

## DONATION LIST

- NEW children's socks, underwear, pajamas
- Shoes: men's, women's,
- Shorts: men's, women's,
- Dresses: women's (all sizes)
- Small-dog food
- Cat food and cat litter.
- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Gift cards (grocery, gas, meals)
- Egg cartons
- Gloves and cleaning supplies)
- Financial donations
- Large paper bags and large plastic bags (new bags only)

### DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

**Perishable:** Fishline  
19705 Viking Way NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370  
M, T, Th, F: 8:30am-2:45pm  
W: 8:30am - 5:45pm

**Non-Perishable:** Drop-off bins can be found at Central Market, Red Apple, 1st Security Bank, Liberty Bay Bank,

## Second Season Updates

Second Season is slowly opening its doors on a more regular basis! Jan and the team are looking forward to getting Halloween decor up in the coming weeks and so appreciate seeing the community's faces when they stop by.

Second Season is looking for more volunteers to help support the daily operations of the store. If you are interested in working as a cashier at Second Season (we are taking immense

Covid precautions), please apply online at: [fishlinehelps.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://fishlinehelps.org/get-involved/volunteer).

**Second Season is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 11:00am - 3:00pm**

**Donations for Second Season are accepted at Fishline on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday: 10:00am - 2:00pm**



## WAYS TO HELP



**Give Online**  
[www.fishlinehelps.org/donate](http://www.fishlinehelps.org/donate)



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# FISHLINE Current

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### MAKING WAVES

## "Lettuce" Give Thanks: Hydroponic Gardens at Fishline

By Alane Basco-Yu

Hydroponics is the practice of growing plants using only water, nutrients, and a growing medium. Dating back to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon and the Floating gardens of China, hydroponic gardening has been known to be one of the most popular and efficient ways of growing foods like lettuce, tomatoes, and even cucumbers!

Hydroponic gardening has found its way to Fishline through system designer and founder of Rolling Vert, Jeffery Dale. Since the end of July, Dale has been donating weekly harvests of hydroponically grown lettuce to our Fishline Market. Using hydroponic gardening methods, Dale was able to harvest and donate 11lbs during week 1 and 12lbs during week 2, exceeding his weekly harvesting expectations! Compared to traditional soil-based gardens, Fishline's hydroponic garden uses 90% water to grow all produce, increases efficiency and effectiveness. This method allows for Fishline to produce anywhere from 3 to 10 times more produce in the amount of space as a traditional garden. As a result, Fishline has been able to grow 320 heads of lettuce every 30 days! This process is self-contained, self-sustaining, and weather friendly since Fishline houses the garden indoors. Thus, clients will have access to fresh lettuce year round!

We are so grateful to have produce from the hydroponic garden as an offering for our clients. "Lettuce" give a huge thank you to Jeffery Dale for growing and donating to the Fishline market and sharing with us his insights into hydroponic gardening.



### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## The Young and the Famous

This month, Fishline is incredibly excited to highlight some of our youngest volunteers - Jack and Ellie Lewis. The siblings started with Fishline alongside their family members, and have found friendship and satisfaction in the chance to give back to their community. "I enjoy helping people," says Ellie. "I believe that it's important to give back, and Fishline is special

because you can directly see the impact of your work in the Food Bank. It's easy to see the impression you make in people's lives." Jack has appreciated the chance to learn real-world business skills alongside his school work. He recommends volunteering at Fishline for the opportunity to meet great people and get experience working for a nonprofit.

Jack and Ellie, we so appreciate you! Thank you for being part of Fishline!

### Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteers must be 16 years old to work with our team - Visit [fishlinehelps.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://fishlinehelps.org/get-involved/volunteer)

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# Meet the Crew

Dani Wasia

Communications & Marketing Manager



Dani joined the Fishline team in August of this year, after moving with her husband from Bozeman, Montana. Dani grew up in Bozeman

and attended Montana State University, graduating with degrees in Economics and Political Science. She has a strong background in communications, serving as the Senior Associate of the MSU Leadership Institute and as part of the marketing team with MT-based startup, "MyVillage." Raised by forest firefighters and rangers, she has a deep passion for giving back to her communities and is so excited to be part of the Fishline team.



# Thank You Rae!

Bon Voyage to Rae Copus, celebrating 13 years of incredible service.

Rae started with Fishline in 2007 as the Client Advocate, after six months became the Volunteer Manager. As client services grew, Rae became a full time Advocate. She was promoted to Client Services Manager with employees under her lead.

In parting, Rae commented, "My family needs me at this time, so I am grateful to be able to care for them and at the same time be able to volunteer for Fishline's Client Services Department, it's a win-win!"

## DONOR HIGHLIGHT

# Gwen Rose & Why We Give

by Dani Wasia

In 2009, Gwen Rose joined the Fishline family by happenstance. Gwen dropped by to donate some goods, and upon asking the volunteers when she could start helping was met with "right now!". After a lifetime of teaching Gwen found a family with Fishline and has been a staunch supporter ever since. I spoke with Gwen about why she gives, and in our conversation I found love, kindness, and optimism. From supporting the Fishline staff to giving GED candidates math lessons, she has shared an immeasurable amount of love with Fishline. When asked why she cares for our organization so deeply, Gwen says, "Fishline doesn't turn people away. Most of the clients who come are truly in need, and with Fishline's help they are able to pull themselves up and move forward into a place where they don't need Fishline anymore. It is a place where the people who work here are here because they want to help people."

