

## Coming in July!

Articles by Fishline Staff

We are excited to announce our major Fundraiser of the year, the Summer Escape, will be held on July 15th from 4pm-7pm.

Located in beautiful Heronswood Gardens, the evening will include live music, food, wine, games, an auction, and a raffle. This year's event promises to be even more fun! Enjoy strolling the gardens, sipping a beverage, bidding on a special experience or item, and help raise money to support those in need at Kitsap County. We have some wonderful items we are auctioning off this year, including Circus School, a home rental in Scottsdale, AZ, a 65-inch flatscreen 4k tv, electronic bikes, and so much more!

Please use the QR code below to purchase your tickets in advance. Even though we increased capacity this year, these tickets will sell out quickly.

Can't make the event in person? You can still participate! Consider bidding on some of our silent auction items, including a libations tour around Poulsbo, jewelry from Blue Heron, artwork from Michael Hoover and other great items and experiences.

All auction items will be on display at the event.



Jim Fisher at the 2021 Summer Escape



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If you have any questions please call Fishline at (360) 208-8508 or email us at [communications@fishlinehelps.org](mailto:communications@fishlinehelps.org)



## Thank you, Kitsap County!

Because of your generosity we raised \$61,317 at the event and received 266 gifts. That amount will feed 23 members of our community for an entire year! We are especially grateful to those individuals who gave matching sponsor funds: MJ Trust, Mark and Karen Timken, and two anonymous benefactors. Fishline was the only region-specific service agency in the top five. All the other organizations were county-wide.

We are also excited to welcome 40 new donors to our organization. Thank you so much for your support. We appreciate each and every one of you.

## Stamp Out Hunger

We are grateful to our local post offices for their support in helping Stamp Out Hunger! Fishline accepted donations at three locations: the Poulsbo Post Office, our Viking Way Campus, and at the Farmer's Market. We also had pickups at the Suquamish and Keyport Post Office.

**Thanks to the North Kitsap Community Fishline collected 4,858 lbs. of food and \$140 in donations. We are very grateful.**

Thank you to our Volunteer Manager, Lidia Gamero for organizing and working this special event. Also, thank you all our volunteers who worked day-of: the Leo & Lions club, Brian, Teresa D., Gerri J., June H., Chelina L., Neil S., Dale M., Brandi W., Leigh L., Paula S., Bruce Mc., Tracy R., Dan M., Greg S., and a local business who preferred to donate their time anonymously.



## Welcome Alex and Tyler!

Fishline is excited to welcome Alex Kidder as our Assistant Market Manager. He will be managing the market staff and volunteers and overseeing market operations, as Laura Olson's assistant manager. Andrew Johnson, our Food Bank Warehouse Assistant and Alex will work in tandem to run the market and Annex.

Alex is a native of Poulsbo who just moved back to the area after 15 years of living in the South. He brings a variety of different experiences ranging from working in an accounting office to managing bakeries, and he enjoys working in a great team-oriented environment. Outside of work, Alex spends a lot of time with family, exploring the outdoors, and cooking with his dog Lucy.



*"I am most excited to be working with Fishline because I want to be able to assist and give back to the community in which I grew up."*

Tyler McLain is our new Receptionist and joins our team with a plethora of experience working with youth, adults, and vulnerable individuals. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and has a BA in Elementary Education.



Tyler shares that she is excited to join our team as our receptionist, because she has a passion for helping people and is excited to work in a role where she can connect people to support services. She chose Fishline because her mother was a volunteer here a few years ago and the mission is dear to her heart.

She grew up in the Shelton area and moved to Kitsap County ten years ago. She is a Skokomish tribal member and loves to learn Coast Salish weaving. She also enjoys making art and studied art therapy in college. She has been married 3 years, but her lifelong love will always be Elvis Presley. Or maybe her spoiled dachshund.

# Staff & Volunteer De-Escalation Training

This spring Fishline offered de-escalation training and crisis intervention for both staff and volunteers. This one and a-half hour course provides understanding of why people can become difficult and how to resolve conflicts in a civilized, calm, and safe manner. Attendees learned skills allowing them to better assess their environment and continuously "loop" through observation and action. They discussed how their presence affects each situation. Communication skills were practiced and mastered as well as de-escalation strategies and exit strategies, which are to be used when safety cannot be obtained.

Michelle Muething, the trainer founded Frontline Crisis Academy and has worked with 27 agencies in the state of Washington. Attendees found the sessions very informative, explored their own behaviors when experiencing conflict, and how to mitigate crises.



Michelle Muething

## Captain's Log

Dear Fishline Supporters and Friends,

July 6th marks my anniversary. I will have steered the ship as Executive Director at Fishline Food Bank and Comprehensive Services for two years. And what a two years it has been!

Joining the team was chaotic to say the least in 2020. Moving back to the Pacific Northwest after living in Georgia was challenging (especially during COVID!) But I found my way home, and really learned more about the collective impact our organization has on our neighbors in need. Protocols were constantly changing, and our team was quick to adapt to the CDC guidelines of the day. We consistently examined our protocols and procedures to help more vulnerable community members. We removed services that were not being used and incorporated new ones when a need was determined (such as our shower program and our free mental health services).

When I think about all the turmoil and change that we have endured, I am overwhelmed by the response of our community. I am so grateful to you: whether you be a client, volunteer, donor or a staff member. North Kitsap is hands-down the most philanthropic region I have ever seen. Our team was astounded by the number of individuals who donated for the Great Give, and the amount of people who donated for the first time. I am humbled and honored to live among and work with such a caring and benevolent group of individuals. There are just so many good people here who want to be the difference they would like to see in the world. You all come here and donate your time, treasure, and talent to make lives better for those who are not as fortunate.

Thank you for sticking with us. Thank you for your optimism and generosity of spirit. And thank you for rallying around Fishline and making it the best organization possible. Fishline is very lucky to call you a friend.

Lori Maxim,  
Executive Director



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## We are Hiring!

If you are looking for employment with a purpose where you can help improve the daily lives of the members of your community, then consider our open positions:

● HR Generalist ● Market Lead ● Client Services Manager ✓ Visit us on Indeed to Apply!

## FISHLINE DONATION LIST

- SHAMPOO
- HONEY
- PAPER TOWELS
- JAMS/JELLIES
- BABY WIPES
- DIAPERS (SIZES 3/5/6)
- CAT FOOD

## DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

### Perishable:

19705 Viking Way  
NW, Poulsbo, WA  
98370  
M, T, TH, F:  
Noon - 3:30pm  
W: 2pm - 5:30pm

### Drop-Off Bins:

These can be found at Central Market, 1st Security Bank, Liberty Bay Bank, and John L. Scott.

### Client Services Donations:

Please visit Building B between 11am - 3pm, M - F.



# Second Season

## THRIFT STORE

19689 7th Ave NE, Suite 101, Poulsbo, WA 98370  
(360) 598-5190 • Monday - Saturday • 10am to 5pm



From June 12th-19th all merchandise at Second Season will be 30% off as part of the Summer Solstice Savings Week! Pamper yourself and your family while spending a fraction of what you would elsewhere. Our dedicated team can help you pick out the ideal Father's Day gift, a graduation gift, an outfit for the Summer Escape, or games and entertainment for your children while they are on summer break. Remember your donations and purchases all go to help fund Fishline services.



## HOW TO HELP



### GIVE ONLINE

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



### GIVE BY MAIL

Fishline Food Bank  
P.O. Box 1517  
Poulsbo, WA 98370



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(360) 783-6087



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