

The Grave Concerns Association is a volunteer organization dedicated to the restoration of the historic Western State Hospital Cemetery located on the grounds of Fort Steilacoom Park. Our organization grew from John Lucas's desire to rededicate the prairie cemetery where over 3,000 former patients were buried, but few markers were visible in 2000.

We are a 501C3 organization, registered as a nonprofit in the State of Washington which raises funds to replace deteriorating numbered markers with names etched in granite. We organize installation events, celebrations, fundraiser projects, and provide educational opportunities and outreach. We team with community organizations and businesses to complete our mission: to restore and enhance the patient cemetery.

We welcome participation at specific events or as participants of committees, including Volunteer coordination, Special Events, History, Publicity and Fund Development.

In 2009 we were invited to be a charity on the State of Washington Combined Fund Drive. Although we were invited after the publication of the booklet of charities, state employees may designate a donation from their paycheck by listing our number: 1479504.

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