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## 2015 Corporations For Communities

### Public asked to nominate a company that gives back to the community

We all know of a corporation or business that steps up and does good things in your community, whether it's donating money or supplies, or providing volunteer help. Here is your chance to help give that company some much-deserved recognition and praise. Nominate that business for Washington's highest civics award.



The Office of Secretary of State is accepting nominations for a 2015 Corporations for Communities Award, and the deadline to nominate a company is Aug. 31.

Nomination forms can be found at <http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/corpsforcommunities/> on the Secretary of State's website.

Secretary of State Kim Wyman thinks CFC is a great program.

"We are lucky to have many companies in Washington that are so committed to giving back in some way," Wyman said. "Corporations for Communities is a great way for people to help recognize these companies that contribute to local causes. I'm proud that we can honor those businesses that make a real difference."

For more information about the Corporations for Communities program, contact program coordinator Patrick Reed at (360) 725-0358 or [patrick.reed@sos.wa.gov](mailto:patrick.reed@sos.wa.gov).

The Corporations for Communities program began in 2009 as a way to recognize exceptional Washington businesses that demonstrate a commitment to giving in order to improve local or regional social and environmental conditions. The award program is run by the Corporations & Charities Division, which is part of the Office of Secretary of State.

**the BUZZ****2015 quarterly statistics:**April 1—  
June 30, 2015New formations/  
registrations:**16,057**Total active  
business entities:**485,251**

Annual reports filed:

**94,931**

Received mail:

**23,209**

Phone calls:

**37,679**Average time to  
answer calls:**2 minutes 15  
seconds****HAPPENINGS****Charities and Nonprofit Education**

In mid-June, the Charities Education Program partnered with Wayfind Legal to bring a version of its “Nuts & Bolts” workshop to Thurston County for new and prospective nonprofits. About 70 people attended and some of the feedback received included, “Very excited to know that our charities have allies in the Secretary of State – thank you!” and, “I attend CLE training on a



regular basis and the materials, information and presentations provided by this program is among the best I have attended in years.”

In addition to the presentations from the Wayfind attorneys, our own

Dan Speigle, Deputy Director of Corporations and Charities (and also a CPA and Certified Information System Auditor) presented on Financial Controls for Nonprofit Organizations. Dan was hands-down the favorite presenter of the day. We hope to have all of the workshop presentations available on video soon, with Dan’s presentation coming up first.

Keep an eye on the Charities Training page ([sos.wa.gov/charities/training](http://sos.wa.gov/charities/training)) or follow the Charities Program on Facebook to be informed as soon as it’s available!

**Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)**

Since 1991, the goal of the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) has been to help crime victims stay safe. The ACP is designed to prevent offenders from using the state’s public records to locate their victims and cause further harm. The ACP is available to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and/or stalking, and certain criminal justice employees who have been targets of threats or harassment on the job or due to the job.

To learn more about the Address Confidentiality Program within the Secretary of State’s Office, visit the program website at:

[Address Confidentiality Program \(ACP\)](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Updated—forms generator

On June 26 we hosted a brief webinar with service organizations that file documents on behalf of their clients.

The focus of this meeting was to introduce the abilities of the new self-service form generator and provide a demonstration of how to obtain the most common forms like amended annual report and reinstatement.

To use this service, you can use this link: [Forms Generator](#) or you can find the link in the “Manage a Business” portions of the Corporations website [www.sos.wa.gov/corps](http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps)



### New Law Changes for January, 2016

The 2015 Legislature passed SB 5387 during the first regular session, making some big changes to corporate filings come January 1, 2016. In general, it adopts procedures for common legal requirements for entities filing records in the Office of the Secretary of State. One of the biggest changes is in the Registered Agent laws.

In 2016, a registered agent may be a Commercial registered agent, or a Noncommercial registered agent. Commercial registered agents are able to do one filing for many clients. They are also able to accept notices, demands, and service of process in a record other than a written record. A noncommercial registered agent will continue to file a record for each entity represented and notices, demands, and service must be made in a written record. Also, a statement of resignation by a registered agent will be filed with no fee beginning in January.

The service of process procedure will also change in 2016. Service will be made in the following order: first, to the registered agent; second, to the entity at their principal office address as shown on the last filed annual report; third, to an individual in charge of any regular place of business or activity of the entity, and finally, if one, two, or three are not successful, the secretary of state may be served as the entity's agent.

Stay tuned this fall for more information on other changes in the new law!

Click here for [CLE Resources](#) posted to our website or visit: [www.sos.wa.gov/corps](http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps)

### Tips & Tidbits

#### What is a registered agent?:

Find a description, and the frequently asked questions about registered agents here:

[Registered Agent—FAQ](#)

#### Getting copies?

How to get copies of articles, certificates and other documents recorded with the Secretary of State.

