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## 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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### Adobo Care Co-op Incorporates--5th Home Care Co-op in Washington

Caregivers in **Renton, WA** have formed a new home care co-op and hope to become a licensed agency in early 2019. Members of **Adobo Care Co-op**, named for a popular traditional Filipino dish known to bring people together, are excited to become member-owners of the co-op. Says founding member, Hazel Bonner, "Each one of us would have a hard time doing this on our own but by working together we can create an agency we can all be proud of." After incorporating this month, the members are hard at work learning co-op basics, making business decisions and preparing for licensing. With enthusiasm running high, Adobo Care Co-op is on its way to becoming Washington's 5th home care co-op!

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### NWCDC on the Capital Mall for National Co-op Week



NWCDC participated in a number of activities during Co-op Impact Week to celebrate **National Co-op Month** and represent the Pacific Northwest in our nation's capital. Members of the **CooperationWorks! Co-op 5K** team displayed matching tattoos (temporary) provided by the Center. NWCDC staffed a table with information and an interactive activity to assist people in learning about the different roles in co-op. A popular give-away item included the NWCDC disc.

NWCDC staffer, Fred Medicott (r), with the sports the team tat with other CW! runners.



NWDC table on the Capitol Mall (above) and our stylish frisbees (left).

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### Upper Lakeshore Closes!

On October 5, 2018, the Upper Lakeshore Cooperative finally closed on their property and took ownership of the land underneath their membership's homes. The Upper Lakeshore project ended up with a lot of twists and turns over the eight month process (which is much longer than normal). However, the perseverance of the co-op's leadership and NWDC staff brought the project home. This is the 14th Resident Owned Community in Washington.

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### NWDC and WSBDC Make Joint presentation to WA Senate



**Duane Fladland**, State Director **Washington Small Business Development Centers**, and **Cindy Brooks** of the Mt. Vernon SBDC office joined NWDC Executive Director **Diane Gasaway** in a presentation for the Washington State Senate Economic Development and International Trade Committee. NWDC was invited to the Committee's fall workshop to provide an update on co-op development in the state. The presentation focused on the goal of the **Legacy Project** that aims to ensure potential employee ownership discussions are discussed as retiring small business owners explore exit strategies and the recent passage of the **Main Street Employee Ownership Act**. Both organizations are concerned with building a vibrant Washington economy and shared how they are working together to provide technical assistance in ways that benefit everyone involved, thereby, increasing the capacity of rural communities to realize successful co-op conversions and start-ups.

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

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*You may earmark specific projects.*

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