

## MEET THE CREW

**LAURA OLSON**  
Market Manager



Laura has over 9 years of experience as the production supervisor for Goodwill Industries in Silverdale. Her background includes being a supervisor and coach; handling production planning and manufacturing. She also worked as a district trainer for Target and was part of the team that opened new stores, trained associates, and oversaw strategic planning initiatives.

**ELIJAH LONEWOLF**  
Market Assistant



After retiring from an esteemed Navy career spanning 24 years, we are excited to welcome Elijah to our team. Eli was an E7 Chief Petty officer with many years of supervision and management experience. He is originally from Nebraska and is enrolled as a member of the Omaha Tribe. Eli and his wife live in Silverdale with their 6 children, ages 5 - 17 years old.

**JUDI CLARK**  
Front Desk Coordinator



Welcome to Judi Clark! Judi has extensive experience working in social services helping people to secure housing. She moved to Bremerton from Ohio 8 years ago to take care of her new grand baby. Little did she know that she would be helping for 8 years. Judi enjoys working with people and is excited to be at Fishline. We are happy to have her here!

## DONOR HIGHLIGHT

### Why We Give, with Jerry Goodwin

by Alane Basco-Yu

As a volunteer with the Knights of Columbus, Jerry takes pride in working with the community. Jerry and the Knights collected over 2,000 lbs of donated food and supplies for Fishline this year through their efforts. They have provided coats for the children of North Kitsap and ensured full bellies in the community throughout the 2020 holiday season.

Jerry has lived in Poulsbo for past twenty-seven years, after retiring from a career in management. He will be the first to tell you how much marrying his wife, Shirley, changed his life. She was a longtime volunteer and donor to Fishline. Together they served this community in myriad ways. For Shirley it was all about helping Fishline. When she passed away, Jerry wanted to ensure that Fishline continued receiving Goodwin support. Through the Knights of Columbus, he has bolstered and supported dozens of food drives for Fishline. He and his daughter continue to donate, working diligently to ensure that those in need in North Kitsap continue to receive support.

Jerry shares, "Fishline means everything to me, and I want it to be here when I leave this earth." He adds that he does not want to change the world, just the world that he is a part of. We are honored to have the Goodwin's support. Thank you, Jerry

## FISHLINE UPDATES

### Full Stockings on Christmas Day!

by Danielle Wasia

Our Christmas Child Stocking Program was an absolute success this year, COVID-19 and all! We were thrilled to be able to help over three hundred children in North Kitsap wake up with gifts under the tree. We in turn were able to support Poulsbo's local businesses through our "Holiday Bucks" program. This allowed families to shop at participating stores in the area to purchase gifts. Thank you Tizley's, Liberty Bay Books, Toys, Etc., Indigo Plum, and Heart 2 Heart Knitting for joining the program.

We have heard from families filled with gratitude and joy as a result of the Christmas Child program. Here is a note we received the week we started handing out Holiday Bucks...

*"Dear Fishline Staff,  
Thank you for the generous gift cards!!! This has been a challenging time for us, and we appreciate you so much.  
You have no idea how much your help has meant".*

Our team is happy to support the families of the North Kitsap community through this holiday season. COVID-19 brought hardships and we are incredibly thankful for the support that the community members have shown to this program. Without your kindness and generosity, we would not have been able to impact so many throughout North Kitsap.



## GETTING TO WORK

### Our Year in Review

by Danielle Wasia



**333** children received food through Food for Thought

**264** new individuals came to Fishline for services

**60** parties were thrown by the Birthday Fairy

**89** showers were provided by Fresh Start

**43,312**  
clients served in 2020



**110,000+**  
pounds of food donated or rescued through 2020

**14+** Food and supply drives hosted for Fishline by the community



**2,402+**  
volunteer hours were provided by the community

**153** active volunteers per month, on average

**6+** programs supported nearly 100% by volunteers

## CAPTAIN'S LOG

Dear Fishline Supporters and Friends,

I write to you, at the start of a new year, with respect and honor for this North Kitsap community. I take pride in your strength and resilience through this past year. We have forged through this unprecedented time of the pandemic and without the community's tenacity and generosity we could not have supported those in need.

As 2020 draws to a close, we at Fishline are in awe of the immense amount of food drives, supply drives, and financial donations we have received in support of our work. Your passion to see this pandemic through bolstered us to start new programs and serve new needs.

