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# Annual Report 2018

Education. Support. Advocacy.









## Our Mission

To reach out to and empower people affected by limb loss to achieve their full potential through education, support and advocacy, and to promote limb loss prevention.

## Our Impact

We work to empower people to live the lives they choose by providing resources and community.



Our National Limb Loss Resource Center has thousands of conversations with people every year, covering topics from what to expect about limb loss to questions about housing, employment and family life.



Support means connecting with people who really understand your journey. From Certified Peer Visitors to the Paddy Rossbach Youth Camp, we help people shape their lives.



Advocacy is educating others so they understand the needs of people living with the effects of limb loss. From legislators on Capitol Hill to states, to insurers and individuals, we do it every day.



## Not Just Paper Personalized Tools

In a world full of digital information, finding what is right for you can be challenging. Finding that information during a time of crisis or transition adds additional stress.

Our professional National Limb Loss Resource Center staff tailors resources to fit your needs, responding to your unique questions and situation.

Our staff constantly updates and adds new materials to our Web site and the printed resources they offer. As life changes, we make sure you have the information you need.



Resources you can refer to help make your journey a little smoother.

### IMPACT

**85%** of respondents said the overall impact of information/resources received was positive.

**83%** of respondents reported the materials they received were useful.

**86%** of respondents were satisfied with the materials they received.

“Seeing a real person who is thriving and who ‘doesn’t look like an amputee’ turns anxiety and fears into hopes and smiles. I love to be a part of that transformation from lost in a black hole to confident person with limb loss.”

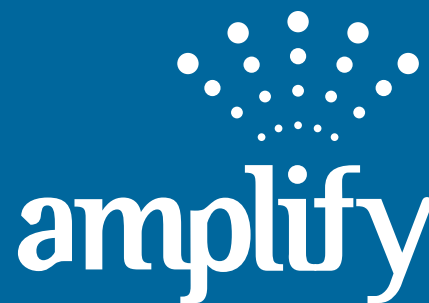
Liz Zemke, Volunteer,  
Quincy, IL



## AMPLIFY

In 2017, the Amputee Coalition launched the AMPLIFY project. Born of the need to address growing challenges to getting needed medical devices and care, AMPLIFY brings reality to policy makers.

In the first year, hundreds of people shared their story with legislators, insurers and their community. This surge was supported by training on communicating effectively and through publicizing the everyday stories that make a difference.



## Connection and Compassion It's Personal

Our Certified Peer Visitors bring an amazing array of skills to each visit. Just as important, they bring their personal experience and passion for connection.

Our peer visitor training encompasses best practices from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Institute of Medicine to deliver a unique, professional and personal experience for everyone who requests a peer visit.

We start them well by matching people who request a peer visit to someone who reflects their experience.

Listening compassionately is at the heart of the visit, bolstered by customized resource materials that offer support for weeks and months to come.



### IMPACT

**97%** of individuals who received a peer visit were satisfied with their experience.

*“When I do a peer visit, I go with the full intention of helping the person who requested a visit. As we talk and visit, I find myself listening and then giving helpful hints, encouragement, and knowledge that I learned over the years.... but as I leave, I often hear my own words echoing in my head and know I needed to hear those words myself that day. Sometimes we forget to be kind to ourselves with the challenges we face every day, even as a peer visitor.”*

LuAnn Kleemeyer, Volunteer,  
Fresno, CA



# Advocating

## One Who Pleads the Cause of Another

By collaborating with individuals and organizations, at grassroots and federal levels, and formally and informally, the Amputee Coalition has enhanced advocacy efforts across the nation. Hill Day in 2018 was powerful. On April 16 and 17, with nearly 60 attendees conducting 72 formal meetings (and many more informal conversations with legislators), we educated our congressional representatives about the needs of the limb loss community. Hill Day attendees' passion further sparked local activities, resulting in state-level insurance fairness activity and empowering the community to speak up and speak out.

In addition to in-person training, hundreds of viewers participated in webinar education on effectively sharing their story to influence policy, further expanding the Amputee Coalition's impact and reach. Ensuring that people have the skills and confidence to get involved in policy discussion is the most powerful way that the Coalition can protect the rights of people living with limb loss and limb difference.

Throughout the year, the Amputee Coalition beats the drum to ensure that policy and legislation that impacts the limb loss community is also influenced by the community.

Nothing for us without us.





