



## 2017 Summary

Members of the Stone Soup Project Board of Directors:

It is my pleasure to present to you Stone Soup Project's 2017 Summary:

In 2017, Stone Soup Project (SSP) volunteers were busier than any of the years past, with significantly more inquiries and partnerships. We were accepted into the Columbus Foundation's qualifying nonprofit donation program and participated in their "Big Give" donation drive. At the Foundation's suggestion, the Board began the development of Sound Policies and Procedures for SSP, as well as the revision of SSP's bylaws and other official documents. These updates began in late 2017 and will be discussed and adopted in early 2018.

The following service statistics are noted for 2017:

- Presentation of 2017 Service Statistics
- Number of events.....64
- Number of Volunteers .....481 (times served)
- Number of Clients .....1241
- Number of Service Hours.....848.5
- Number of Admin. Hours .....840
- Total Cost for Service Hours.....\$50,910.00
- Total Cost for Admin. Hours.....\$84,000.00
- Total Cost for the Year.....\$134,910.00
- Cost per Client .....\$108.71
- Cost per Hour.....\$79.90

Following are the highlights of 2017, as recorded in the SSP minutes:

### January 2017

- Provided services at the animal welfare group Speak for the Unspoken's Bark n Bash event
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic
- Provided demos to a human and canines at Pilot Dogs. We are hopeful to form a partnership with them in the future.

### February 2017

- Provided services for Westminster Thurber staff
- Provided services at The Ohio State University's Adult Daycare Program

- Provided services to surgeons at Grant Hospital
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic
- Participated in and provided services at the week-long Veterans Administration's MOVE program

### **March 2017**

- Provided services to staff of Alvis Inc.
- Provided services at the monthly VA Connection for veterans at the VA Wylie Center
- Provided services at the free Reiki clinic
- Met with representatives of Nationwide Children's Hospital to discuss participating in their "Everyone Matters" program

### **April 2017**

- Provided a wellness fair for ALS patients and family members.
- Provided services at Mt. Carmel School of Nursing wellness fair
- Participated in and provided services at the holistic pet wellness fair at Sky Dogs training facility
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic
- Provided services at the monthly VA connection for veterans at the VA clinic

### **May 2017**

- Provided services at the City of Columbus Health Fair
- Provided services at Goodwill Industries Lunch and Learn for staff
- Provided services at Goodwill Industries Vision Fair
- Provided services for pets at the Grandview Library "Yappy Hour" event
- Provided services for Kobacker House hospice staff
- Began to develop our Volunteer Appreciation Program
- Began to work with Sign Up Genius to organize and staff volunteer events
- Provided services at the monthly VA Connection for veterans at the VA clinic
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic

### **June 2017**

- Provided services at the State of Ohio Correction employee health fair
- Donated a raffle basket to the organization Faithful Forgotten Best Friends golf tournament. They provide health services for pets of the poor and homeless in central Ohio.
- Provided services at Friends for Life Animal Haven's Festival of Friends event. Donations of services from The Reiki Center were also made to the silent auction at the event.
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic
- Provided services at the monthly VA connection for veterans at the VA clinic

## **July 2017**

- Provided services to veterans at Welcome Home Veterans event at the Columbus Zoo
- Provided services for Nationwide Childrens Hospital employees
- Provided services at Wesley Ridge Nursing Home
- Provided services at Amethyst
- Provided services for surgeons at Grant Medical Center
- Provided services at the ADA celebration fair
- Provided services at the monthly VA connection for veterans at the VA clinic
- Attended and provided services at Speak for the Unspoken event “Double Merle Dash”
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic
- Discussed a budget for the grant that Southeast is submitting to have SSP provide services to patients under their care with opioid addiction
- Selected Shmuel Merimi as SSP volunteer of the quarter with a free service of his choice with a SSP board member

## **August 2017**

- Provided services at Southeast Mental Health Services
- Attended the VA Engagement Panel
- Provided services at the Somali Community Center
- Provided services at Amethyst
- Provided services at WagFest, a festival for pets
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic
- Provided services at the monthly VA connection for veterans at the VA clinic
- SSP board voted to make lavender sprays as gifts for Amethyst clients and that SSP would cover the cost associated with making them.

## **September 2017**

- Provided services for the VA suicide prevention program
- Provided services and was a speaker at Recovery Conference
- Provided services at Nationwide Childrens Hospital for staff members
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic
- Provided services at the monthly VA connection for veterans at the VA clinic

## **October 2017**

- Provided services at the BMI Federal Credit Union health fair
- Provided services at the Mt Carmel School of Nursing wellness fair
- Provided services at the OPERS health fair
- Provided services at the Alvis/Amethyst wellness fair
- Provided services at the VA staff wellness fair
- The white paper on SSP was published in “Alternative and Complimentary Therapies”

- Participated in the Columbus Foundation's "Big Give"
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic
- Provided services at the monthly VA connection for veterans at the VA clinic

### **November 2017**

- Provided services to Kobacker House Hospice staff
- Started the Children's Clinic hosted at The Reiki Center
- Provided services at the City of Columbus' Lunch and Learn
- Provided services at Alvis offices
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic
- Provided services at the monthly VA connection for veterans at the VA clinic

### **December 2017**

- Provided services at the Childrens Clinic
- Provided services at the free Reiki Clinic
- Provided services at the monthly VA connection for veterans at the VA clinic

### **2018 Goals:**

As we begin 2018, SSP has overcome many barriers and is in position to better recognize and help meet the needs of the community we serve. We have a dedicated board of directors and growing corps of volunteers that support SSP's mission. The Board has many connections already made and at any given time are working on building our relationships with 10-15 additional organizations.

I propose two major goals for 2018. Our first goal should be to recruit more volunteers to help with SSP while also establishing additional partnerships with area social service and healthcare agencies. Our services are being requested more now than ever and we want to be able to continue to provide services without over taxing our current volunteers. Our second major goal is to start working on a solid plan for fundraising, as well as volunteers who will assist with this important role. This year we should strive to submit requests for funding for operating supplies, marketing materials and two part-time staff positions (executive director and volunteer coordinator.) We also need to start looking into fundraisers that will generate revenue and increase SSP's visibility in the community. The more people who know and understand our cause, the more support we will get from the community.

We should finish up all of our policies and procedures documents in the first couple of months of the year. Once finished we can devote more time working on these goals.

I thank all of those who have provided services to others throughout the year and look forward to continued work with an amazing group of people.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Kaye Smith, President-Elect