



Volunteer Newsletter



Camano Center & 2nd Chance Thrift Shop

Did You Know? Your Volunteer Hours Could Go Even Further

.Did you know that your volunteer hours could sometimes help bring additional financial support to the organizations you care about?

Many companies offer employee and retiree volunteer programs that encourage people to give back to their communities. Some businesses provide paid volunteer time during the workday, others organize company volunteer events, and some even donate money to nonprofits based on the number of volunteer hours their employees contribute.

For example, some local companies, like Heritage Bank, annually sponsor a volunteer day where employees are paid their regular wages while serving at nonprofit organizations. Other companies offer “Dollars for Doers” programs, where the business makes a financial donation to the charity after an employee volunteers a certain number of hours. Some programs are also open to retirees.

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.

A number of companies throughout Washington State — especially around the Puget Sound and northwest Washington area — participate in these kinds of community engagement programs. Some organizations known for supporting employee volunteerism include:



Heritage Bank
Boeing
Microsoft
Alaska Airlines
Puget Sound Energy

Starbucks
T-Mobile
Expedia
Google
BECU



Every company's program looks a little different. Some allow employees to volunteer during work hours, while others provide grants, matching donations, team service days, or special volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

If you currently work for — or are retired from — a company, it may be worth checking with your Human Resources department to see whether they offer volunteer incentives or workplace giving programs. You may discover that your volunteer hours can have an even bigger impact than you realized!

These programs are such a wonderful reminder that volunteering creates ripple effects — benefiting not only the organizations being served, but the entire community as well.

Did you take the SCI-2 Survey There still is time . . .

**Copy & paste this link to fill out the online survey or
pick up a hard copy to fill out at 2nd Chance Thrift
Shop or the Camano Center.**



<https://forms.gle/cog8qSaRUEYQZLQz9>

Complete by July 3, 2026



Camano Center
Closed on July 3rd

&

2nd Chance Thrift Shop

Closed on July 4th
in observance of
Independence Day

SAVE THE DATE

THE
TWENTIES
Gala

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 5:30 PM

20TH ANNUAL GALA AUCTION
BENEFITING THE CAMANO CENTER

TICKETS ON SALE 8.31.26 ✨ LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE ✨ CAMANOCENTER.ORG

Camano Center is Hosting

Rain
or
Shine

2ND CHANCE THRIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE

SAT. JULY 25TH | 9:00AM - 3:00PM
606 ARROWHEAD RD. CAMANO ISLAND



Donation-Based Sale!
Pay what you want and help
support critical programs at
the Camano Center.

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Make sure to bring your own
bags, wagons, or crew to help
carry items.

**Decor | Linens | Gifts
Clothing | Books
Home & More**



Make a Difference

— SHOP • GIVE • SUPPORT —

CAMANO CENTER



THANK YOU!

Every action helps support our local community.



ROUND UP OR DONATE

Round up your purchase or make a financial donation in-store. Every dollar makes a big impact!



FOLLOW & SHARE

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and share our posts. Help us spread the word!



VOLUNTEER

Give your time and talents. We can't do it without amazing volunteers like you!



DONATE ITEMS

Donate gently used, good condition items and help give them a second chance to shine!

Improvements coming to our shop in August!
Our older building will soon be receiving some renovations and improvements. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding during this renovation period.

Together, We Build a Stronger Community!



1335 Hwy 532, Camano Island, WA 98282 • 360-629-6142
All proceeds benefit Camano Center programs and services.

Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Current Positions Needing Filled

Camano Center

Camano Friends Club

Meaningful relationships and activities should be accessible to everyone, regardless of cognitive changes. We are looking for compassionate and patient individuals who are willing to be in the present moment with our members and serve as activity companions. Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Lisa Brents or Tina Dinzl-Peterson for more information.

Meals on Wheels Driver

Help deliver hot meals to Camano Island residents on the central island route. Mileage reimbursement. Time commitment approximately 9:45 am - 11:30 am (every other Friday).

Medical Transportation Driver

Assist Camano residents with transportation to medical-related appointments. Mileage reimbursement provided. Flexible schedule.

Lunch Server

Wednesdays from 11 am -12:45 pm. Help serve lunch at the Camano Center while meeting new friends.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Everything Christmas in July
Thrift Shop Garage Sale

Camano Center

Saturday, July 25

9 am -3 pm

Gala Auction

Saturday, September 26

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

Webpage:

<https://camanocenter.org/volunteer/>

Camano Friends Club

Volunteer Companion & Activity Partners Wanted

At Camano Friends Club, we believe that meaningful relationships and activities should be accessible to everyone, regardless of cognitive changes. We are looking for compassionate and patient individuals who are willing to be in the present moment with our members.