# Making It Count



## Peer Support Network

- 81** New Certified Peer Visitors
- 349** Limb Loss Support Groups
- 790** Active Certified Peer Visitors
- 1,853** Certified Peer Visits Reported



## Advocacy

Steering committee member Independence Through Enhancement of Medicare/Medicaid (ITEM) Coalition

Partners with American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association, AAOP and O&P Alliance

Members of:

Partners for Better Care (PBC), Coalition to Preserve Rehab (CPR), Disability Research and Rehabilitation Coalition (DRRC), Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) and National Health Council (NHC)

Introduction of the LCD Clarification Act in House and Senate

Introduced insurance fairness legislation in **4** states



## National Limb Loss Resource Center

- 7,984** people served
- 21,991** resources disseminated through center
- 85%** of individuals were satisfied overall with their interactions with a resource specialist

## Reaching Out

- 145** children with limb loss attended Youth Camp
- 1,153** attended National Conference in Tucson, Arizona
- 410** attendees at Limb Loss Education Days
- 122,000+** Facebook friends
- 1,523** Insurance Guides
- 15,050** *First Steps*
- 8,425** Pain Brochures
- 2,473** *Your New Journey* packets mailed





# Financials

Being able to serve people living with limb loss and limb difference rests on solid financial health, which we achieve by following three principles.

1. We prioritize programs we believe will provide the support we promise in our mission, and then we assess them by asking participants what worked well for them.
2. We test new ways to serve and amplify the voice of the community, starting small and expanding if we are successful.
3. We are conservative with our expenses and long-term commitments to ensure that our core programs are always strong and able to deliver on our mission.

## Statement of Activities

### Support and Other Revenue

Donations & Sponsorships	\$547,000
Grants Receipts	2,816,574
Publication Advertising	187,293
Memberships	70,525
National Conference	197,342
Sales of Educational Material & Other	217,439
<b>Total Support and Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,036,173</b>

### Expenses

Program Services	\$2,566,170
Management & General	867,880
Fundraising	225,705
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,659,755</b>

## Statement of Financial Position

### Assets

Cash & Equivalents	\$2,163,001
Investments	764,251
Accounts Receivable	12,485
Contributions Receivable	214,405
Grants Receivable	150,427
Other Current Assets	166,735
Fixed Assets	267,013
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,738,317</b>

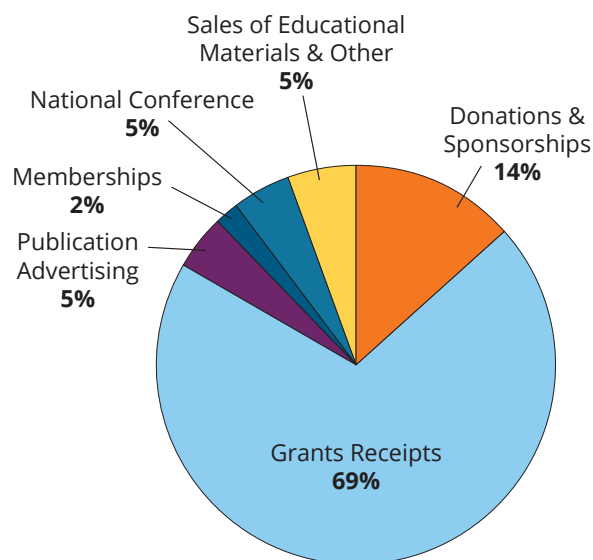
### Liabilities

Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$278,077
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$278,077</b>

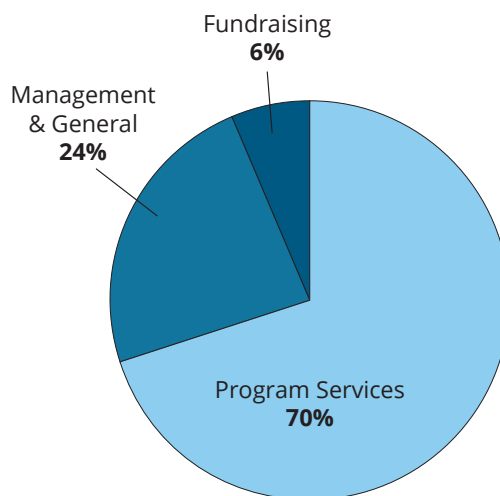
### Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$2,576,905
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	883,335
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$3,460,240</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$3,738,317</b>

## Support & Other Revenue



## Expenses



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