



Volunteer Newsletter



Camano Center & 2nd Chance Thrift Shop



The Transformable Joy of Volunteerism

Jenny Colgan, in one of her novels, poses a simple yet profound question: “What do you think happiness is?” The answer? “A by-product of being useful.”

These words beautifully capture the essence of volunteerism—happiness isn’t something we chase; it’s something we find in the act of helping others. Whether you’re delivering a meal, greeting guests at the front desk, driving someone to a medical appointment, or lending a hand in the garden, your efforts don’t just benefit others—they bring a deep sense of fulfillment and joy to you as well.

Think about the moments that make volunteering special. The smile from someone receiving a hot lunch at the Center, the gratitude of a person dropping their family member off at Old Friends Club, or the way a thrift shop customer lights up after finding the perfect treasure and wants to share their story with you—all of these small moments remind us that being useful creates happiness, both for others and ourselves.





Volunteering also connects us to a larger purpose. It builds friendships, fosters a sense of belonging, and offers opportunities to learn and grow. Every time you step up to help, you are not just improving someone else's day—you're enriching your own life with meaningful experiences and a sense of accomplishment.

So as you continue giving your time and talents, remember: happiness isn't a distant goal. It's found in the good work you do, the lives you touch, and the purpose you discover along the way. Thank you for all that you do—you are the heart of our community, proving every day that being useful is one of the greatest joys of all.





55+ RESOURCE FAIR

Complimentary
Lunch
11:00 - 1:00



Saturday, March 8, 2025
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
AT THE CAMANO CENTER

*One convenient place to get information about
services, programs, and activities tailored to the
55 and over age group.*

Memory
Screenings
available

PRESENTATIONS:

10:00 - 11:00

Maintain Your Brain

11:30 - 12:30

Your Home: Options for Staying in
Place and Considerations for Moving

1:00 - 2:00 Estate & Long-Term Care Planning Basics

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS:



STANWOOD HEARING



606 Arrowhead Rd., Camano Island 360-387-0222

Munch-N-Mingle

All Volunteer Appreciation Party

April 29, 2025

2 pm -4 pm

at Camano Center

Catch Up with Friends
Appetizers and Drinks

Your dedication and generosity have made a lasting impact on our community this past year and every day. This event is our way of saying THANK YOU for all you do!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Current Positions Needing Filled

Camano Center

Old Friends Club Activity Companions -

Tuesdays or Thursdays 9 am - 3pm
Support members by being a friend and assist as needed with activities and transitions. Substitute and half day positions needed as well.

**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

2nd Chance Thrift Shop

Available Shifts:

Fridays 1 pm -4 pm

Saturdays 1 pm -4 pm

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendars for some great upcoming events. For those who enjoy volunteering for special events, please let me know which events you would like to volunteer at this year.

55+ Resource Fair

Location: Camano Center
Saturday, March 8

Women's Expo

Location: Camano Center
Saturday, May 17

Christmas Garage Sale

Location: Camano Center
Saturday, July 19



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.

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