Limbs for Life Foundation

Nonprofit Profile

Contact Information

Nonprofit
Limbs for Life Foundation

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At a Glance

Organization's type of tax exempt status
Public Supported Charity

Organization Does Business As (DBA)
Limbs for Life Foundation

Former Names
NA
Year Founded: 1995
IRS Ruling Year: 1994
Registered with the Secretary of State?: Yes
State Registration Expiration: Mar 2017

Other ways to donate support, or volunteer
The Limbs for Life Foundation accepts donations of used prosthetic. These gifts are broken down into components and used parts are donated free of charge to organizations and professional workers meeting the needs of amputees in developing countries worldwide. In the past year, used prosthetic donations have been welcomed by amputees in Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Nigeria, Panama, Peru and the Philippines.

Please call the office for current volunteer opportunities.

Many groups and individuals host activities in their respective communities to raise awareness and support for the foundation. Limbs for Life will provide logos, sample press releases and other support.

Statements

Mission
Limbs for Life Foundation is a global non-profit organization dedicated to providing fully functional prosthetic care for individuals who cannot otherwise afford it and raising awareness of challenges facing amputees.

Background
The Limbs for Life Foundation was established in 1995 by prosthetist John A. Sabolich to assist amputees who did not have insurance to cover the cost of prosthetics. Sabolich’s passion for helping amputees was deep-rooted in his family’s history, as his father Lester opened his first prosthetic clinic in Oklahoma City in 1947. Since its inception, Limbs for Life has provided thousands of new prosthetic limbs to amputees across the United States. Many more amputees are helped with the distribution of used prosthetic components shared through international partnerships and missions, empowering amputees on four continents.

On average, 507 people lose a limb each day, joining over 2.1 million amputees living with limb loss in the United States alone. Diseases including diabetes and vascular disease, accidents, birth defects and warfare are the primary causes of limb loss. Almost 60% of limb loss is preventable.

When a person becomes an amputee, they are faced with staggering emotional and financial lifestyle changes. Fortunately, high tech prosthetic devices that restore a person’s basic skills and independence are available. Unfortunately, many amputees lack the financial resources to obtain adequate prosthetic care.

That’s where the Limbs for Life Foundation steps in. Our goal is to provide a financial bridge between low-income amputees and the quality prosthetic care needed to restore their lives.

Limbs for Life works with prosthetic clinics and skilled clinicians nationwide who donate their time, labor and energy to help those in need. Their willingness to serve and their passion to see people restored to health is invaluable to our organization and to those we serve.

Limbs for Life also accepts gently-used prosthetics and prosthetic components from individuals who no longer need them. With these used, but functional components we are able to reach hundreds of amputees in developing countries and provide them with an inexpensive prosthetic option. Every donation made to our organization is used to benefit the life of an amputee, whether in the United States or abroad.

Impact
In order for Limbs for Life to fulfill its mission of providing prosthetic care to amputees, there must be a combined humanitarian effort from the foundation, the prosthetist, and the clinic. This is accomplished by working closely with prosthetic clinics regarding care and reimbursement rates. We are able to fulfill our mission for two reasons: the prosthetic facility donates a portion of their labor and we provide components for their use, free of charge, from limbs that have been donated to Limbs for Life.
**Needs**
The cost of a prosthetic limb starts at around $15,000 and can go up to $120,000, with an average price of $20,000. Also a prosthetic limb will require maintenance or need to be completely replaced approximately every three years. Maintaining a prosthetic limb over the years can run in the thousands of dollars for a patient. Amputees generally need numerous prosthetic limbs throughout their life and some insurance companies do not cover prosthetic limbs or will only pay for one in a lifetime.
The average cost of a prosthetic limb for Limbs for Life is $3,000. Clinics agree to accept our fee schedule (reimbursement rate) and have access to donated components if they choose. In addition the clinic agrees not to bill the amputee for any further charges beyond the fee we pay. We work with prosthetic clinics nation wide.

**Area Served**

**Geographic Area Served**
Throughout the United States
Internationally

We provide financial support for amputees to receive a prosthetic limb by working with prosthetic clinics across the United States and clinics around the world. In 2016, Limbs for Life served clients who had no other means of obtaining a limb in 18 states.

In addition, used prosthetic parts were distributed to amputees on four continents.

**Service Categories**

**Primary Organizational Category**
Human Services/Developmentally Disabled Services/Centers

**Secondary Organizational Category**
Diseases Disorders & Medical Disciplines/Birth Defects & Genetic Diseases

**Tertiary Organizational Category**
Health Care Health Support

**Programs**

**Prosthetic Limbs for Amputees**

**Description**
Health and Wellness - The foundation was designed to bring restoration to the lives of amputees who cannot afford costly prosthetic care. With appropriate care and assistance, amputees have the opportunity for a productive and independent lifestyle.

