



# Volunteer Impact Report 2025

# 2025: The Power of Purpose

Every year, we are reminded that the Camano Center and 2nd Chance Thrift Shop are not simply places – they are living reflections of what happens when people come together with purpose. In 2025, that purpose has been clearer and more powerful than ever: to connect, include, and care for one another as a community.

This year, volunteers once again showed that small acts of kindness can lead to profound impact. Whether it was through a warm smile at the front desk, the careful sorting of donations, or the countless unseen moments of generosity, every contribution has helped strengthen the fabric of Camano Island. Together, we've created spaces where everyone feels welcome, valued, and part of something larger than themselves.

## **Meeting Community Needs in New Ways**

In 2025, we launched two new programs that embody our mission of compassion and connection.

Helping Hands & CHORES, in partnership with Camano CARES and the Opportunity Council, brought volunteers directly into the homes of older residents – providing everything from friendly visits to light home repairs, yard work, and even dog walking. These simple, caring interactions have helped people live safely and independently while preventing small issues from becoming emergencies.

We also introduced Powerful Tools for Caregivers, offering a space for those who give so much of themselves to find balance, support, and encouragement. These programs remind us that purpose doesn't always mean doing more – sometimes it means showing up for one another in meaningful, human ways.

## **Celebrating Connection**

We were thrilled to see both new, and the return of, beloved community events, including the Summer Solstice Craft Bazaar and the Women's Expo – opportunities for people to gather, celebrate creativity, and strengthen relationships that make Camano Island so special.

Behind every event, every program, and every open door are the hearts and hands of our volunteers. This year, your collective efforts added up to 27,565 hours of service from 277 individuals. Each of you has made a difference – not just in what you've done, but in how you've made others feel: seen, supported, and connected.

## **Looking Ahead**

As we face new challenges and emerging community needs, one thing remains certain: our shared purpose will continue to guide us. The future may hold unknowns, but we know the strength of this community – and the people within it – can meet anything with courage and compassion.

To every volunteer, staff member, and board member who has given their time, their energy, and their heart – thank you. You are the reason the Camano Center and 2nd Chance Thrift Shop are places of belonging and hope. Together, we keep moving forward – with purpose, with love, and with one another.

-Lisa Brents, Volunteer Services Manager

# 2025/26 Our Board

Larry Carlstrom, President

Paul Foster, Vice President

Jeff Highland, Secretary

Judith Shoudy, Treasurer

Ken Johnson

Darlene Miller

Michal Scott

Kelly Kraus

Dale Wagner

Cynthia Lahti

910 volunteer hours donated

by our Board and Advisory

Committees in 2025



# Our Mission

We support healthy aging, connection, and well-being for adults 55 and older.

# Our Vision

A community where older adults are empowered to live their lives to their fullest potential.

# Our Values

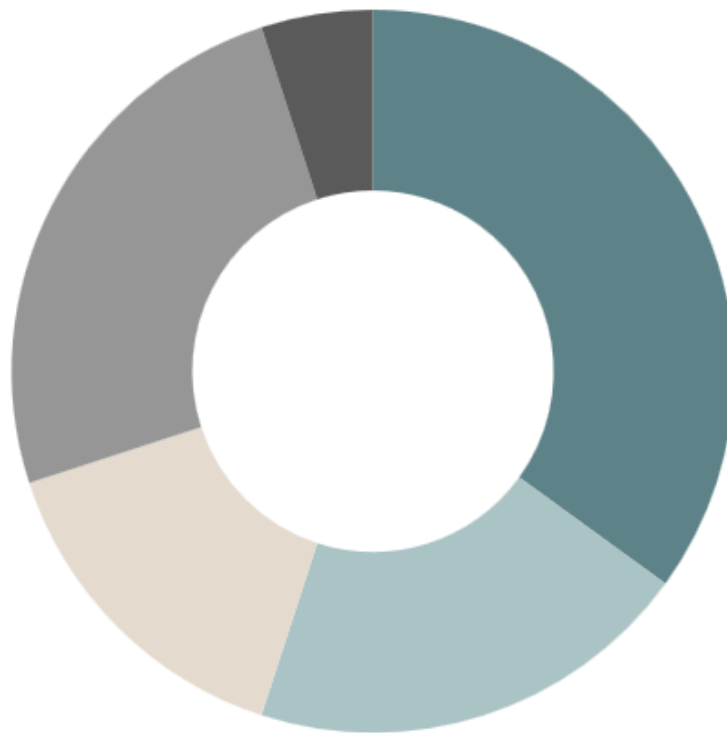
We behave with compassion, respect, and integrity. We foster an environment of inclusion and continuous growth. We act with a heart of service.



