

Twenty on the Twenty

A 20-second (or so) monthly update about co-op development in the Pacific Northwest provided to you on or about the 20th of each month.

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Welcome Olympia Home Care Co-op

The **Capital Homecare Cooperative** became official this month with filing of Articles of Incorporation. This is the second Washington homecare cooperative to incorporate in the last 12 months with technical assistance from NWCDC.

Sarah DeStasio (left) has spearheaded the effort since last September. As she notes, the hope is that CHC will lift all caregivers, not just members, "As a caregiver lexperienced long, exhausting hours, unsafe work environments and sometimes unsupportive management - and decided it was time to help changethe industry for the better. I hope the presence of a worker-owned, democratically-run home care agency will help empower ALL caregivers and put pressure on other agencies to improve working conditions. This year, we will be continuing to build our membership and client base and makecommunity connections that support our growth, now and in the future."



Capital Homecare Cooperative President Sarah DeStasio with Certificate of Incorporation

Worker Co-ops Meet in Austin, TX

worker coops from around the nation and beyond met for three packed days in Austin Texas last month and NWCDC was there! Staffmembers Kristy Keeley and Deborah Craig attended the event. Deborah and Circle of Life's Victoria Sprongfacilitated a workshop focused on Home Care co-ops and included discussions onrecruiting to marketing to quality of care. According to Victoria, "Itwas so great to see the rising interest in Home Care co-ops. Thisconference was three days of pure inspiration for me!" Co-op members from the two other Washington Home Care Co-ops -Peninsula Homecare Co-op and newly incorporated Capital Home Care Co-op werealso in attendance.



Members of Cooperation Jackson at the Worker Cooperative National Conference in Austin TX



ROC News Briefs

Northlake residents have officially incorporated as a cooperative in their efforts to purchase their mobile home park. . . Takes a residents have begun using their capital fund to make significant repairs that will ease flooding during heavy rains (a major problem for this community). . . . 15 Resident owned communities will be sending representatives to Roc-a-Palooza 2016—this event allows the directors and members of ROC in Washington and Oregon to meet and train each other by sharing best practices and problem solving experiences. This vital training opportunity is funded through grants and generous donations to NWCDC. This year, the funds allow renting a bus which provides added time for learning, debriefing, and networking during the trip to and from Roc-a-Palooza.

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