Helpline Volunteers Needed

Spread the word or try another assignment, such as the 9 a.m. food rescue from Town & Country grocery store.

Share the online volunteer application with friends, family and neighbors. Email Debbie at volunteerservices@helplinehouse.org to learn more information about this valuable volunteer opportunity.

Well Wishes from Helpline House Staff and Volunteers

Joanne Tews, Helpline House Executive Director, retired on August 4th after 18 years of service. We wish her a most happy and enjoyable retirement.

Murray Prins, Supervisor of Social Work, departed August 31st after 15 years of service for health reasons. We wish him the very best as he focuses on his health.

All Volunteer Breakfast Meeting September 20 | 8 am at Helpline

Join co-volunteers and staff Wednesday morning at Helpline’s Lower Barn for quiche and hot coffee and meet the new Interim Executive Director Matt Eldridge.

While Matt is leading the search for a permanent replacement he has also developed a marketing plan to share with staff and volunteers.

Volunteers will learn valuable tips about how you can spread the word to our island community about Helpline House's resources, referrals and other social services available this fall. The newly completed Volunteer Handbook also will be shared.

Please RSVP to Debbie at volunteerservices@helplinehouse.org.
Date: Wednesday, Sept. 20. Time: 8 a.m. Location: Helpline House's Lower Barn

For more details on the Executive Director search, click here for the press release and job description.

Volunteers Ensure Food Bank Operations

We would like to give a warm welcome to our newest volunteers: Dominic
We had a busy summer at Helpline, thank you to everyone who jumped in for double-shifts or cross-over assignments. Each of you made a difference and supported our team in more ways than one. On behalf of all those we serve, we greatly appreciate all of our volunteers. Thank you!

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**Project Backpack Helps Kids Ease Back to School**

A super organizer received his backpack and school supplies for 5th grade. He couldn't wait to start preparing his backpack. The moment he received his supplies from a volunteer the 5th grader unwrapped his #2 pencils releasing the fresh wood fragrance and tucked them in the front pocket of his new backpack. This big brother stood up with a satisfied smile and gave a clear thumbs up to his little brother.

Thanks to Windermere Foundation, JanSport, Umpqua Bank, Modern Collision's Cruise-In Car Show and Puget Sound Energy's sponsorship, along with over 20 volunteers, Project Backpack served 180 local students in need.

Continued support throughout the school year is available for students who have school-related expenses and families with tight budgets. Please direct parents or guardians to the front desk to make an appointment with a Helpline social worker.

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**Summer Bonus Food Bags for Kids!**

This summer, Helpline was a great place for kid-friendly lunches, farm-fresh fruits and vegetables - and don't forget community spirit too!

More than 500 children are among the food pantry shoppers. For the 5th year, Bank of America's grant purchased easy-pop-tops and shelf-staple lunches for Hunger Doesn't Take A Vacation.

During July and August, dedicated Helpline volunteers, Kendall, Anna, Pat Sampson and Cedar Church teens assured 441 grab bags were prepared for families.

Thanks to local farmers and gardener's fresh donations, the produce case was well stocked. Because of everyone’s generosity, our community is happier and healthier.

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**Mark Your Calendars**

We have a jam-packed fall together.

Join us at our upcoming events to support a Healthy & Whole Community.

**Wednesday, September 20 | 8 a.m.** All Volunteer Breakfast Meeting [RSVP Here]

**Sunday, September 24 | 1:30 p.m.** [CropWalk](#) at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church

**Thursday, October 5 | 1:30 - 3 p.m.** IslandWood Walk for Helpline Volunteers

**Thursday, October 24 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.** Helpline Volunteer Social in the Lower Barn
Helpline House and you support a healthy community through nutritious foods and resource referral.
A strong social services workforce is comprised of paid and unpaid staff who ensure the healthy
development and well-being for those most in need in our community.

Interim Executive Director: Matt Eldridge
Business Office: Myra Howrey  Helpline Desk: Tanya Bierlein
Social Services: Brianna McNamara MA, LMFT  and  Megan Markley, BSW
Volunteer Engagement & Support Office: Marilyn Gremse and Debbie Stearns

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Helpline House is an umbrella of social services: providing professional crisis intervention,
assessment and case management, resource referral, advocacy, short term counseling, food
bank service and medical equipment loan.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor - One Neighbor At A Time.

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