

Thrifty Thoughts

April 2025

Volunteers Make Waves...

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“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water and create many ripples.

— Mother Teresa

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It's April again, and you know what that means – it's *volunteer appreciation month*! Though showing our appreciation is on our minds year-round, we really hope that we can bring that to the forefront of everyone's mind this April and allow you to pat yourselves on the back. You are not only the heart and lifeblood of this organization, but you also make huge waves in our community!

Because we often fail to comprehend how much of an impact we make, this month we're inviting everyone to share a story, moment, or time where you or another volunteer made a positive impact on someone or for our community. Did someone bring a smile to a face who needed cheering up? Donate to someone in need? Kept our environment healthier? Please share! Let's also engage with our customers and see what stories they have about their experiences with volunteers at 2nd Chance and the Camano Center. Wave-shaped notes will be available by the register and can be taped to the front counter. Have a splash this month!

Dates to Remember

- ☐ **April 1st - Tuesday** - Thrift Shop Volunteers Meeting @ 11:00am - 2nd Chance
- ☐ **April 10th - Thursday** - Chores Program info meeting @2:45pm - Camano Center
- ☐ **April 20th - 26th** - National Volunteer Week
- ☐ **April 29th - Tuesday** - Volunteer Appreciation Party @ 2:00pm - Camano Center

Operational Reminders

- ☐ Price-checking! If you are a display person and see an item that isn't selling after a few weeks, then please help us by marking the item down in price.
- ☐ Similarly, if there are identical items at varying prices (and quality is the same), then let's fix the price discrepancy. This happens frequently with small kitchen appliances!
- ☐ Things that can fit on shelves shouldn't be on the floor, or blocking other items or pathways. Take the time to rearrange a shelf or table if you need space.

- ☐ Please clean dirty items, and keep the sink cleaned up from dirty items (we understand some items need soaking, but please remember to return to them)

Welcome New Volunteers!

- ☐ **Mark** - Tools/ Electronics - Friday Afternoon
☐ **Cindy** - Pricing/Display - Saturday Afternoon
☐ **Karen** - Pricing/Display - Friday Afternoon

Donations from 2nd Chance to other organizations:

Month	Lions Club	Big Blue Truck / NW Center	Habitat for Humanity	Boy Scouts
2025				
January	X	X		X
February	X	X	X	X
March	X	X		X

Volunteer Highlights

- **Patti Prentice** - volunteers her time every Wednesday & Thursday to help us in linens and up-front cashiering, while also dedicating time to helping the Camano Animal Shelter. Talk about someone making waves in our community!
- **Charlotte Walker** - for bringing in snacks for the team which is always appreciated. It's gestures like this that make volunteering in our community so much more enjoyable!
- **Andy & Shannon** - for doing an amazing job helping us keep our CDs, DVDs, and electronics area organized! This really helps us sell items.