



# Kokua

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
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| Heartprints Photography     | Fred Meyers                  |                           |
| Critters on Things          |                              |                           |

## 2010 Revenue & Expenses

### Revenue

Consumer Paid Services .....	\$44,826
Donations & Fundraising .....	\$18,262
State Contracts .....	\$3,555,609
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,618,697</b>

### Expenses



## How to make a contribution

### Mail to:

Kokua  
1226 Carpenter Road SE, Suite B-1  
Lacey, Washington 98503

### Call us at:

360.705.4665

### Make a gift online at

[www.kokuaservices.com](http://www.kokuaservices.com)



## Kokua's Mission

Providing citizens with disabilities the support needed to live full and meaningful lives.

## 20 Amazing Years

In the early 1990's Washington State allotted funds to enable individuals with developmental disabilities to move out of state institutions and nursing homes. This process was described rather impersonally as deinstitutionalization. What happened in actuality was that persons with disabilities were given the chance to move from institutional environments that were created and managed by others and into homes of their own where they would have the freedom to create meaningful lives based upon their personal preferences and dreams. By any human standard, this was a big deal.

Kokua was born September 2, 1990 when two men moved in together in Tumwater and Kokua began providing Supported Living services. At that point Kokua consisted of the agency's founders, Jim and Ana Sibbett, and six friends who became the first employees. Taking the name Kokua, which means to show kindness and support for your neighbors, was a significant choice. This ethic of loving service has characterized the agency from the very beginning.

From this core of eight committed people, the agency grew. In February 1991, a group of ladies formed a household in Olympia, a household Kokua still supports 19 years later. A third household formed in June 1991. Kokua was off and running, a fledgling organization full of enthusiasm and filled with devotion to the individuals being served.

Twenty years later, that original intention still thrives. Despite funding challenges, increased regulation and a shift in our nation's priorities, Kokua's commitment to our mission is strong. This year Kokua held its first board/staff retreat. The focus of the retreat was to redefine the organization's role in the local disability community and to create a strong vision for Kokua's future. You may notice that Kokua's mission and vision statements have been revised as a result of this visioning work. We feel renewed and energized by the direction our organization is taking.

In the past 20 years the world has changed in many ways, not always for the better. The economic climate of the last few years has meant funding cutbacks for many critical services. In this environment, nonprofits must work collaboratively and creatively if we are to be effective game changers. Kokua's evolving partnerships with The Evergreen State College and with Parent to Parent are ways that we seek to meet changing community needs. The initiatives we are creating together could not have been born of solitary effort. Scarcity has not only strengthened our sense of purpose, it has provided us with new friendships, new resources, new learning.

**Chris Rasmussen-Barsanti**  
Executive Director



## Literacy and Education for Adults with Disabilities

Kokua believes that life-long learning is fundamental to a full and meaningful life. Our passion for supporting adults with disabilities to lead independent lives inspired us to develop a pilot program in 2010 called Literacy and Education for Adults with Disabilities (LEAD).

LEAD is a learner-driven tutoring and mentoring program. We provide the opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities to choose what goals they would like to pursue in one-on-one sessions with a tutor from The Evergreen State College. Goals range from, but are not limited to, academic subjects such as reading and math, to life and career skills such as reading a bus schedule, typing and using a cash register.

The ultimate goal of the program is not solely tangible and quantifiable "progress" towards the chosen goal, but instead to provide an opportunity for learners to exercise independence in choosing a goal and dedication in working alongside a partner in achieving this aim.

Kokua has partnered with The Evergreen State College's Center for Community Based Learning and Action to develop this opportunity for adults with disabilities in our community. Through this partnership we are working to create a vibrant community of learning and friendship.

“ To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.

Brandi Snyder ”

## Kokua Volunteers

Chase Arevalo  
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**Thank you to all of our volunteers!**  
**1938 hours of service in 2010**

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