**Budget**
$706,285.00

**Category**
Health Care, General/Other Assistive Technology Equipment Provision

**Strategy**

**Population Served**
Other Health/Disability

**Program Short-term Success**
For both the short and intermediate terms, we are relieving financial burdens placed on an amputee who is faced with medical bills, loss of wages – while maintaining a household or other obligations.
Program Long-term Success

Each day, 507 Americans lose a limb. Approximately 2.1 million individuals are living with limb loss in the U.S. Amputees are faced with staggering emotional and financial lifestyle changes. Quality prosthetics restore mobility and independence, but are out of reach for many low-income amputees. The Limbs for Life financial assistance program aids the lower limb amputee, at or near the poverty level, who does not have insurance to cover any portion of the prosthetic expense and does not qualify for any other state or federal assistance.

Each amputee restored to mobility and independence, to return to work or school, and resume activities with their families and friends is the measure of success and benefit to that individual and the larger community. With appropriate care and assistance, amputees have the opportunity for a productive and independent lifestyle.

Since Limbs for Life was incorporated in 1995, the agency has provided $4,100,000 in financial assistance for prosthetic care to more than 2000 amputees in the U.S.

Program Success Monitoring

The Prosthetic Clinics work with each amputee and provide tools for measuring ambulation potential once amputees have been fitted with a prosthesis. We will alter or develop our numerous programs and services with the goals of proactively reaching out to our constituents, following up with them, and making a significant impact in their lives.

Examples of Program Success

Arms and legs are not a luxury. They are basic items that people with limb loss absence need to hug their children, to walk across a street, to work to support their family and to simply function every day. They are a necessity.

A prosthesis will not only allow the amputee to be independent, but improve their health and well-being because they will be active and participate in activities that will lead to a better quality of life. We are making a disability an ability.

Disaster Programs

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) Member No

Comments on Programs

CEO/Executive Director/Board Comments Each year Limbs for Life assists more than 1350 amputees both in the US and internationally.

Staff & Management

CEO/Executive Director Lucy Fraser
Start Date Feb 2013
Email lfraser@limbsforlife.org
Senior Staff

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Title</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lucy Fraser</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
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Staff Information

- **Number of Full-time Staff**: 2
- **Number of Part-time Staff**: 1
- **Number of Contract Staff**: 1
- **Number of Volunteers**: 150
- **Staff Retention Rate**: 66%
- **Are professional development opportunities provided?**: Yes
- **Does CEO/Executive Director have formal evaluations?**: Yes
- **Management Reports to Board?**: Yes

Staff Demographics - Ethnicity

- **Caucasian**: 3

Staff Demographics - Gender

- **Female**: 3

Organizational Plans

- **Fundraising Plan**: Under Development
- **Policy against commission-based compensation for fundraising consultant**: Yes
- **Communication Plan**: Under Development
- **Strategic Plan**: Under Development
- **Number of Years Strategic Plan Considers**: 5
- **Date Strategic Plan Adopted**: Oct 2008
- **Management Succession Plan**: Yes
- **Organization Policies and Procedures**: Yes
- **Continuity of Operations Plan**: No

Policies

- **Nondiscrimination Policy**: Yes
- **Whistle Blower Policy**: Yes
- **Document Destruction Policy**: Yes
Collaborations

Limbs for Life works with more than 400 prosthetic clinics across the United States who provide prosthetic limbs for our clients. We also collaborate with missions and charitable workers across four continents to provide prosthetic parts. Other collaborations include the following organizations: University of Central Oklahoma Endeavor Games, Oklahoma City VA Hero Homecoming, University of Oklahoma's Integrated Business Core, Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech Orthotics and Prosthetics Technician training program.

Affiliations

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<td>Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits, Standards of Excellence Program Graduate</td>
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<td>Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits, Standards of Excellence Program Graduate</td>
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Governance

- **Board Chair**: Ms. Kristen Jones Colby
- **Company Affiliation**: Eventful Marketer
- **Term**: Jan 2017 to Dec 2018
- **Email**: kristen.colby@eventfulmarketer.com

Board of Directors

**List Current as of**: Jan 01, 2017

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<th>Name</th>
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<td>Ms. Amy Gallegos</td>
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<td>Ms. Adrianne Haslet</td>
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<td>Mr. Jerry Isbell</td>
<td>Self Employed</td>
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<td>Mr. David Johnson</td>
<td>Certified Public Accountant</td>
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<td>Ms. Kristen Jones</td>
<td>Front Burner Restaurants</td>
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<td>Mr. Erik Salazar</td>
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Board Demographics - Ethnicity