# The Ways Volunteers Gave Their Time

*A snapshot of how volunteer effort supported our mission in 2025*

## Volunteer Time



## Color Key

- Direct Care & Connection**  
Meals, rides, caregiving support, social programs
- Hands-On Help**  
Helping Hands & CHORES, gardening, setup, maintenance
- Events & Fundraising**  
Planning, staffing, baking, hosting
- Operations & Behind-the-Scenes**  
2nd Chance Thrift Shop, sorting, logistics
- Leadership & Governance**  
Board service & advisory committees

*Note: Slice sizes are shown proportionally to reflect how volunteers contributed across roles.*

**27,565**

Total Volunteer Hours  
Across Programs

**277**

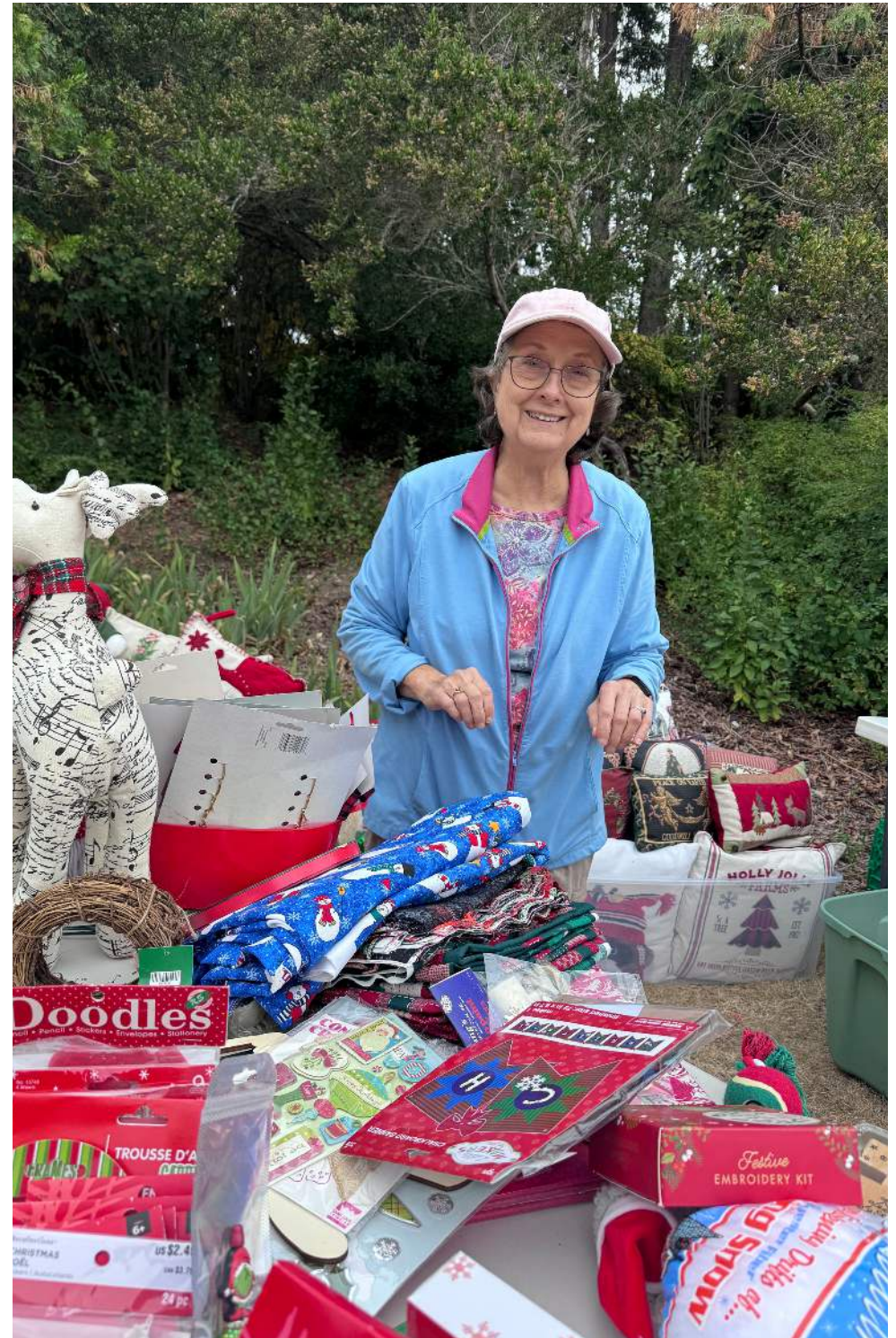
Active Volunteers  
(as of Dec 2025)