An Average Day Looks Like:

- Coffee & Conversation
- Stretching & Walks
- Brain Games
- Creative Process Activities
- Lunch
- Movement Activities
- Music



Camano Friends Club

Assist:

- Facilitate conversations
- Encourage members to engage in activities such as music, art, or games
- Serve lunch
- Ease the transition from one activity to the next
- Bond with a member needing extra one-on-one attention

Necessary Skills:

- Be open-minded
- Have a positive attitude
- Patience
- Flexibility
- A willingness to learn and adapt to ever-changing personalities
- Compassion

Additional Details:

- Program Location: The Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd, Camano Island
- Camano Friends Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Volunteer time commitment is 6 hours from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. once a week. Partial shifts are also available (preferably twice a month minimum attendance).
- Background check, confidentiality agreement, and a photo release are required for all volunteers.
- Indoor and outdoor activities

A volunteer interest application can be picked up at the Camano Center, 2nd Chance Thrift Shop, or filled-out online at:

www.camanocenter.org/volunteer

Or, stop by or call and talk with our Volunteer Services Manager for more information. phone 360.387.0222



One-On-One Peer Support for Volunteers

Volunteering is meaningful work – and it can also be demanding. At the Camano Center and 2nd Chance Thrift Shop, many of us are balancing our volunteer roles with real-life challenges, such as:

- Caring for loved ones
- Managing personal health concerns
- Changes in mobility or independence
- Major life transitions

These experiences can bring stress, anxiety, and feelings of isolation – even when we are doing things we care deeply about.

Grief Isn't Always What We Expect

Grief doesn't only follow the loss of a loved one. It can also come from:

- Loss of independence or routine
- Changes in roles or identity
- Shifts in relationships
- Declining health
- Unexpected life changes

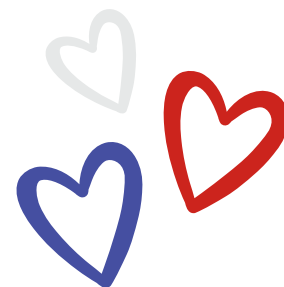
These forms of grief often go unrecognized, but they can affect our emotional well-being just as strongly. Because your well-being matters, we have a Peer Support Program for volunteers.

What it is:

- Compassionate, non-judgmental listening
- Emotional support during times of stress, change, or loss
- A safe space to talk and be heard
- No cost

What it is not:

- Clinical counseling or therapy



This service is optional and available to any volunteer who feels it could be helpful.

Call (360) 387-0222 to schedule an appointment or find out more information.

Camano Center & 2nd Chance Thrift Shop Volunteer Facebook Group

For those who may not know, we have a private 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.

*This page is for Camano Center & 2nd Chance Thrift Shop Volunteers only.
www.facebook.com/groups/992894578220212/
or scan QR code to join*



55 OR OLDER, UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK?

WE CAN HELP!

For more than 50 years, AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) has provided people over age 55 with opportunities to fill entry-level and mid-level positions with employers in their communities.

HOW IT WORKS

SCSEP trainees are placed in a variety of community service activities at nonprofit and public facilities like day care and senior centers, schools and hospitals. This on-the-job training experience can be a bridge to find employment opportunities outside of the program. Participants work an average of 20 hours a week and are paid the highest federal, state or local minimum wage.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

You must be age 55 or older, unemployed and financially qualified. Please contact your local office to learn more about the financial qualifications.

SCSEP is funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.



OTHER BENEFITS

We provide participants with training and support services that are important for funding future employment. The services include Individual Employment Plan (IEP) development, specialized training to prepare for placements, wages and fringe benefits, annual physicals and assistance in securing future employment.

WHAT KINDS OF JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

You could be placed in a wide variety of community service positions at both nonprofit and public facilities including day care and senior centers, governmental agencies, schools, hospitals and libraries. These training assignments help build the skills and experience needed to obtain future employment. Additional training through lectures, seminars, one-on-one instruction, training programs and community colleges may also be provided

Learn more at aarpfoundation.org

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For a future without senior poverty.



**Camano Center & 2nd
Chance Thrift Shop is a
host agency for this great
program.**

**Please inquire if you or
someone you know can
benefit from this program.**

INTERESTED?

Contact your local SCSEP

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