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## VOLUNTEER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



### Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Our Tuesday Morning Food Bank Team: Pat Sampson and Tom Lockwood have manned the Food Bank Desk together for over 3 years. They have seen many changes at Helpline House. They feel the most notable changes are that Helpline House is more organized and that the focus is less on the rules and more on the clients. Pat and Tom feel they make a good team because their strengths complement each other. Tom is organized, interesting and kind and Pat is chipper, hardworking and has a great personality. Thank you, Pat and Tom, for your commitment to Helpline House.

### *Notes from the Volunteer Coordinator*

Dear Volunteers -

Just take a look at the numbers below for the year 2019! These numbers are a testament to your dedication, hard work and generous spirits. YOU are touching the hearts of many and truly making a difference in their lives. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

Average number of families served weekly: **237**

Monthly average of food distributed: **45,751 lbs**

Total number of service visits for 2019: **12,293**

(An increase of over 500 visits from 2018)

### Volunteer Breakfast Raffle Winner



Congratulations to Joanne Nickels! She was the winner of our raffle at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. Thank you to Bloedel Reserve for donating their \$100 Membership for our auction.





Just a few of the many beautiful notes written by clients to express their gratitude:

"I wouldn't be able to remain in my island home without you!" "Everyone, every time I walk through the doors is absolutely welcoming and kind." "You ease my stress by helping me with groceries." "Thoughtful and kind, no shame and always open armed. Thanks for keeping us all afloat."

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## Clothing Closet



## Let's Play Chess!



Welcome to our new volunteer Craig Kirkby. Craig is available in our Resource Room every Monday from 2:30-4:00 to teach Chess to anyone interested. Stop in and say hi and join him in a match.

Please note - this has been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19 but will begin again as soon as possible.

## Battle Point Pea Patch



We have an exciting opportunity for our volunteers who love to garden! We have a plot at the Pea Patch at Battle Point and we are looking for volunteers to manage this project for us. Please contact Ellen at [volunteerservices@helplinehouse.org](mailto:volunteerservices@helplinehouse.org) to learn the details.

Thank you to Becky Peddy who has lovingly tended to this patch for many years for Helpline House.

Our new and improved Seasonal Clothing Closet opened on January 30th in our lower barn! To date we have served 139 clients. The closet is open every Thursday from 9:30-4:00. All items are free. Thank you to the Kol Shalom Congregation, LDS Church and Grace Episcopal Church who collect, wash and sort the clothing for us. Please note that we do not accept individual clothing donations at Helpline House. If you have questions about clothing donations - please feel free to contact Ellen.

Please note - the Clothing Closet has been temporarily closed due to COVID-19 but will reopen as soon as possible.



Thank you for all of your support as we manage our way through our necessary response to COVID-19.

We miss you and look forward to seeing your smiling faces again soon. We would love emails and pictures of how you are spending your time off and just to hear that you are well.

Most importantly – take good care of yourselves!

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