**70**

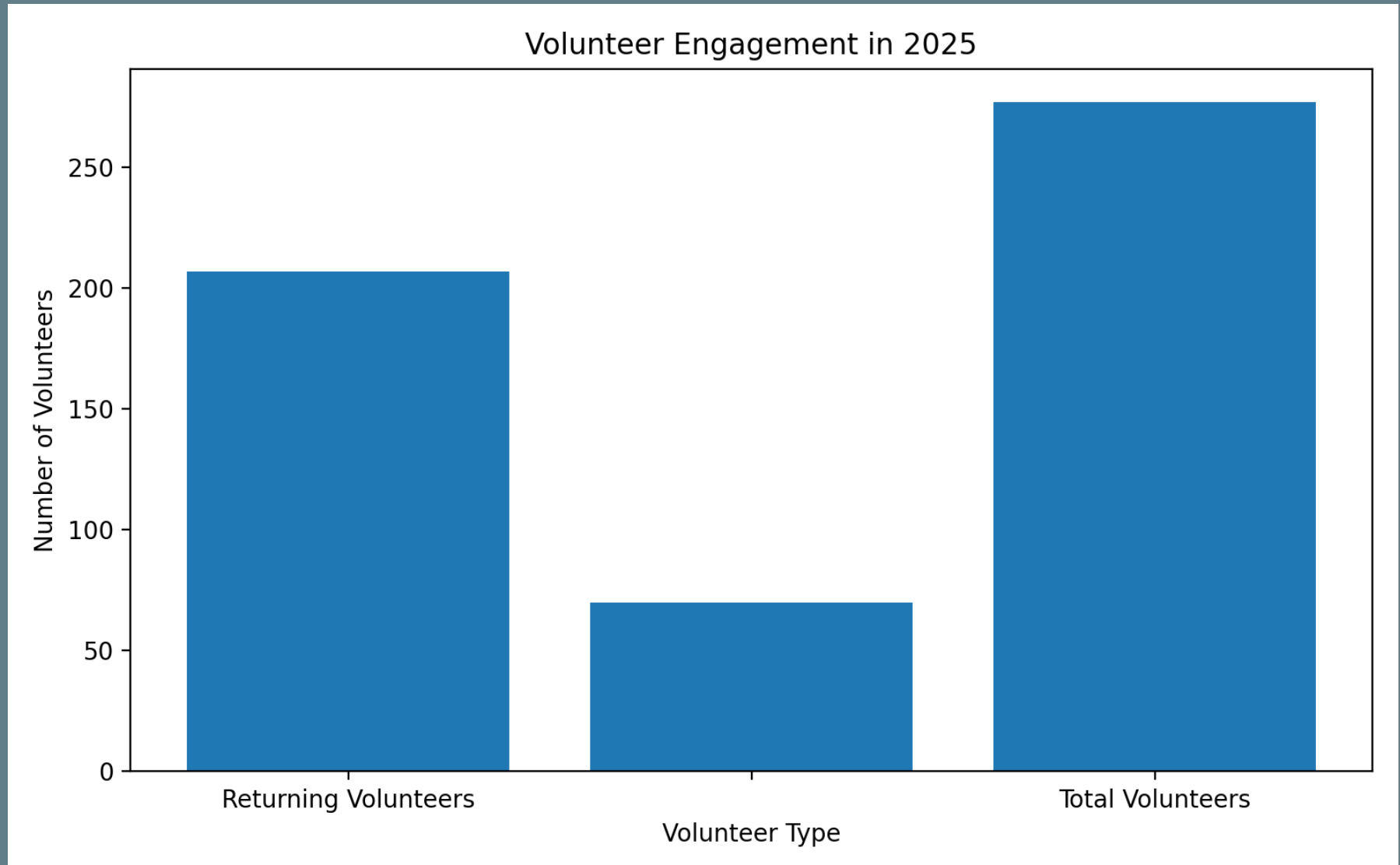
New Volunteers Who  
Joined Our Organization

**144**

Volunteers Who Are  
Also Members  
Supporting Our Mission



# Volunteer Engagement



# Our Volunteer Supported Programs & Services

Meals on Wheels

Community Congregant Lunches

Medical Transportation Assistance

Computer Training & Support

Gardens and Outside Landscaping Projects

Recycling Support

Holiday Cards to Isolated Older Adults

Footcare Clinic

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Camano Friends Club

Daily Check-In Phone Calls to Older Adults Living Alone

Board of Directors & Advisory Committees

2nd Chance Thrift Shop

Dementia Friendly Community Training & Classes

Bakers for Events and Programs

Sharing is Caring

Front Desk Reception

Library

Camano Helping Hands & CHORE

Outreach & Community Distributions

Center Decoration Support

Musician Support

Friendship Teas

## **EVENTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMMING**

Summer Solstice Craft Fair

Gala Auction

Women's Expo

Community Spaghetti Feed

Holiday Craft Bazaar Bake Sale

Christmas in July Garage Sale

55+ Resource Fair

Holiday Themed Lunches



# Nutrition Program

Partnership with Island Senior Resources

- 18 volunteer drivers
- 11,712 meals delivered
- 21 congregant lunch volunteers
- 5,057 in-person meals served
- 986 volunteer lunchroom hours

