

## SHOPPING LIST

- Canned fruit, meat, and fish
- Boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, Rice-a-Roni, etc.)
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Rice
- Sliced bread
- 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  
787 NW Liberty Rd, Poulsbo, WA 98370  
M, T, Th, F: 8:30am-2:45pm  
W: 8:30am-6:45pm

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

## Second Season Re-Opening

The decision to temporarily close Second Season, our thrift shop in Poulsbo Village, was not taken lightly. Second Season, with its army of 80+ volunteers, provides 50-60% of Fishline's annual operating budget—a substantial loss, especially given the increased need for Fishline's services. The good news is that we've re-opened! As of June 29, we'll be open Mon/Wed/Fri 11-3. Changes to our

operation include the following measures: limiting the number of shoppers, one-way aisles, sneeze guards, on-site hand sanitizer, no public restroom or dressing room availability, and requiring masks.

**Donations will only be accepted at Fishline's main building for quarantining on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-4.**

As a thank-you to our community for your generous support, we are holding a 50% off sale for the entire first month of re-opening. Hope to see you soon!

## WAYS TO HELP



### Give Online

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



### Get Involved

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### Give by Mail

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# FISHLINE Current

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## HOMESHARE STORY

### Finding Home

Quiet, artistic, and hardworking with a wry sense of humor, Alize was an ambitious person. At 18, Alize was already going places. She enrolled in college while working at a local assisted living facility. With North Kitsap's tough rental market, she only could afford to live in a group house with several other young women. She was ready to move forward.

Meanwhile, Laura and Jim, empty-nesters with two grown children and a menagerie of animal companions, were looking for someone who could benefit from the warmth and security of a stable and happy home. The HomeShare program provided screening, matching, and agreement contract process to help find the right candidate as well as a written contract outlining expectations, house rules, and financial arrangements. During the search to find a HomeShare match, Laura commented, "[The HomeShare coordinator] was really thorough—doing her due diligence—by asking the questions that helped to define what would be the right fit." On the first day that Laura and Jim met Alize, Laura said, "The first day we met...I just knew it was a good thing."

When asked about the most helpful



part of HomeShare process, Alize replies: "I feel like what helped me the most is that there was no judgment." She shares: "All my life I lived in toxic households; nobody was affectionate, didn't spend time together, never said 'I'm proud of you...'. Living with [Laura and Jim] has made me realize that there are people that actually want to see you do better and will help you do so."

Laura and Jim are grateful for Alize's youthful energy and *joie de vivre*. Laura says, "It's nice because she brings to

our home a sense of fun, lightness, it's a good energy."

The current stay-at-home order and being home has helped Alize get to know all the members of the house on a more personal level. Does Laura have any advice for those seeking matches while social distancing and stay-at-home orders are in effect? She replies "Clearly define what your ideal candidate would [be like], so the fit, when you have a chance, is right."

## VOLUNTEER STORY

### Talkin' Turkey Judy Fuhrer

When I was asked to volunteer at Fishline as a "greeter," I felt honored to serve in this role. Through my weekly Monday morning shift I met all the Monday morning shoppers. My personal goal was to make everyone feel respected, cared about, and served. Fishline shoppers are often very independent—doing their own shopping, bagging their own groceries,

and even carrying the heaviest of bags to their vehicles—so getting to know them by way of service was a challenge. But in late fall, I had my chance. Fishline was providing turkeys plus several other holiday treats to accompany the Thanksgiving dinners. Well, those frozen turkeys were my opportunity! I offered to carry those hefty frozen gobblers out to their vehicles. One by one, many accepted my help. Short conversations

developed in the weeks and months that followed, and I got to know so many wonderful folks. Over the year and a half I was here, many people graciously thanked me for my help. I am very proud to have the opportunity to serve as a volunteer for Fishline and be a friend in service to our clients. I look forward to the day that I can slip back into my Monday morning greeter position once again.

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## Meet our newest team members!

**Andrea Benson**  
Market Manager



Andrea joined Fishline around Thanksgiving last year. Andrea grew up in Kingston and is a graduate of Bainbridge High School.

She moved to Seattle in 2001 to pursue her passion for culinary arts at the Art Institute of Seattle. She stepped into the role of Executive Chef and General Manager of Lander Hall dining facility at University of Washington where she was responsible for an estimated 3,000 meals per day. She is committed to addressing food insecurity and social and economic inequality. She hopes to use her culinary expertise to enrich the lives of the Fishline clients and the community.

**Brian Simmons**  
Warehouse & Facilities Assistant



Brian has a Science degree from Northern Illinois University, is a trained EMT, and a Wilderness First Responder. Involved in the

farm-to-table movement for over 15 years, he is passionate about getting fresh, nutritious food onto peoples' plates and this is evident each morning as he sorts through grocery donations and carefully packages lettuces, berries and more. While manager of the Poulsbo Farmers' Market, he connected with many Kitsap-area growers and farmers. When not moving pallets of potatoes, merchandising produce, and helping clients, Brian enjoys the outdoors, sailing and being a father.



### UPDATE ON FISHLINE

## A Community of Hope

As an essential service, COVID-19 presented a tremendous challenge for Fishline staff to re-imagine how to serve our clients. Reminded of the generosity, kindness, and trust that creates the magic of Fishline, we've aligned our new approach with the community's mission to love and care for our neighbors in need.

