



## 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. **Please share with your network!**

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### Virtual Incubator Coming Soon

NWCDC switches most of its network to the cloud in the coming weeks through Google Suites. One of the benefits of this change will allow NWCDC to offer a virtual business incubator to clients. Client organizations may easily establish an on-line presence and gain access to business specific email and a suite of cloud based software. Daniel [Arrañaga](#), who spearheaded this effort, noted, "The integration of Gsuite for businesses will allow for greater collaboration and increase our ability to work remotely with many of our resident owned communities which are scattered throughout Washington State." In addition, NWCDC staff can assist in administration of the services. This will allow emerging cooperatives to set up quickly and help grow their business in a supportive environment.

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### CTAP Exchange Program

NWCDC staffer Sam Green participated in the first leg of a CTAP exchange program through ROC USA. Sam visited the offices of ROC New Hampshire which has a portfolio of 123 resident owned communities. He engaged in five days of training including remote and on-site technical assistance, learned about their best practices, observed processes, and gained new insights into the CTAP profession.

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### Home Care Co-ops

While NWCDC's service area focuses on the Pacific Northwest states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, we often get requests for assistance from across the country. With the growing interest in home care, Deborah Craig has found herself working with groups in Vermont and North Carolina. Both communities are looking towards creating caregiver owned co-ops to meet the growing demand for home care in their communities and provide better care for the caregivers through control of the work life.

The [Rick Merrill Memorial Fund](#) has been established to support home care development work of the [Cooperative Development Foundation](#). Rick Merrill suffered a traumatic brain injury that led to a constant need for home care in 2005 and recently passed away. Judy Ziewacz, President and CEO of [NCBA/CLUSA](#), created the fund in her husband's name to underscore the importance of supported caregivers noting, "For the past twelve years, caring, reliable home care provided peace of mind and improved quality of life for both Rick and me."

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### Cascade ROC Conference

Roc-a-Palooza, an annual conference for directors of the PNW Resident Owned Communities, has a new name: Cascade ROC Conference. The name change was to help identify the event with the region and the community of ROCs. The CRC will be held at the Tacoma Convention and Conference Center in September

drawing directors from Oregon and Washington. NWDC sponsors this event in partnership with CASA of Oregon. There will be 7-10 workshops and networking as communities share experiences and knowledge about managing and owning their communities.

NWDC is seeking travel scholarships for directors. Tax deductible donations can be made through our [Network for Good](#) page.

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### Help us provide technical assistance to co-ops!

A lot of the funding for our work comes through the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development mission. **Rural grants only go so far and urban areas have few, if any resources.** You don't have to wait for the end of the year to support our programs! You can provide a **tax deductible** one-time donation or monthly sustaining gift to help fund the work of co-op development!

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