

Fall
Newsletter
2014



Island
Volunteer
Caregivers



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IVC Wins STAR Award!

On June 11, the National Volunteer Transportation Center, a program of the Community Transportation Association of America, announced the STAR Award winners and honorable mentions. The awards are intended to recognize outstanding volunteer transportation programs and will enable winners to continue involving volunteer drivers and promote transportation services. This year, 190 volunteer transportation programs from 30 states applied for a STAR Award. The Award winners were selected by a committee of nationally recognized experts in transportation, aging, and volunteerism; and were announced at the CTAA Community Transportation EXPO in St. Paul, Minnesota.

We are very pleased to announce that Island Volunteer Caregivers was one of 6 organizations to receive a STAR Award. We received an Award of Distinction, accompanied by a check for \$7,500! This award validates the amazing, personalized services our volunteers provide for their neighbors and we are honored to be a recipient.

Strategic Planning

In 2004, IVC hired a professional to assist with a formal strategic planning process for the first time. The Board felt this was very beneficial as it helped to solidify goals and direction for the organization and reenergized Board and staff to work towards those goals. In subsequent reviews and updates to this plan, we realized that most if not all of those goals had been achieved. Now, 10 years later, it is time to look at a new strategic plan for the organization.

IVC has been extremely fortunate to have 2 volunteers, John and Judy McKenzie, who have worked on strategic plans for organizations all over the country and have graciously volunteered a huge gift of their time and expertise to assist us in this process.

The initial phase of the process involves benchmarking with other similar organizations to compare services, funding sources, best practices, etc. Next we plan to do individual interviews with some of our strategic partners such as healthcare organizations, transportation services, and governmental entities. This will be followed by a Listening Tour+where we will be inviting our stakeholders to give their input. These meetings will include volunteers, care receivers and their families, donors, community members, funding partners, Board members and others.

After the Listening Tour is completed and all the data is compiled, the Board will meet to formulate the Strategic Plan in November. Then a final report will be presented to the Board for approval in January of 2015.

Support Groups

Just a reminder that IVC sponsors 2 support groups for the community. The Caregivers Support Group, facilitated by Karen Carson, meets every Tuesday at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church from 2-3:30. The Grief Support Group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 5-6:30 at the IVC Offices and is facilitated by Robin Gaphni. For more info call 842-4441.

Grants Awarded

We were honored to be invited by Grace Episcopal Church to apply for their Outreach Grant in February and in April were informed that we would be receiving \$5,400 towards expanding our volunteer base and improving retention and recognition of volunteers. This grant will assist us in many areas, such as helping with the cost of customizing our new database, providing funds for volunteer driver screening and allowing us to develop a new volunteer handbook and other marketing materials. Thank you Grace!

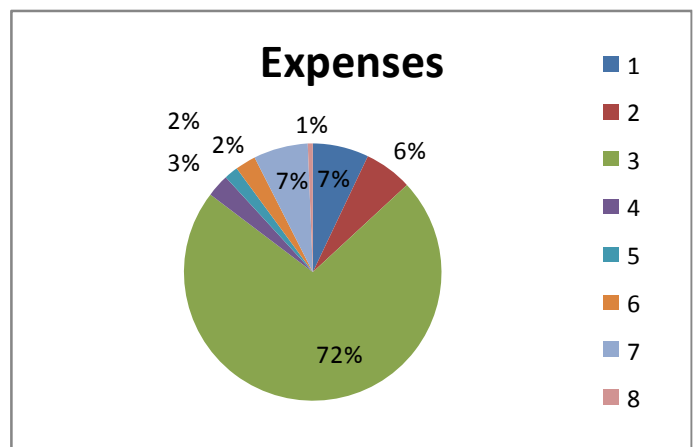
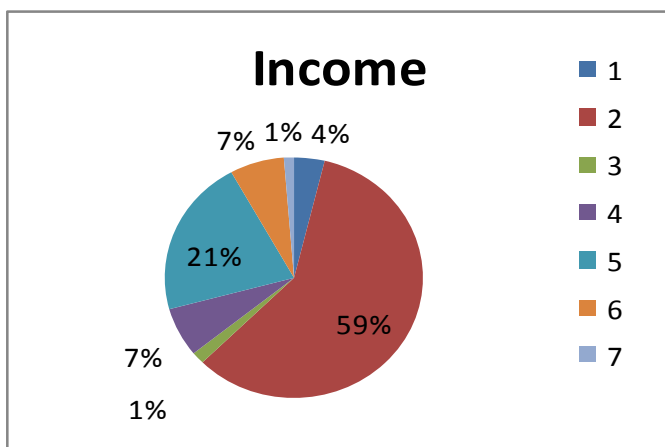
In late June, IVC was notified by Bainbridge Community Foundation that we were the recipient of a 2014 Community Grant in the amount of \$7,250. Funds for this grant came from the BCF Discretionary Fund as well as the following Donor Advised Funds: Croker Fund, Davis Fund, Lebeau Fund, Maggi Rogers Fund, Plan B Fund, Saber Fund and Sophia Fund. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of Bainbridge Community Foundation and these generous donors.

