Grants Awarded
Spokes provided more than $5,000 in grant awards to nonprofit leaders and organizations that have demonstrated successful implementation of improved management practices or outstanding leadership in the nonprofit sector.

Medal of Merit Award Winners
Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center
Central Coast Children’s Choir
DANA Adobe Nipomo Amigos

Honorable Mentions
Canzona Women’s Ensemble
Civic Ballet San Luis Obispo
OperaSLO
Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation
SLO Botanical Garden
Valley Art Gallery

Spokes Salutes Award Winners
Outstanding Officer Award
Heather Mikelonis, Transitional Food and Shelter
Distinguished Service Award
Alyce Crawford, Central Coast Caregiver Resource Center
Ally Award
Scientific Drilling International
HINDsight Award
Transitions-Mental Health Association

2015 SPOKES TEAM
Lesley Santos Dierks, CEO
Jenna Smith, Vision Weaver
Julia Rocca, Community Trailblazer

Joel Perkins, Encyclopedaler
Sara Adams, Development Intern
Sophie Tomko, Storyteller

BOARD MEMBERS
Jami Fawcett
JayMe Phillips
John Buerger
Linda Blonsley

Lynne Oliverius
Mark Corella
Michael Kaplan
Rob Nagle

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Adrienne Harris
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Deb Humphreys
Diane Auten
JayMe Phillips
Jeremy Teitelbaum

John Buerger
Judy Trejos
Ken Miles
Kristin Horowitz
Leslie Jones
Michael Kaplan
Michael Phares

Peggy Carlaw
Rachel Catemina
Sara LaForest
Sharon Dobson
Suzanne Valery
Yvon Gresser

All information presented in the Annual Report represents data from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015
MEMBER INPUT DRIVES US FORWARD

Spokes conducted its first annual survey to better understand the challenges local nonprofits face and measure the impact we are having in helping them overcome those challenges. **THANK YOU** to our participating members for their invaluable input!

As a result, Spokes identified several key programs and projects to implement in 2016 including quarterly Board President Roundtables and Happy “Hub” Hour networking events.

Know a nonprofit that could use some guidance? Spokes can help! Tell them to email info@spokesfornonprofits.org for more information today.

With **155** member organizations in San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara counties, Spokes offers services to hundreds of board members and nonprofit staff, representing fields from arts and humanities, to animal welfare, to veteran’s services.

“I’ve found the information and guidance that Spokes offers to be invaluable. Our community is home to many nonprofits, which is a reflection of the generosity of spirit that we have here on the Central Coast.” **Rosemary Canfield, Past President, Civic Ballet San Luis Obispo Board of Directors**

2015 MILESTONE MOMENTS

- Developed “First Gear” Membership program designed to support nonprofits in the start-up phase and through the incorporation process to ensure that they begin their organization with sound practices in place.
- Offered a new consultation on bylaw reviews and rewrites, assisting organizations to create governing documents that better reflect the culture of the organization and the best practices they value.
- Launched a new website, increasing our capacity to reach the nonprofit community, communicate our services, and offer support.
- Held our first-ever Spokes Salutes awards program, recognizing outstanding individuals and organizations in the nonprofit sector.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Spokes received $193,422 in total revenue; $141,172 in contributions and grants, $46,795 in training, membership, and consulting fees, and $5,455 in other revenue. Our expenses totaled $194,380.

PUTTING THE GEARS IN MOTION

**SPOKES is TRAINING**

Hosted **407** nonprofit board members, staff, volunteers in **52** workshops and roundtables in San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, and Templeton locations

“Pretty much everything that’s changed in this organization has origins in Spokes’ practices and workshops.” **Doug Jenzen, Executive Director, Dunes Center**

**SPOKES is CONSULTING**

Delivered **135** hours of contracted consultations, primarily in strategic planning facilitation

Provided **100** hours of drop-in and phone consultations to both member and not-yet-member nonprofit organizations

**SPOKES is RESOURCES**

Members viewed **3,150** minutes of educational videos on lynda.com, an online learning tool

Members booked our complimentary conference room on **90** separate occasions

**SPOKES is COMMUNITY**

“Not only is Spokes bringing together nonprofit professionals who might not otherwise meet, but they have the opportunity to learn from each other as well...they form a stronger sense of collaboration as they head back into the community with confidence.” **Leslie Jones, Volunteer Faculty Member**