Paige Pereira was born and raised on Guam and moved to Kitsap County with her family in 2016. After receiving her AA degree from Olympic College Bremerton, she continues her academic career in the BASW program at the University of Washington. The majority of her work and volunteer experience revolved around youth work and childcare; these experiences helped her acknowledge the need for social welfare services and motivated her to pursue a social work career. She is excited to work at Helpline House and gain experience in case management and overall community-building. She enjoys spending time with her family, swimming and playing her ukulele.
As we approach the holidays, we often think of how we can reach out beyond our own families and care for those in need. We at Helpline House are constantly asking ourselves how best we can meet the need in our community. One of the ways you can ensure Helpline House will continue to provide for your neighbors in need for years to come is by considering a planned gift for Helpline House, such as a gift through your will or through your retirement assets. Also consider making Helpline House the beneficiary of your required disbursement from your IRA. There are many ways to help on an annual and on-going basis and all are very welcome. Talk with your financial planner to learn about the benefits to you and your estate with the many options available.

Planned Giving; Stronger Roots

Our summer was greatly enhanced with our first ever summer intern – Ali Spence! She came to us through our partnership with Bainbridge Youth Services. Her energy, enthusiasm and thoughtful approach to all tasks brightened the heart of Bainbridge! THANK YOU Ali for spending your summer with us.

Summer Intern’s Big Heart

Annual Bainbridge Island
Turkey Trot
November 28
5K and 1 Mile Fun Runs to benefit Helpline House
Register at biturkeytrot.org
OR VOLUNTEER TODAY, NO SWEAT NECESSARY!

Donate online at helplinehouse.org
Project Backpack numbers were the highest we’ve seen in a while. Thanks to the generosity of this community in many ways, 177 kids got **brand new** backpacks, school supplies, and most even got a new lunch box and chose from some ‘new to them’ clothes. We had two notable additions this year – we heard from the elementary schools that new lunchboxes would be a delight to a lot of students. **Jo Anne Hacker** came to the rescue and donated lunchboxes of different sizes and colors! Students were thrilled. With the assistance from **Grace Church**, we were able to offer a clothing closet to families of gently used clothes for children to have some ‘new’ things for school. Almost every family walked away with some clothing. We cannot thank the many donors enough who make this possible, specifically Modern Collision and Rebuild, whose **Cruise-In Car Show** is a major support for Project Backpack and **Windermere**, whose employee foundation provides the donation for the Target gift cards included in each bag! And of course, we are grateful to **Jansport** for the backpacks. Thank you all!

Gobblefest is in its 10th year of raising money for local food charities during the holiday season. Please plan on attending the event on Bainbridge Island and contributing mightily. Your local musician friends and neighbors are donating their time and talent to support this excellent charity.

Gobblefest.org 2019  
Saturday | November 23, 2019  
5 PM - 10:00 PM  
Rolling Bay Hall (All Ages)  
10598 NE Valley Road  
Suggested Donation $20

Scheduled to Appear:  
4 Sheets  
Ocean Men  
Jefferson Rowboat  
Psycho Sushi

**Around the Corner**  
**Ordway Parade** | November 20  
**Thanksgiving Service** | November 25 & 26  
**Senior Giving Tree** | December 19 & 20  
**Holiday Book Nook** | December 19 & 20  
**Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week** | November 16 - 24
Thanks ‘Giving’ for All Kinds of Needs

The holiday season is a wonderful time of giving to family, friends and charities. It’s also a time for families and organizations to share with those that are less fortunate, and food drives are a time-honored tradition in the community to help ensure that a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner is available to all.

Helpline House continues to offer a gift card program for our clients during the Thanksgiving holiday. It has been hugely successful because it enables clients the freedom to shop when they need and to purchase what they need for their holiday table. It also helps the food bank with its capacity limitations of perishable food and the push to find volunteers to process the hundreds of pounds of food that is received from the community for the holiday.

With this in mind, if you decide to donate to the food bank this year, please consider a monetary or gift card donation in support of this program. And of course, if your family or organization would like to conduct a food drive, they are always much appreciated. Please contact the food bank to coordinate the collection of items that are needed during the holiday season and throughout the year.

**MOST NEEDED FOODS**

**Baking Ingredients**
- flour, sugar, baking soda/powder

**Cooking Ingredients**
- oils, spices, sauces

**Broths**
- chicken, beef, vegetable

**Hot Breakfasts**
- oatmeal

**Canned Fruit**
- pineapple, mandarin oranges

**Hearty Soups, Stews & Chili**

**Holiday Foods**
- turkey, ham, jarred gravy, canned cranberries, holiday cookies, etc

**Best Neighborly Buzz**

“It’s good to know I have an ally on the island!” - anonymous client

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**Take Action at helplinehouse.org**