As we look to 2021, to the light at the end of the tunnel and the possibilities for our organization, I thank you for your resilience and your strength. This community has had our backs through every step of the way. We appreciate you, our neighbors. To Clear Creek RV, Westside Pizza, The Knights of Columbus, Central Market, 5-year old Adelaide and her mom, and to the countless others who have been our neighbors, thank you. I am excited to step in 2021 with you, and to deliver stability and hope to so many families in North Kitsap County.

In gratitude,  
Lori Maxim

Executive Director



## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**SHARON STILES,**  
BOARD PRESIDENT



Sharon Stiles is a woman of many talents. She originally moved here in 1976, raising her two sons in the North Kitsap school district. After forty years of working she retired in 2002. Her jobs, both public and private, gave her the opportunity to work in; Cuba, Germany, Belgium, San Diego, Seattle, and the three bases in Kitsap County. She retired to Oregon for 17 years. Sharon served as a volunteer with the Humane Society, Siuslaw Outreach Services, the Board of Education for Lane Community College for eight years, and other organizations. She moved back to Washington three years ago. A friend introduced her to Fishline and she jumped in to volunteer. Her skills in Mediation, EEO, and HR made her a good fit to the join the board. And the rest is history! Sharon is closing out her term as board President with the close of 2020. We so appreciate her character and constant support. Thank you, Sharon.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fishline's 2021 Auction has been postponed!**

As we follow state and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19 and social gatherings, we will determine a new date for our annual auction.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to hosting a few virtual events for our community!

## DONATION LIST

- TOILET PAPER
- PAPER TOWELS
- COFFEE
- WINTER CLOTHING
- HANDWARMERS
- GLOVES
- SLEEPING BAGS
- LONG UNDERWEAR
- TENTS
- QUILTS
- DIAPERS
- HYGIENE ITEMS

## 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 remains open and in full operation, while adhering to COVID-19 guidelines and maintaining a safe and sanitary space for customers.

The store is looking for more volunteers to help support its daily operations, both at our storefront and at our Annex locations. If you are interested in working with Second Season (we take immense COVID-19 precautions), please apply online at: [www.fishlinehelps.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://www.fishlinehelps.org/get-involved/volunteer).

**We are excited to announce that the store will be expanding its hours in 2021!**

The Second Season Store is open Monday, Wednesday, & Friday:  
 10:00am - 5:00pm

Donations for Second Season are accepted at Fishline on Tuesday & Thursday:  
 10:00am - 2:00pm

## WAYS TO HELP



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



**Get Involved**  
[www.fishlinehelps.org/get-involved](http://www.fishlinehelps.org/get-involved)



**Give by Mail**  
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# FISHLINE Current

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## MAKING WAVES

### Helping to Keep the Hearth Lit

by Alane Basco-Yu

Jamie B. started visiting Fishline for help with food and firewood after her family suffered a house fire a year ago. Initially, they needed help to overcome their family's limited resources, which arose as a result of the fire damage to their home.

Over the past year, since Jamie initially visited Fishline for firewood, we have been thrilled to support her family's needs throughout the pandemic. They now receive food and firewood weekly from Fishline.

After the housefire, life was incredibly stressful for Jamie and her family. Fortunately, Fishline helped to alleviate some of that stress. The cost of their electricity has been cut nearly in half since they started using donated firewood. This has allowed them to save money for other necessities and to provide holiday gifts for their children.

Jamie is very thankful to Fishline for their help and, more importantly, it has decreased her family's stress levels. Fishline's help has warmed their hearts and their home.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Saying Goodbye to Marge, our Tenacious Business Manager

by Danielle Wasia



Marge Johnson

It is with both sadness and joy that we bid goodbye to Marge Johnson, Fishline's Business Manager, as she entered retirement on December 22, 2020.

Marge has been steadfast in supporting Fishline over the past two-and-a-half years, but most notably when she stepped into the role of Interim Executive Director in the midst of a global pandemic this year. While Fishline was doing an active search for a new Executive Director we found a jewel in Marge.

Her background as a leader and her tenacity brought much needed stability and passion to Fishline in a time of crisis where she never skipped a beat. Marge stepped up to the plate and agreed to fill in for what she famously called a 120-day temporary position that turned into a six-month stint. She completely revamped the market and gained the respect of all around her. Nothing slowed her down, she was often seen filling boxes alongside staff and volunteers, meeting with other food banks, while setting up and following protocols for COVID-19.

Her guidance and persistence helped many North Kitsap residents immensely during an unparalleled time. It has been an honor for our team to have worked with her and we wish her the best in her retirement.

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