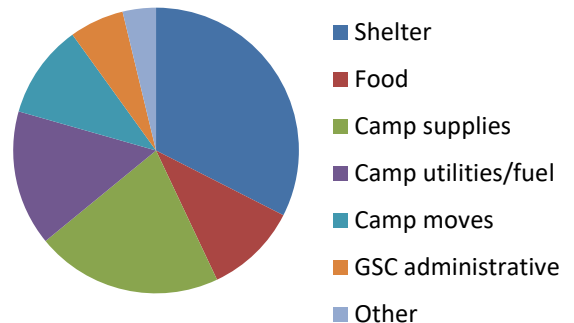
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 Frances Posel  
 Cindy Roat, President

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**Where's the money come from?**



**Where's the money go?**



### 2016 Donors and Grantors

*Many thanks for your generosity!  
 What would we ever do without you?*

Y.A. Amzio  
 Beth Ebert Benveniste  
 Boeing Corp.'s Volunteer  
 Match program  
 Timothy and Susanna Burk  
 Elizabeth Carman  
 Michael Ching  
 Ron and Maureen DiGiacomo  
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### 3 WAYS YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of people staying in homeless encampments? There are many ways to help!

- **Cook a meal!**  
Everyone needs a hot meal, especially in the cold winter months. Go to our website to sign up to cook for some hungry camp residents.
- **Volunteer with Greater Seattle Cares!**  
There are lots of ways to volunteer with GSC – either once or on an on-going basis. Check out the Volunteer page on our website.
- **Make a donation!**  
Your financial donation goes farther with GSC. As an all-volunteer non-profit, our administrative costs are minimal. Your gift will help provide food, clothing, and shelter to folks who are struggling to get back on their feet. **Thank you!**

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*Your donations at work!  
These residents of Camp Unity Eastside were happy to receive some of the nearly 100 new tarps that Greater Seattle Cares distributed in 2016.*