



VOLUNTEER IMPACT 2024





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VISION

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

MISSION

Create and provide opportunities that support healthy aging, independence, and well-being for older adults in our community.

VALUES

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

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM



As we reflect on the past year at the Camano Center, it is abundantly clear that volunteers are the heart of our community. Their dedication, kindness, and ingenuity have allowed us to meet the increasing demand for services and programs. But more than that, our volunteers are weaving a stronger, more connected community—one where neighbors support one another, and everyone has a chance to thrive.

In 2024, volunteers contributed over 20,318 hours of their time and talents. These hours are more than a measure of effort; they represent lives touched, challenges overcome, and new relationships built. Whether it is assisting in our award-winning 2nd Chance Thrift Shop, delivering Meals on Wheels, or providing Medical Transportation rides, volunteers have shown how small actions ripple outward to create a wave of connection and support.

Strengthening Through Service

Our volunteers play a vital role in offering nutrition services, including in-person lunches and meal deliveries. These programs not only provide sustenance but also create opportunities for fellowship and community. Likewise, our lending library—featuring books, puzzles, and DVDs—is lovingly maintained by volunteers who ensure residents have access to resources that inspire and entertain.

Volunteers also provide one-on-one training and support on subjects relevant to the clients needing assistance. Whether helping someone navigate a smartphone or empowering them to use a laptop, these personalized interactions make a meaningful difference in daily life.

Opportunities for Connection in 2025

Looking ahead, we are excited to offer a new program, Powerful Tools for Caregivers, thanks to the dedication of volunteers who have trained to teach this vital class. This program will equip caregivers with the tools and support they need to balance caregiving with self-care, strengthening families and improving outcomes for both caregivers and their loved ones.

The Camano C.A.R.E.S. (Community Assistance Referral & Education Services) Program exemplifies the power of partnership and forward-thinking. We are currently recruiting volunteers to help fulfill one piece of this program by assisting with small but impactful household tasks on an as needed basis. These acts of service will enable older residents to live safely and independently.

Meeting the Growing Needs

As Camano Island continues to be a sought-after place to retire, we've seen a rise in demand for supportive services. With the median age of our residents increasing, volunteers have stepped up to fill critical gaps. Perhaps most importantly, they provide the human connection and friendship that are so essential to well-being.

A Call to Action

As we celebrate the incredible achievements of the past year, we also look to the future with hope and determination. We invite everyone to join us in building an even stronger community. Together, we can continue to create a vibrant, supportive, and connected community for all. Thank you for all of your incredible work in 2024 and we look forward to more amazing achievements in 2025.

Lisa Brents
Volunteer Services Manager

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Growing Numbers Growing Impact

In 2024, volunteerism at the Camano Center reached new heights, with 28,318 total volunteer hours contributed by 287 active volunteers, including 69 newcomers. This significantly increased from the 25,137 hours and 251 volunteers recorded last year. Our volunteer team, made up of 76% females and 24% males, continues to grow not only in numbers but in impact.

With 147 volunteers additionally supporting the Center by becoming members, their commitment allows us to expand programs and services, meeting the community's evolving needs. Simply put, when volunteers say "yes," our entire community thrives.



287	Active Volunteers in 2024
20,318	Total Volunteer Hours Served Throughout Our Organization
\$680,437	Monitary Value of Volunteer Hours
147	Volunteers Who Additionally Support Through Membership
65	Volunteers Additionally Financially Donated \$77,878
69	New Volunteers Placed During 2024

2024 EVENTS

Where Community and Volunteerism Meet

The success of our 2024 events is a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers. With six events raising \$341,500 in revenue, these occasions brought the community together and demonstrated the impact of collective effort. Thanks to refined processes, we required fewer volunteer hours than in previous years while maintaining smooth and engaging events. Volunteering for events remains a popular choice, offering a fun, social environment with the flexibility of a one-time commitment. Every event was met with eager attendees, often lining up early, highlighting how much our community values being part of the Center's offerings. Volunteers are at the heart of this success, and their contributions continue to enhance the Center's mission.



Barbie BINGO	12 volunteers	26 volunteer hours
55+ Resource Fair	16 volunteers	39 volunteer hours
Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser	2 volunteers	4 volunteer hours
Everything Christmas Sale	65 volunteers	133 volunteer hours
Gala Auction	56 volunteers	254 volunteer hours
Holiday Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale	5 volunteers	30 volunteer hours
<i>plus many additional volunteer bakers and their time</i>		



VOLUNTEER MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION OVERVIEW

In 2024, our volunteer medical drivers went the extra mile—literally—driving 25,823 miles to ensure 84 clients and additional Medicaid clients, could access vital medical care. The demand for ride assistance continues to grow, reflecting the increasing reliance on this essential service. Since 2021, when we served 63 clients, the program has expanded significantly, both in scope and impact, demonstrating the program's ongoing success and its importance in addressing transportation gaps for older adults and people with mobility issues.

