Greetings,

In 2017, we focused on adding volume to the voice of the limb loss community. We created new ways for people to share their stories and help open up opportunity for the nearly 2 million people living with limb loss in the United States. With renewed vision and focus, I’m looking forward to hearing more powerful, positive stories from those we serve.

Support at Every Age

Our peer support programs offer connection, whether you are 10 or 90 years old. The Paddy Rossbach Youth Camp provides a unique, traditional camp experience for kids with limb loss or limb difference. Many of our campers return as counselors, sharing their hearts with the younger generation.

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.
We also provide support through our Certified Peer Visitor training and matching. With hundreds of visits logged every year, the experience is broad-reaching, professional and personal. Becoming part of a support group is easier with our national calendar of groups and meetings.

**Impacting Policy**

In 2017, our advocacy team launched AMPLIFY, enabling people to write directly to their insurers. This first-of-its-kind program redefined the conversation with insurers and helped people get the medical care they want and need.

**Resources and Reach**

Given that our mission is to empower, the subtext includes reaching as many people as possible. With that in mind, we translated our materials into Spanish and increased distribution of our *Your New Journey* packet, personalized for people new to limb loss.

Although I can’t comment on every project, I am very grateful to every donor, sponsor, member and volunteer whose generosity helps make our mission come to life. I know we make a difference, one person at a time.

Dan Berschinski
2017 Board Chair
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.

IMPACT

84% of respondents said the overall impact of information/resources received was positive.

81% of respondents reported the materials they received were useful.

84% 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
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 CMS, SAMSHA 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

93% 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
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. One of the more noted efforts was Hill Day 2017. On April 25 and 26, nearly 100 people gathered in Washington, D.C. to share their stories and educate their legislators about the needs of the limb loss community. Their 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

177 New Certified Peer Visitors
362 Limb Loss Support Groups
889 Active Certified Peer Visitors
1,043 Certified Peer Visits Reported

National Limb Loss Resource Center

6,504 people served
18,740 resources disseminated through center
85% of individuals were satisfied overall with their interactions with a resource specialist

Advocacy

Founding member of Partners for Better Care
Partner with AOPA, O&P Alliance, Independence Through Enhancement of Medicare/Medicaid (ITEM) Coalition, Coalition to Preserve Rehab (CPR)
Disability Research and Rehabilitation Coalition (DRRC), Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), National Health Council (NHC)
Introduction of the LCD Clarification Act in House and Senate
Introduced insurance fairness legislation in 4 states

Reaching Out

133 children with limb loss attended Youth Camp
1,245 attended National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky
593 attendees at Limb Loss Education Days
123,600+ Facebook friends
3,795 Insurance Guides
15,465 First Steps
9,975 Pain Brochures
4,670 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

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