As a shining example of community stewardship, Dean from Westside Pizza has donated over 900 meal gift cards to Fishline over the past 7 weeks. He has also purchased gift cards from another local restaurant to donate in an effort to support other local business owners.

Silver City Brewery raised more than \$8,000 for local food banks over the past month with their "Ziggy for All" charity initiative. Ten dollars from each case of their Ziggy Zoggy Lager 16 ounce cans are being donated to help support local organizations.

Others have organized food and

fund drives on our behalf, with so many people donating generously through this time of such great need. Local gardeners and farmers provide fruits and vegetables to ensure we have nutritious produce to share.

Poulsbo Red Apple and Central Market have stepped up in incredible ways by partnering with Fishline and boosting our purchasing power.

Much to our surprise and delight, Hill Moving and Storage and Peninsula Truck Lines offered to help with transportation and storage as we try to move, store and distribute food and supplies.

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Volunteering through COVID

 Lidia Gamero, Volunteer Coord.

The guiding principle of Fishline's Volunteer Program is "...to create an environment that brings out the best in our volunteers and in those who we serve." Before COVID-19, an essential part of our volunteers' experience was having a cup of coffee in the breakroom or attending the occasional social gathering. While nothing can replace the intimacy of working toward a common goal side-by-side, we're doing our best to maintain this special community by providing opportunities for volunteers

to connect. Whether through a virtual coffee gathering or a chat on our Fishline Volunteers Facebook Group, we're so thrilled to "see" our volunteers! And volunteers' responses have surprised and delighted us in so many ways. We've received flowers and cards, messages of encouragement, lunch, and even masks! Although, many things are still unknown, we do know one thing: the spirit of volunteerism at Fishline remains strong as we continue to serve our neighbors.

### IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Community Partners Work Together

With the concerns about the instability in the food supply chain, Kitsap County Food Bank Coalition members and community partners have come together to support each other. Fishline and the other members of the Coalition have used creative methods to secure the food needed by so many. The Coalition food banks joined to use our joint capacity to purchase pallets of staples which will be divided among the members upon arrival. Joining forces has allowed us to combine our purchasing power. Not only has Bremerton Foodline been overwhelmed with the volume of pallets of staple foods coming in, but lacked the capacity to distribute these to other county food banks. Now, Hill Moving and Storage is picking up the pallets from Bremerton and delivering them to Fishline every

week. Diane Fish from the Farm to Table program (Kitsap Conservation District) talked to the Coalition about the plight of the farmers in Eastern Washington and the 40,000 lbs pounds of potatoes left without a market. With the help of Harvest Against Hunger, the Kitsap Community Foundation, Peninsula Truck Lines and Hill Moving and Storage, over 38,000 lbs. of potatoes were distributed to multiple organizations within just a few hours! The Coalition is grateful for the generous donations and offers of support from many organizations. As we move forward together, we know there are many challenges ahead. Building stronger ties with our sister food banks and community organizations, supporting each other and working together towards common goals we can look forward to a brighter tomorrow.

## Swank/Fishline Grow and Share Project

Leigh Wojcik, Paula Strid & Nikki Johanson

The Swank/Fishline Grow and Share Project is up and running for 2020. It is hard to believe we are in our third year. With the pandemic this year the produce is more important than ever. With the help of four regular volunteers and the staff at Pheasant Fields Farm, we were able to start the seeds in the Pheasant Fields greenhouses, prepare the rows for planting, transplant the veggie starts, and seed the rows. We have lots of vegetables including sugar peas, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, beets,

green cabbages, onions, carrots, peppers, eggplant, and tomatoes to name a few.

With all of the needs, we sure could use some additional volunteers. It is a great opportunity to get outside. It's easy to practice social distancing as there is plenty of room to spread out! We are at the property Monday, Wednesday and Friday usually between 10:30AM-1:30PM. These vegetables will go directly to our neighbors in need. We are thankful to be there for them with delicious and extremely nutritious produce.



To learn more or to be part of this project, contact Lidia, our volunteer coordinator: [volunteer@fishlinehelps.org](mailto:volunteer@fishlinehelps.org) or 360-779-4191

### A CLIENT STORY

## Hands on Advocacy:

Though chronic illness has impaired Shelly's cognitive function, her family values are rock-solid: she moved to Poulsbo to live closer to her nieces after their mother passed away. She quickly found a room to rent, but knew that if she could somehow secure subsidized housing—a process that can take years—she would be a step closer to a more stable living situation. However, the application process was daunting. At Fishline, we realize that seemingly simple tasks, like filling out forms, can be a barrier to accessing services. We have worked with Shelly over the years to help her maintain all the benefits to which she is entitled, including housing, and are happy to report that Shelly will move into her new home soon.

If you or someone you know needs help navigating services, please call us.

## 2020 Fishline Food Bank Gala and Auction

The Fishline Board of Directors and staff wish to thank the sponsors, donors, volunteers, and the more than 300 attendees, for making our annual auction magical! Together, we raised more than \$100,000 toward Fishline programs that provide food, emergency services, and the resources to transform lives and foster hope. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

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