- Caucasian: 8
- Hispanic/Latino: 1
- Native American/American Indian: 1

Board Demographics - Gender

- Male: 3
- Female: 7
Governance Information

Board Term Lengths 3 years
Board Term Limits 3 terms
Number of Full Board Meetings Annually 4
Board Meeting Attendance % 100 %
Percentage of Board Making Monetary Contributions to the Organization 100 %
Percentage of Board Making In-Kind Contributions to the Organization 25 %
Board Orientation Yes
Constituency Includes Client Representation Yes
Written Board Selection Criteria? Yes
Written Conflict of Interest Policy? Yes

Standing Committees

Board Development / Board Orientation
Executive
Special Events (Golf Tournament, Walk / Run, Silent Auction, Dinner / Gala)
Program / Program Planning

Advisory Board

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<td>Bill Dunham</td>
<td>Hanger Clinics</td>
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<td>Richard Foster</td>
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<td>Amy Gallegos</td>
<td>Limbs for Life Board Member</td>
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<td>Scott Sabolich</td>
<td>Sabolich Prosthetics</td>
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Financials

Current Fiscal Year
Jan 01, 2017-Dec 31,2017

Current Year Budgeted Total Income $670,550
Current Year Budgeted Total Expenses $670,550

Prior Three Years' Financial History

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<th>Income and Expenses</th>
<th>Fiscal Year</th>
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<td>Total Revenue</td>
<td>$697,005</td>
<td>$678,690</td>
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<td>Total Expenses</td>
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<td>Revenue Less Expenses</td>
<td>$73,153</td>
<td>($12,400)</td>
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Income Sources
### Fiscal Year Contributions

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<td>Individual Contributions</td>
<td>$490,506</td>
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<td>Earned Revenue</td>
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<td>Investment Income, Net of Losses</td>
<td>$8,598</td>
<td>$7,756</td>
<td>$9,401</td>
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<td>Unrealized Gain/Loss</td>
<td>($1,905)</td>
<td>($1,128)</td>
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<td>Membership Dues</td>
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<td>Special Events</td>
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<td>$144,293</td>
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<td>Revenue In-Kind</td>
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<td>$12,968</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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### Expense Allocation

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<td>$475,764</td>
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<td>Administration Expense</td>
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<td>Fundraising Expense</td>
<td>$99,227</td>
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<td>Payments to Affiliates</td>
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<td>Total Revenue/Total Expenses</td>
<td>1.12</td>
<td>0.98</td>
<td>1.52</td>
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<td>Program Expense/Total Expenses</td>
<td>76%</td>
<td>84%</td>
<td>66%</td>
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<td>Fundraising Expense/Contributed Revenue</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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### Assets and Liabilities

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<td>Total Assets</td>
<td>$775,524</td>
<td>$702,490</td>
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<td>Current Assets</td>
<td>$550,609</td>
<td>$519,535</td>
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<td>Long-Term Liabilities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Current Liabilities</td>
<td>$986</td>
<td>$1,105</td>
<td>$199,263</td>
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<td>Total Net Assets</td>
<td>$774,538</td>
<td>$701,385</td>
<td>$713,785</td>
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### Short-term Solvency

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<td>Current Ratio: Current Assets/Current Liabilities</td>
<td>558.43</td>
<td>470.17</td>
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### Long-term Solvency

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<td>Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets</td>
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## Top Funding Sources
Fiscal Year 2015

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<td>Individuals</td>
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<td>Second Highest Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</td>
<td>Special Events $199,806</td>
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<td>Third Highest Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</td>
<td>Investment Income $8,598</td>
<td>Prior Period Adjustment $53,498</td>
<td>Revenue In-Kind $12,968</td>
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Endowment and Other Financial Information

Endowment?
Yes

Endowment Value
$50,220.00

Endowment Spending Policy
Percentage

Endowment Spending Policy Percentage (if selected)
5%

Credit line?
No

Reserve fund?
Yes

Tax Credits?
No

Capital Campaign

Currently in a Capital Campaign?
No

Capital Campaign Anticipated in Next 5 Years?
No

Comments on Financials

Foundation Staff Comments
All prior year financial information is from the IRS Form 990s.

Note: Fiscal Year 2014 had a prior period adjustment of $53,498, which was added to the Revenue and “Other Revenue” in order for the Net Assets to roll-forward properly.

Contributions from foundations and corporations are listed under individuals when the breakout was not available.

The financial information presented is obtained from the following sources: IRS Form 990, independent audit reports, financial statements – board approved when available, and supplemental information from the organization. We do not warrant or guarantee the timeliness, errors or inaccuracies. With respect to information regarding financial performance, nothing on this website should be interpreted as a statement or interpretation by OCCF staff.

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