



WHAT DOES 25 YEARS OF KOKUA LOOK LIKE?

The year 1990 was memorable in many ways. The United States entered a major recession. (It happens all the time apparently!) 1990 was the first year *The Simpsons* appeared on television. Nelson Mandela was released from prison in South Africa, and George H.W. Bush was named *Time Magazine's* Man of the Year; gasoline only cost \$1.34 a gallon; the most popular toy was the Furbie; the Leaning Tower of Pisa closed for repairs because it was in danger of collapse.

The year 1990 was a memorable year for many Washington State citizens as well. In 1990, Washington State experienced a wave of "deinstitutionalization." Individuals with developmental disabilities left nursing homes and institutions in large numbers to begin new lives in local communities. Kokua was founded in response to this growing need for community-based support services.

The intervening twenty five years have been important ones for the cause of disability rights. There has been a shift in public opinion about the way individuals with disabilities should be supported, a shift away from creating specialized environments like state institutions, large group homes and sheltered workshops. Some states have done away with large institutions altogether. Many states, like Washington, have a few remaining institutions but also a small menu of community-based options. Slowly, the push has been toward supporting people in the community and working toward the worthy goal of full social inclusion.

Kokua is proud of our record of providing creative, respectful Supported Living services. We have grown as an organization by listening carefully to the individuals we support. They lead; we follow.

We are also proud of our outreach into the community, especially our Literacy and Education for Adults with Disabilities (LEAD) program, which has grown from our strong partnership with The Evergreen State College. We feel that, deep down, our local community knows what it needs in order to support its citizens with disabilities. We want to be an active partner in the conversations that will shape the next twenty five years of progress.

Chris Rasmussen-Barsanti, Executive Director



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Our mission is to provide citizens with disabilities the support they need to lead full and meaningful lives.

2014 OVERVIEW

1,868
Volunteer Hours
119
Volunteers

REVENUE

Supported Living Contract	\$4,011,333.43
Private Pay Services	\$45,205.25
Donations	\$5,650.64
Fundraising	\$18,127.63
Total	\$4,080,316.95

EXPENSES

Wage Expense (Direct Service)	\$3,321,542.60	Property Repair	\$555.81
Wage Expense (Administrative)	\$369,892.44	Program Supplies	\$829.55
Dues/Subscriptions	\$1,837.41	Administrative Supplies	\$22,939.91
Recognition	\$2,308.76	Property Taxes	\$151.00
Meeting Expenses	\$1,628.08	Telephone Expense	\$9,093.17
Fundraising Expenses	\$7,314.93	Utilities	\$5,901.24
Leased Equipment	\$6,137.73	Employee Mileage	\$26,634.04
Board Development	\$654.76	Client Transportation	\$43,850.03
Staff Training	\$4,135.85	Misc. Expenses	\$54,452.85
Insurance	\$29,211.25	Reserves	\$53,356.51
Accounting/Prof. Svcs.	\$42,088.27		
Audit Services	\$5,616.00		
Office Equipment	\$180.40		
Rent	\$70,004.36		

Volunteer Spotlight

Izi LeMay
Izi's been with Kokua & LEAD since 2010. Her belief in inclusion and disability rights is a driving force in her life, and we appreciate her time & talents!



LEAD

Kokua believes that literacy and education are fundamental elements of a full and meaningful life.

In 2010, our passion for supporting adults with disabilities to lead independent lives inspired us to develop **LEAD** (Literacy and Education for Adults with Disabilities) in collaboration with The Evergreen State College. We have since grown to St. Martin's University campus and hope to continue to expand this free program with the support of our community.

LEAD is a learner-driven tutoring and

mentoring program that provides the opportunity for adults with disabilities to work one-on-one with volunteer college students on their educational goals. Goals range from, but are not limited to, academic subjects such as reading and math, to life and career skills such as counting money and computer skills.

LEAD opens doors into a larger world of learning, friendship, commitment, academia and personal growth. LEAD has proven to be a powerful, transformative experience for both learners and tutors.

ART

Kokua believes that art belongs to everyone!

We feel art is essential to a full and meaningful life as well as critical to a healthy, vibrant community. Kokua currently hosts a weekly art class at our office that's typically filled to capacity. Artists work independently or with as minimal support as necessary to express their personal creative visions and unique perspectives. We plan to soon create an inclusive community artspace where the arts are accessible to individuals of all abilities. We hope you'll join us on this exciting adventure!



For detailed information, see Kokua's 2014 IRS Form 990, available on our website.