



# Volunteer Newsletter



Camano Center & 2nd Chance Thrift Shop

## A Season of Gratitude and Belonging

**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.

As we begin to gather around the Thanksgiving season, our hearts are filled with deep gratitude for each of you who make the Camano Center such a place of connection, compassion, and care. Every day, we see the incredible difference you make—whether it's in your regular volunteer role or in those countless quiet moments when you notice a need and simply step forward to help. Those gestures, both big and small, are the heartbeat of our community.

This year, we've seen that spirit shine especially bright. Eighteen volunteers stepped up to help launch our new Helping Hands/CHORES program, offering older residents a helping hand with everyday needs that make life a little easier and brighter.



Two more volunteers generously trained to facilitate Powerful Tools for Caregivers, now leading their second group of caregivers toward better balance, understanding, and self-care. Their efforts—and yours—create ripples of kindness and belonging that reach far beyond what we can measure.



Beyond these specific programs, we are continuously inspired by the countless other ways volunteers contribute. From serving meals, running the thrift shop, answering phones at the front desk, helping with events, assisting in the garden, delivering meals, or supporting the library—each role is vital. Every task, no matter how big or small, creates a ripple effect that strengthens our community and allows the Camano Center to thrive. Your dedication, creativity, and willingness to step in wherever needed make all the difference.





As we pause to give thanks, please know how valued and appreciated you are. The warmth and generosity you bring to the Camano Center reflect the very best of what it means to care for one another. You are the heart of this place, and we are so grateful to share this community with you.

Time and again, we see volunteers noticing where help is needed and responding without hesitation. You bring not only your skills but your hearts to every interaction, lifting others and inspiring all of us. Your dedication strengthens our community, making the Camano Center a place where everyone feels seen, supported, and valued. Thank you for another meaningful year!



# Holiday Bake Sale

**Saturday, November 15**

**During the Holiday Craft & Gift Bazaar**

**Sign up at the Front Desk**

**Please bring items  
Friday, November 14  
9 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Please do not include perishable items requiring refrigeration. Please package items in small amounts. We welcome your holiday favorites!**

**Not sure what to bake? Here are some of our most requested holiday treats:**

- Holiday Cookies - packaged 6 or 12
- Berry Tarts
- Sugarless items & snack mixes like Chex Mix
- Small loaves of quick breads
- Dinner rolls
- Yeast breads– preferably whole grain
- Pumpkin items (seasonal flavored items)
- Label items with special ingredients - especially nuts
- Single individually wrapped items ie. donuts, cinnamon rolls, that can be purchased early in the day with coffee (The vendors loved this!)
- Brownies
- Gluten free baked goods
- Caramel Corn or other flavored popcorn





**ALL VOLUNTEER  
HOLIDAY  
PARTY**

**Drop in for holiday food, drink, friendship, and 50% off shopping!**

Please shop for yourself or close family so everyone can share in the holiday cheer.

**Tuesday, December 16, 2 pm - 4 pm**

**Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Thrift Shop  
Carpooling Reccomended**



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Current Positions Needing Filled

### Camano Center

Powerful Tools for Caregivers Facilitators - This evidence-based program is designed to help family caregivers. Once trained, you'd help co-facilitate the six-week class up to twice a year. Facilitators follow a provided script and guide group discussions in a supportive, encouraging way.

### 2nd Chance Thrift Shop

Available Shifts:

Thursdays - 10 am -1 pm

Fridays - linens 10 am -1 pm

Saturdays - pricing/sorting 10 am -1 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.

Holiday Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 15

Camano Center

9 am - 4 pm

Annual Thanksgiving Lunch at the Center

Wednesday, November 19

11:30 - 1:00 pm

Reservations Required: Call 360-387-0222 or stop by the front desk at the Center to sign up. Seating Limited.

All Volunteer Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 16

2 pm - 4 pm (drop-in)

Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Thrift Shop

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Camano Center

2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Thrift Shop



Thursday, November 27

Friday, November 28

**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](mailto:lbrents@camanocenter.org)**

# 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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