Here at the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project...

We **LOVE** meeting hundreds of amazing old lesbians

We LOVE doing presentations about the Project

We LOVE crafting and sharing The Insider, the OLOHP newsletter

We **LOVE** women putting their trust in us

We LOVE all the various photographs and support materials they share

We **LOVE** working with our cadre of interviewers and devoted volunteers

We LOVE showing off the DVD we made in conjunction with the Puget Sound OLOC chapter

We **LOVE** developing and maintaining the website, www.olohp.org

We LOVE hearing from or about the women who have participated in the Project

We **LOVE** our cheering section...which includes all of you!

There are also those things we aren't necessarily thrilled about, but we make time to do...

We're okay with gathering all the details we need to do our taxes each year

We're okay with trying to keep track of where each story is in the process (no small feat!)

We're okay with working long-distance with interviewers and volunteers

We're okay with not having the time to write the third book we wanted to put out

We're okay standing in long lines at the post office so we can take advantage of mail media postal rates

We're okay with making sure we have enough ink, toner, and different types of paper on hand

We're even okay with arguing with our various pieces of equipment, trying to convince them all to play nice!

That leaves a very short list of one item we dread and put off...

There is one thing that we're not only bad at, but that we constantly put off because we have interviews to arrange, photos to layout, websites to update, audios to transcribe, presentations to design, and dozens of other tasks, all awaiting our attention... We're bad at – and will do almost anything to avoid – asking for donations to support the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project!

Like it or not, that's what we need to do right now. We've exhausted all our creative scrounging strategies that have kept us from having to ask for your donations very often. So here we are, asking. There is an especially bright spot in all this: We've had two women (who wish to remain anonymous) offer to match \$5,000 in donations. That means when you donate \$100, it turns into \$300, speeding us toward our \$20,000 goal.

To make it as easy as possible for you, we have several options for how to donate. We've opting to save bucks by not using a crowdsourcing site – those small fees really add up! We'll keep you posted as to how the fundraising is going on our own website. So here are a few options for how to donate:

1. The old-fashioned way – write a check and mail it to us! (the address is below)

2. Log onto your Paypal account and click on Send Money. If you send it from your Paypal balance, or your checking account, there is no fee to you or us.

3. Visit **www.olohp.org** and click the Donate Button, which takes you to Paypal (a small fee for us)

4. Contact us about setting up a recurring donation.

And one more...We may be shy about asking, but we're A-OK with it if you want to hand us a bag of cash!

Our plan was to wrap up this appeal for donations by adding our (Arden and Margaret's) signatures... but as you can see, many of our interviewers managed to squeeze their names in as well! We love them all!

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