## FISHLINE UPDATES

# A Fresh Start at Fishline

by Lauren Beck

With the launch of Fishline's mobile shower pilot program, we are thrilled to expand our safety net to address emerging needs at this unprecedented time. We are excited to collaborate with Kitsap Rescue Mission and the City of Poulsbo to provide this service. Lauren Beck, Fishline's Mobile Shower project lead states, "Not only is it a human right to be clean, but showers provide a wide range of physical, mental, and emotional benefits. Showers support good hygiene, as well as the confidence and acceptance needed to connect with society. With this program, we hope to expand Fishline's community and bring people closer together."



# A Parking Spot Can Change a Life

by Emily Klein

The loss of a job. An unexpected medical bill. A separation or divorce. These are just a few of the reasons someone might suddenly find themselves without a home. Many in our community are one crisis away from losing their housing. While some may be able to stay with family and friends until they can find their footing, others are forced to find shelter wherever they can. For our neighbors who live in their vehicles, having a safe place to park overnight can make all the difference. Fishline's Safe Park program gives participants the security of a safe, predictable overnight parking spot with access to bathroom facilities, as well as supportive services to help them find housing.

The ability to sleep through the night without fear of harassment, to use the restroom in privacy and dignity, and to access case management helps our participants transition from crisis to stability, knowing that they are supported every step of the way. For over a decade we have partnered with local faith communities who offer their parking facilities to serve this urgent need. Thanks to the generosity of our community, Fishline's Safe Park program serves as a critical bridge to stability for individuals and families in search of home.

## GETTING TO WORK

# Partner Spotlight: Sound Works

by Dani Wasia



Bob Middlebrook's daily mission is to build confidence, and he's been supporting the jobless in Kitsap County for nearly a quarter of a century. As a retired airplane crash investigator, Bob became the Executive Director of Sound Works in 1995 and has fostered empathetic and understanding relationships with each client that has walked into his office over the past twenty-five years. He also happens to serve as the "Santa-Claus-in-residence" for the Fishline building and its partners.

Sound Works Job Center, an agency of United Way of Kitsap County, is a no-fee individual job referral and employment counseling service. Led by its fearless Director, Bob, and volunteer Assistant, Tammy, Sound Works ensures that all client interactions are one-on-one and are rooted in a place of empathy.

When a client walks into the Sound Work's office, they are given the chance to share their circumstances and struggles. "We let people talk," Bob says. "We won't interrupt them. We will hear about their lives and understand where they are at." This unique

approach fits Sound Works well. As Kitsap County's only not-for-profit job placement agency, those who walk through Bob's door are afforded a holistic solution for their needs, from job placement at Kitsap's military bases to connections with Fishline's client services center for housing and food solutions.

Bob feels hope at seeing increases in work available around the community. From small businesses to the bases, hiring is seeing an uptick and Bob expects this trend to continue through the fall. His clients, as always, find hope and trust in the dedication Bob and Tammy have for them.

To connect with Bob, email Sound Works at: [soundworks@cbbn.net](mailto:soundworks@cbbn.net).

## CAPTAIN'S LOG

Dear Fishline supporters and friends,

Today I remain more hopeful than ever and here's why. While the pandemic has revealed vulnerabilities in our system, it has also revealed something else: an unprecedented ethic of community care, one that I have witnessed every single day in my new role as Fishline's Executive Director. From the scores of people who signed over their stimulus checks to the little girl who raised money ("for other kids," she said!) by selling lemonade on the side of her road, people here are pulling together to make sure that their neighbors are okay.

Walking into an organization with a fifty-three-year history of service in Kitsap, I anticipated a fair amount of community support, but I am blown away by its breadth and depth. Just last month, Tom Hall, the long-time General Manager of Central Market, walked into our office with two huge, cellophane wrapped baskets, one filled with goodies for our staff and the other stuffed full of artfully arranged dollar bills in every denomination. I recently visited our neighbors at Clear

Creek RV to discuss parking and left not just with a solution, but with a check in my hand. Mora Ice Cream sponsored our Volunteer Appreciation Day, Westside Pizza has faithfully brought us gift certificates from the beginning of the pandemic, Hill Moving is on our speed dial, ready to offer muscles for any task...and the list goes on and on. Please take a moment to visit the Gratitude page of our website where many of our supporters are listed (and be prepared to scroll!!).

To all of our local businesses, faith communities, civic organizations, and friends, who gave even when your own livelihood was uncertain, thank you for your generosity, your trust in us, and for serving as a source of hope.

Lori Maxim  
Executive Director



## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

JACOB MAXWELL

Jacob Maxwell, a local business owner and proud Rotarian, has recently joined the Fishline Board of Directors. Maxwell hopes to



make Fishline's technology more accessible and efficient. He has enjoyed assisting with Fishline's tech support by getting new laptops for employees and gaining an understanding of the structure of Fishline's computer network. As a kid, Fishline had helped support Maxwell's family through many tough times. With his unique skillset, he is committed to giving back to the community that has given him so much.

Please join us in welcoming Jacob Maxwell to Fishline's Board of Directors!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Empty Bowl Fundraising Luncheon: November 2020

A chance for our Kitsap neighbors to learn about Fishline's response to Covid, meet our volunteers, see the businesses who support us, and connect with the Fishline community! Stay tuned for more details, and reach out to Lori if you are interested in sponsoring our online luncheon!

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