[Copies—FAQ](#)

#### Glossary of terms:

Find many definitions related to filings at the Secretary of State

[Glossary](#)

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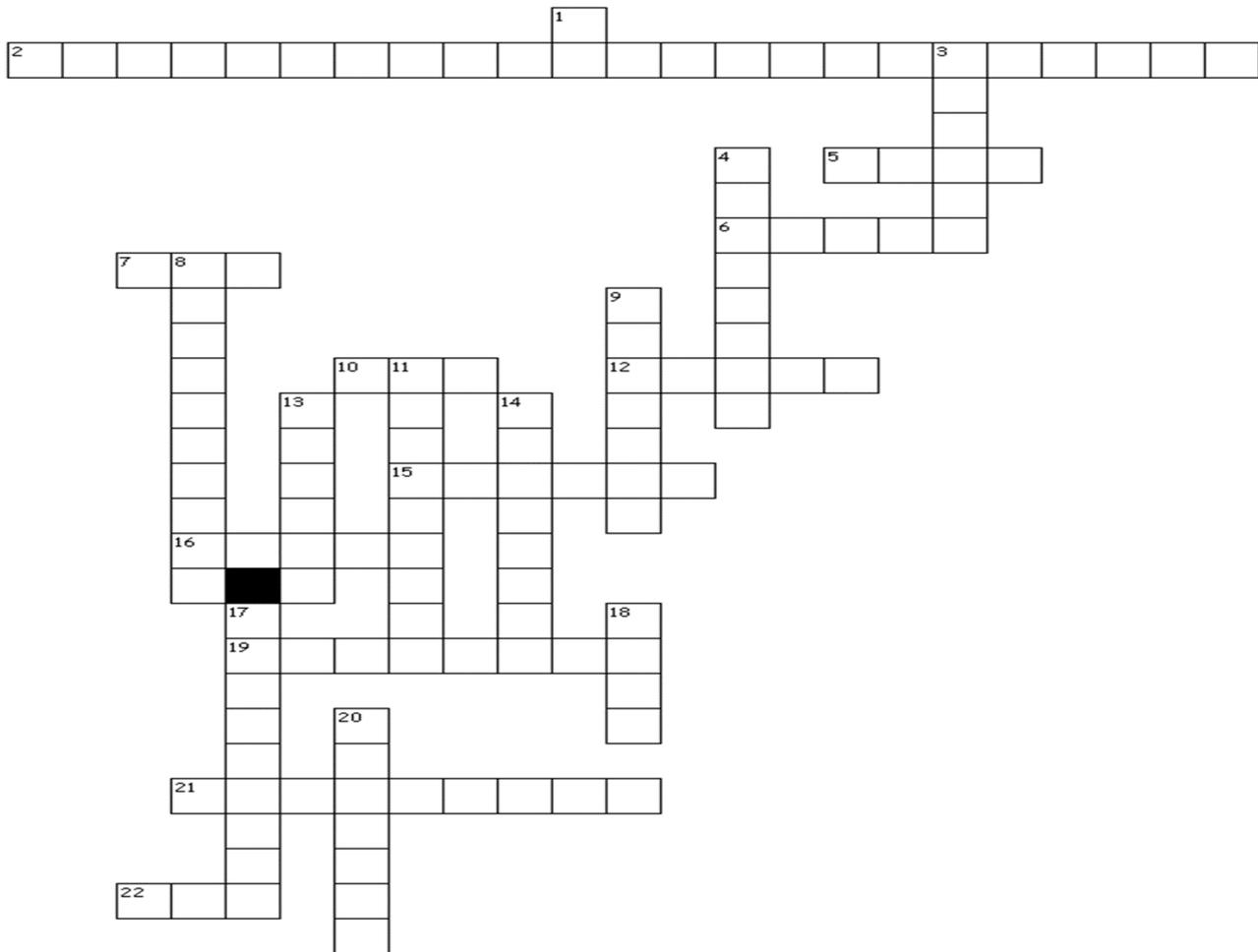
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#### Crossword answers from 2nd Quarter Dish:

1. Four 2. July 3. Corporations  
4. Quarterly 5. UCC 6. Reinstatements  
7. Webinar 8. Charities 9. Secretary  
10. Amended 11. Dish 12. Annual Reports  
13. Revenue 14. Interface 15. UBI  
16. Registered 17. Gambling 18. Twelve  
19. Dolliver 20. Ellensburg

# Corporations and Charities Division Crossword



Across

- 2. The most common type of entity filed in the WA OSOS
- 5. One is at Puyallup and another in Olympia
- 6. Sometimes caught in a trap and sometimes needs batteries
- 7. Protects addresses (abbrev)
- 10. Not old
- 12. What the Secretary of State gives to certain entities for giving back to their communities
- 15. Something customers order a lot from the OSOS
- 16. Who is registered to receive service
- 19. Finest movie ever made - "\_\_\_\_\_ Bride"
- 21. What kind of controls do nonprofits need
- 22. An article

Down

- 1. A social networking site (abbrev)
- 3. The future method of filing corporations and charities records will be here
- 4. What is the name of the Secretary of State?
- 8. A new type of registered agent
- 9. Twenty-five cents
- 11. What the Charities program and Wayfind Legal offer nonprofits
- 13. A season that usually starts in June
- 14. When you need it today, do this
- 17. An authentication of a notary or other state official's signature
- 18. The Office of the Secretary of State (Abbrev)
- 20. An entity that solicits donations from the public