PROGRAM MILESTONES

15

Number of Current Volunteers

1,155

Number of Volunteer Hours

749

Number of Trips Provided

25,823

Number of Miles Driven

33%

Increase in riders from 2021 -present



133%

Increase in rides from 2021 to 2024





NUTRITION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 2024, our nutrition volunteers made a profound difference in the lives of those we serve. Whether preparing and serving meals in the dining room, delivering food to homebound clients, or managing recycling and trash, their dedication ensured that everyone in our community had access to healthy meals and vital connections. Thanks to their efforts, we saw continued growth in both in-person dining and meal deliveries, reflecting our volunteers' commitment to supporting those in need.

PROGRAM MILESTONES

10,679

Meals on Wheels Deliveries

3695

In Person Meals Served

47

Number of Volunteers

1,975

Number of Volunteer Hours

In-Person meal attendance has doubled since 2022



Meals on Wheels driver mileage surpassed 11,250 miles on Camano Island serving the north, central and south end.





OLD FRIENDS CLUB

Volunteer Power Driving Success

Since its inception in July 2023, the Club has grown from a modest gathering of 6 members and 7 volunteers to a twice weekly program serving 15 members and supported by 22 dedicated volunteers alongside rotating guest musicians. This remarkable expansion was made possible through the dedication of our volunteers.

PROGRAM MILESTONES

3,203 Volunteer Hours in 2024

606 Volunteer Hours in 2023

429%
Increase in Volunteer
Hours between July
2023 to present



Voices of Gratitude

"I cannot express the gratitude I have for the love-filled care you give to my spouse and all the OFC members. You make it possible to better see the dignity, beauty, purpose, and kindness in my loved one as he walks this most difficult path."

Increase from 1 day to 2
days per week at full
member capacity with a
wait list



SUSTAINED BY COMMITMENT

Programs, Services, and Events Driven by Volunteers

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Front Desk Hospitality
Morning Phone Call Program
Foot Clinic
Garden & Landscape
Sharing is Caring
Aging Mastery
Old Friends Club
Meals on Wheels

Library
Recycling Support
2nd Chance Thrift Shop
Outreach & Community Distribution
Center Decoration Support
Musicians
Dementia Friends
Holiday Card Support
Friendship Tea
Computer Training and Tech Support
Medical Transportation
Community Congregant Lunches
Board & Advisory



SET TO LAUNCH IN 2025...

EVENTS

Women's Expo - May 2025
Summer Solstice Craft Bazaar - June 2025

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class
Camano C.A.R.E.S. - Community Assistance Referral & Education Services

OTHER SERVICES



Friendship Tea

396 volunteer hours
(plus bakers time)

AARP Tax Assistance

400 volunteer hours

Tech Teachers

61 volunteer hours
3 volunteer teachers

Front Desk

1280 volunteer hours
1061 connection phone calls

Library

78 volunteer hours

Gardens and Landscaping

133 volunteer hours -Gardens

71 FOCIP volunteer hours -Trail

Foot Clinic

236 volunteer hours
340 clients served at Camano Center

Aging Mastery Program

101 volunteer hours
16 volunteers

AND PROGRAMS



Sharing is Caring

36 volunteer hours
2 volunteers

Dementia Friends

20 volunteer hours
2 volunteers

Writing Cards for Community

4 volunteer hours
200 holiday cards

"Thanks so much for all of the volunteer services here at the Camano Center. It is a joy to come here and see a place to be proud of. It is special when I am able to bring friends to functions from other places." -member

"We would have difficulty getting to our appointments without the volunteers. Whenever I tell someone about the Center (medical ride) Program, they can't believe how lucky we are to have such a program. I look forward to the ride and sharing stories - great people and great attitudes to brighten my day." - medical ride client

VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIPS

PFLAG

Stanwood High School

Camano Island Garden Club

AARP Foundation

AARP Volunteer Tax Assistance

Camano Fire & Rescue

Village Community Services

Northwest Regional Learning Center

Island Senior Resources

Heritage Bank

FOCIP





2ND CHANCE THRIFT SHOP

Shop, Save, and Make a Difference



The 2nd Chance Thrift Shop has had an incredible year, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers. With low turnover, our volunteers form a consistent and committed team, assisting supervisors in ensuring financial growth with integrity and an organized shop where customers love to frequent. Their efforts highlight the vital role the shop plays in supporting our mission.

We are proud to have been recognized as the Best of Stanwood Camano (thrift shop) for two consecutive years—2023 and 2024—a testament to our strong community connection.



"I look forward to coming to the thrift shop every week. The volunteers and staff are so fun and pleasant and make each visit the best. Thank you for all that you do!"

- customer

101

Volunteers

12,565

Volunteer Hours

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 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.



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