



Volunteer Newsletter



Camano Center & 2nd Chance Thrift Shop

A Season of Gratitude: Thank You for Choosing to Make a Difference

As we step into the season of gratitude, it's a perfect time to reflect on the incredible impact volunteers have on the Camano Center, the 2nd Chance Thrift Shop, and our community. While we try to express our appreciation often, it is worth emphasizing just how much your time and effort contribute to making our programs successful and meaningful.

By choosing to say "yes," you have helped us do more than simply run events or provide services. You have strengthened our Center's ability to build new programs, foster connections, and create a space where everyone feels welcome and supported. Whether you're serving lunch, helping in the thrift shop, driving someone to an appointment, or supporting any of our other services, your contributions make our community stronger and closer. The programs we offer today wouldn't exist without your dedication. You've helped raise awareness, create a positive atmosphere, and bring new ideas to life. Every hour spent volunteering translates into more resources, more connections, and more opportunities for us to serve.

In short, your efforts are the backbone of everything we do. Thank you for your continued support, your willingness to show up, and your commitment to making a difference. We look forward to seeing what we can achieve together in the months ahead.

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2nd Chance Thrift Shop, 1335 Hwy 532

ALL VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY *party*



10 DECEMBER

11 am - 1 pm

Appetizer-style brunch

50% off shopping

Parking is limited. Carpooling
recommended.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Camano Center

Bakers for Bake Sale

at Holiday Craft Bazaar

Drop off items at Camano Center
on Friday, November 15th

Meal on Wheels

Substitute drivers needed.
Apply online at Island Senior
Resources website.
[https://senior-
resources.org/volunteering/](https://senior-resources.org/volunteering/)

2nd Chance Thrift Shop

Available Shifts:

Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Craft Bazaar

Location: Camano Center
Saturday, November 16
9:00 am -4:00 pm

All Volunteer Holiday Party

Location: 2nd Chance Thrift Shop
Tuesday, December 10
Drop in anytime during 11 am -1 pm

Please Note Our Upcoming Holiday Closures

**Camano Center and 2nd
Chance Thrift Shop**

Thursday, November 28

Friday, November 29

Wednesday, December 25

Thursday, December 26



**Would you or someone you know enjoy volunteering either at the
Camano Center or the 2nd Chance Thrift Shop?**

Contact: Lisa Brents, Volunteer Services Manager

(360) 387-0222

or email lbrents@camanocenter.org



CAMANO CENTER

Holiday Bake Sale

BAKED GOODS SUGGESTIONS:

**Bake sale takes place during the
Holiday Craft & Gift Bazaar.**

Sign up at the front desk.

**Please bring items between
Thursday, November 14 and
Friday, November 15 at 3 p.m.**

COOKIES -PACKAGED 6 OR 12

BERRY PIES

BROWNIES

SUGARFREE ITEMS

SNACK MIXES LIKE CHEX MIX

SMALL LOAVES QUICK BREADS

YEASTS BREADS

PUMPKIN ITEMS

INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED ITEMS

SEASONAL ITEMS

SNICKERDOODLES

CHOCOLATE CHIP OR M&M COOKIES

CARMEL OR FAVORITED POPCORN

GLUTEN FREE BAKED GOODS

HOLIDAY FAMILY FAVORITES

**No perishables or items needing
refrigeration please.**

Package items in small amounts.

**Please label items that are gluten free,
sugar free or contain nuts.**



**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16
9 AM-4 PM**

Camano Center & 2nd Chance Thrift Shop Volunteer Facebook Group

For those who may not know, we have a Facebook group for volunteers.

The intention of the group is to encourage sharing of what you and your friends are doing during your volunteer assignments with our organization.

This group also lets us reach out to ask for help when we are running short on volunteers in particular areas.

Please post your great pics or comments as often as you would like. Let's keep it fun and lighthearted.

*This page is for Camano Center & 2nd Chance Thrift Shop Volunteers only.
www.facebook.com/groups/992894578220212/
or scan QR code to join*



55 OR OLDER, UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK?

WE CAN HELP!

For more than 50 years, AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) has provided people over age 55 with opportunities to fill entry-level and mid-level positions with employers in their communities.

HOW IT WORKS

SCSEP trainees are placed in a variety of community service activities at nonprofit and public facilities like day care and senior centers, schools and hospitals. This on-the-job training experience can be a bridge to find employment opportunities outside of the program. Participants work an average of 20 hours a week and are paid the highest federal, state or local minimum wage.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

You must be age 55 or older, unemployed and financially qualified. Please contact your local office to learn more about the financial qualifications.

SCSEP is funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.



OTHER BENEFITS

We provide participants with training and support services that are important for funding future employment. The services include Individual Employment Plan (IEP) development, specialized training to prepare for placements, wages and fringe benefits, annual physicals and assistance in securing future employment.

WHAT KINDS OF JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

You could be placed in a wide variety of community service positions at both nonprofit and public facilities including day care and senior centers, governmental agencies, schools, hospitals and libraries. These training assignments help build the skills and experience needed to obtain future employment. Additional training through lectures, seminars, one-on-one instruction, training programs and community colleges may also be provided

Learn more at aarpfoundation.org

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**2nd Chance Thrift Shop
is a host agency for this
great program.**

**Please inquire if you or
someone you know can
benefit from this
program.**

INTERESTED?

Contact your local SCSEP

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