



Volunteer Newsletter



Camano Center & 2nd Chance Thrift Shop

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.

Did you know?

We have four volunteers who are 93 or older—proving that age is just a number when it comes to serving others and making a difference!

September is National Senior Center Month! *Flip the Script*

This September, we celebrate National Senior Center Month, a time to shine a light on the incredible impact centers like ours—and volunteers like you—have in the lives of older adults. This year's theme, "Powering Possibilities: Flip the Script," invites us to challenge outdated ideas about aging and celebrate the vibrant, active, and meaningful lives that older adults are living today.

At the Camano Center, we see this every day. In fact, we are proud to have three active volunteers who are 93 or older—a beautiful reminder that age is not a limit but a launching pad for possibilities. Your service and commitment help prove that the later years can be some of the most fulfilling and purposeful.

How You Help Flip the Script

As volunteers, you play a powerful role in changing how people view aging:

“At the Camano Center and 2nd Chance Thrift Shop, age doesn’t define us—our kindness, energy, and willingness to serve does.”

- **Create Connection:** By greeting members or customers with warmth, sharing a laugh, or helping someone feel welcome, you fight loneliness and build community.
- **Encourage Growth:** Whether assisting with activities, supporting wellness programs, or helping with technology, you empower older adults to learn, stay active, and stay independent.
- **Share Inspiration:** Your presence reminds others that everyone has something valuable to give—at any age.

Simple Ways to Celebrate This Month

- Take a moment to share a story about why you volunteer or how you’ve seen lives touched at the Center or thrift shop.
- Invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to visit the Center and see the difference we make together.
- Celebrate our older volunteers—like our amazing 90+ crew—who inspire us all to keep thriving.

Together, we are flipping the script on aging—showing that senior centers are not just places to gather, but places where possibilities grow and lives are enriched.

Thank you for being part of this mission and for all the ways you make the Camano Center a place of connection, joy, and purpose.

Please Join Us

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Doors Open at 5:15p.m.
Hors 'd'oeuvres, Cocktails, Silent
Auction



6:30p.m.
Live Auction & Dinner

at the
Camano Center
606 Arrowhead Road
Camano Island, WA 98282

Tickets on sale 9.2.25

\$150 Each

or Purchase a Premium Table of 8 - \$1,400

360-387-0222
chand@camanocenter.org
www.camanocenter.org/gala

Celebrate National Senior Center Month
at the Camano Center!

Join US
for a

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



SEPTEMBER
4TH
4:00PM-6:00PM
AT THE CAMANO
CENTER



Tickets are free. Guests will be encouraged to make a
donation to support Camano Center Programs & Services.
Questions? Call 360-387-0222

Camano Center & 2nd Chance Thrift Shop will be
closed **Monday, September 1** in observance of
Labor Day





CAMANO CENTER

Holiday Bake Sale

BAKED GOODS SUGGESTIONS:

Bake sale takes place during the
Holiday Craft & Gift Bazaar
November 15, 2025

Sign up at the front desk.

Please bring items between
Thursday, November 13
and Friday, November 14
by 3 p.m.

COOKIES -PACKAGED 6 OR 12

BROWNIES

BERRY TARTS

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 FLAVORED POPCORN

GLUTEN FREE BAKED GOODS

HOLIDAY FAMILY FAVORITES



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15
9 AM-4 PM

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

Package items in small amounts.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Current Positions Needing Filled

Camano Center

Dementia Champions

Dementia Champions are trained individuals who promote awareness and understanding, acting as advocates and educators within their communities. By becoming a Dementia Champion, you can make a significant difference in the lives of those affected by dementia, promoting understanding and compassion within our community. If you're interested in learning more about how to become a Dementia Champion, please email lbrents@camanocenter.org or call the Center.

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:

Tuesdays 10 am - 1 pm
Linens

Fridays or Saturdays: 1 pm -4 pm
Pricer

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.

Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser
Thursday, September 4
Camano Center
4 pm -6 pm

Gala Auction
Saturday, September 27
Camano Center
5:30 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.

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www.facebook.com/groups/992894578220212/
or scan QR code to join*