Financial Update

2014 has been a very positive year, with an encouraging financial picture. We continue to rely heavily on the generosity of individuals but are continuously looking for new funding opportunities, such as grants, corporate sponsorships and possible governmental funding sources.

The chart below reflects year-to-date income and expenses through August 31, 2014. There will be additional funds coming in September for the STAR Award, Grace Outreach Grant and other auction income.

Income			Expenses		
1	Individual Contributions	\$ 5,465	1	Operations	\$ 7,579
2	Funding Events	\$ 82,381	2	Capital Expense	\$ 6,563
3	Faith Communities	\$ 2,195	3	Staff Expenses	\$ 77,688
4	Grants	\$ 9,250	4	Volunteer Expenses	\$ 3,101
5	Organizational Giving	\$ 29,580	5	Computer/Utilities	\$ 1,859
6	City of Bainbridge	\$ 9,644	6	Service Providers	\$ 2,790
7	<u>Other Income</u>	<u>\$ 1,782</u>	7	Rent	\$ 7,362
	Total	\$140,297	8	<u>Other Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 667</u>
				Total	\$107,609



2014 Summer Dinner Auction

I am so truly grateful for the incredible people who made this year's Auction an enormous success! In addition to the Board, we had many dedicated volunteers who contributed their time and talents and created a beautiful setting for the event at Kiana Lodge.

Around 140 people attended and enjoyed the spectacular weather, beautiful flowers and grounds and the tasty salmon dinner. They engaged in spirited bidding on many silent auction and 17 unique live auction items, good naturedly spurred on by auctioneer Matt Smith. And I was completely blown away by the Paddle Call! After Board member and volunteer John Payne spoke movingly of a few of his experiences working with care receivers, donors responded with amazing generosity, opening their hearts and their wallets.

After final expenses are tabulated, we expect to net nearly \$79,000 from this event; unbelievable!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support. We couldn't have done this without our sponsors, donors, volunteers, Board members and all who attended and contributed in so many ways.



2014 Annual Summer Dinner Auction Sponsors

Platinum



Gold



Silver



**Supporters: New Motion Physical Therapy
Town & Country Market**

Fall Training

Our upcoming fall training in October will be on Boundaries and should be an excellent topic for new and experienced volunteers alike. Stay tuned for specific details on date and time.

Save A Tree!

In an effort to save a tree and reduce our printing costs, we would like to offer the option of receiving our newsletters electronically in the future. If you are interested, please contact us with your email address at info@ivcbainbridge.org or call 842-4441.



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Helping Hands Open Hearts

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“To the Flower Ladies at IVC,

Thank you for my lovely bouquet of flowers which I am enjoying. And thank you for all you do to show caring to others and to spread heartfelt joy and beauty.”

IVC Flower Recipient

The summer of 2014 is surely going to go down as one of the best we’ve had on record here in the Pacific Northwest. We have been graced with warm weather and just enough rainfall to bring a profusion of flowers into our gardens. Gardeners everywhere are delighting in the vibrant colors and sweet fragrances that are bursting forth this year. There’s an abundance of riches and IVC has found a way to share them with those who aren’t as fortunate to be surrounded by them.

Every morning from Memorial Day to Labor Day, colorful bundles of flowers were brought to Eagle Harbor Church by local gardeners. Later in the morning, IVC Flower Ladies appeared on the scene to assemble them into beautiful bouquets which they then delivered to people on the island who aren’t able to get out and about. This has to be the best volunteer gig in town! Every week we received cards and phone calls from the delighted (and surprised) recipients. Here’s a typical note: *“Thanks so much for the lovely bouquet you brought last week. My husband has Parkinson’s Disease and is wheelchair-bound so we don’t get out often.”*

The **Flowers From the Heart** program is just one of the many ways that IVC volunteers are making a difference in our community. Through these one-on-one connections, they are adding value to someone’s life and discovering meaning in their own as well.



Mission Statement:

Island Volunteer Caregivers connects those wanting to serve with the elderly, disabled or others requiring support so they can maintain their dignity, independence and quality of life.