



## Executive Team

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Since 2003, Act of Giving has made over \$460,000 in grants to inspiring non-profits.



In 2017, we awarded \$35,000 in member-contributed grants to four organizations.



## Message from the Executive Director

It is a privilege and a lot of fun to serve as the Executive Director for Act of Giving! Our members continue to blow my mind and warm my heart. We learn together—about important issues and the non-profits addressing them. We give together—to increase our impact on issues that matter to us and others in our community, nation, and world.

This year's grantees provide critical opportunities for the men and women, and their families, who have served our country. Their work is so valuable and it is a joy to be able to support them in their efforts.

Michelle Van Sant Chamberlain, *Executive Director*

## The Act of Giving Process

Each year, Act of Giving members come together to pick a theme to focus our grants and giving on. For 2017, the chosen theme was "Supporting Veterans."

Members research potential grantees and propose grants to the group. Members then vote to decide which organizations will receive grants and how much funding to award.

We have an event to recognize the grantees and celebrate. It's a highlight for members and grantees, and everyone is invited to join the festivities.





We are an all-volunteer, proactive, giving community built on shared values and the desire to drive positive change.

We are smarter and stronger together.



Giving is good.

Giving together is better.

Learn more!



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## 2017 Grantee Organizations

### Everyone for Veterans, \$10,000 grant

In 2008, Dr. Theresa Cheng became a health care army-of-one, providing vets and their caregivers free dental care (which most do not get from the VA). Responding to her outreach, 300 dentists and other care givers stepped up alongside her providing volunteer health services to our low-income combat veterans. Proposed by Act of Giving member Jean Edelhertz.

### Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, \$10,000 grant

A River Runs Through It! Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing provides physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities. Proposed by Act of Giving member Patrick Gerding.

### The Soldiers Project, \$10,000 grant

The Soldiers Project provides free, confidential and unlimited mental health services to any active duty service member or veteran who has served since September 11, 2001, and to their families. Proposed by Act of Giving member Eileen Putter.

### Operation Military Family Cares, \$5,000 grant

The organization provides active military, vets and their families resources and support in securing stable housing, finding employment and building healthy relationships. The grant will specifically cover college costs and related expenses. Proposed by Act of Giving member Michael Van Sant.

## 2017 Act of Giving Members

Alexander Polsky  
Ann Hunt  
Beth Plummer  
Cara and Michael Van Sant  
Cara Wilson  
Cedra Duflon-Heide  
Chris and Joan Walters  
Chris Peters  
David and Sarah Hill  
Doug and Helena Haas  
Dwight and Lisa Hutchinson

Eileen and Howard Putter  
Janet Salm  
Jean Edelhertz  
Jim Malzewski and Leigh Ann Lucero  
Kathleen and Patrick Owens  
Katie and Bailey Toft  
Kendra Morgan  
Klein James Seattle Auction Gallery  
Leah Boyan  
Lori Reinvik  
Mary Power

Matt Crosby and Sharon Chin  
Melanie Estrada  
Michelle Van Sant Chamberlain  
Michelle and Rob Banga  
Patrick and Stephanie Gerding  
Ross Kilburn  
Scott Foster  
Stephanie and Tom Shields  
Steve Shields  
Sue Rooney