*"Thank you lunch volunteers for creating more than just a place to eat. You provide smiles, laughter, and community."*



# Medical Transportation Assistance Program

- 671 fulfilled ride requests
- 21,776 total miles
- 863 total hours

*"I recently had a stroke and am not allowed to drive. I would be lost without your volunteer medical drive service."*

# Camano Friends Club

34 volunteers

5,441 volunteer hours

*“The two days a week that I volunteer with the Camano Friends Club are fantastic. To see a friend's eyes light up while doing some crafts or dancing with a new person is heartwarming. The smiles are brilliant, the laughter is real, and the reaction of the caregivers when picking up their loved ones is one of joy and relief.”*

*“I know mom's time in the Camano Friends Club was a great comfort to my dad. It makes me smile to see her art projects proudly displayed at their house. You provide such a kind and caring service to people of Camano. Thank you for all you do for so many.”*





# Dementia Friends

- 1 volunteer
- 18 volunteer hours
- 3 community presentations
- 46 community members reached



# Powerful Tools for Caregivers

- 2 volunteers
- 137 volunteer hours

*"It was a relief to share in a group our difficulties and concerns. I looked forward to the class."*



# Camano Helping Hands CHORES

Program Inception June 2025

20 total volunteers

188 total volunteer hours

*“Those of you who donate your time and talents to reach out to those of us who are unable to keep up with the times deserve the highest commendation.”*

*“I volunteer for Helping Hands because I believe in working towards a world in which all people can get their needs met!”*



# 2nd Chance Thrift Shop

102 volunteers

12,901 total hours

“The countless hours and dedication our volunteers put into the shop made 2025 a tremendous success. This year, we focused on themed displays that inspired shoppers with creative ways to use items and home décor. We take pride in operating one of the most organized and affordable thrift shops around, which continues to attract both new and returning shoppers. We are deeply grateful to every volunteer whose hard work and commitment make the daily operations—and overall success—of the shop possible.”

- Sylvia Wentz, Thrift Shop Supervisor

*“Thanks to all 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance volunteers for all your hard work running the best thrift shop around.”*

*- customer*

*“You are impacting lives!” - customer*







# Everything Christmas Garage Sale

35 volunteers

134 volunteer hours

\$5,923 money raised



# Events

## **Summer Solstice Craft Bazaar**

10 volunteers  
51 volunteer hours  
\$3,265 raised

## **55 + Resource Fair**

17 volunteers  
46 volunteer hours  
\$4,104 raised

## **Women's Expo**

19 volunteers  
46 volunteer hours  
\$11,641.79 raised





# Events

## **Gala Auction**

56 volunteers

372 volunteer hours

\$215,583 raised

## **Spaghetti Feed**

1 volunteer

4 volunteer hours

\$4,037 raised

## **Holiday Craft Bazaar Bake Sale**

24 volunteers

120 volunteer hours

100 volunteer baker hours

\$1,179 raised from bake sale

\$4,018 total raised from Craft Bazaar





# Volunteer Partnerships

Stanwood High School Transition Program

Camano Island Garden Club

AARP Foundation

AARP Volunteer Tax Assistance

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints-Stanwood Ward

Camano Fire & Rescue

Village Community Services

Northwest Regional Council

Island Senior Resources

Heritage Bank

Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP)

Opportunity Council

Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club

Washington Vocational Services



# A Heartfelt Thank You

To all our volunteers, past and present, thank you for your unwavering dedication, compassion, and hard work. You are the cornerstone of the Camano Center, and your contributions have created lasting impacts on the lives of so many in our community.

Whether you have driven someone to a critical medical appointment, prepared tea, snacks and provided conversation, tended to our gardens, or simply shared a kind word, you have made a difference.

Your service strengthens the fabric of our community and inspires others to join in. Together, we are building a place where everyone feels valued and supported. We couldn't do this without you, and we are profoundly grateful for all that you do.

# Interested in Volunteering?

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a Camano Center volunteer, there are several easy ways to get started:

1. Explore Opportunities: Visit [camanocenter.org/opportunities](http://camanocenter.org/opportunities) to see current volunteer roles and any required skills.
2. Visit Us: Stop by the Camano Center or the Camano Center Thrift Shop to ask questions or pick up information in person.
3. Apply Anytime: Submit a volunteer application online or complete one during your visit.
4. Reach Out: Contact our volunteer services manager with any questions or to discuss the best volunteer fit for you.

We'd love to help you get involved and make a meaningful impact on our community.





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