

Summer Highlights

Articles by Fishline Staff

Fishline has had a busy summer full of wonderful community events and acts of major kindness. Here are a few we wanted to spotlight!

- On July 15th, in the beautiful Heronswood Gardens, Fishline's annual Summer Escape raised more than \$178,000 in funds to help our most vulnerable neighbors in need. Fishline was blown away when community members donated more than \$52,000 in the "raise your paddle" portion. Which was the most donated in the history of our auction!
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Fishline on June 24th for the annual Day of Caring. All of you made a huge difference for the clients and community members we serve here at our main campus. Your dedication and work ethic does not go unnoticed!
- On August 6th, the inaugural Nordic Musikk Fest took place at Nordic Hill Manor with all ticket sales benefiting Fishline! Organized by KJ and Heinz Lange, this summer community event helped raise a total of \$13,129.84 for our most vulnerable neighbors in need.

Fishline is grateful to the North Kitsap community for their continued support and passion for helping others find a path to self-sustainability.



A Farewell Message From Sandra Allen

Although I have been a manager for the past three and half years, I have continued to meet with clients daily because I am an advocate at heart. Over the years, our clients have come to trust me (and the Fishline team), which means the world to me, because our clients truly are some of the kindest, most talented, generous, and resilient people I have ever met. We have had clients donate their art for our auction, provide facials for our volunteers, and bring freshly picked flowers to staff to say thank you.

During these final days, I have taken time to reflect on my journey at Fishline and am proud of the contributions I have made. I have helped our team create new services, such as showers with grab and go meals and free counseling, as well as establish partnerships with community agencies both at our CSC and in the community. Under my leadership, we helped hundreds of people stay housed and keep their utilities on. When the pandemic hit, I worked long hours alongside our skeleton crew to change the way we delivered services to ensure clients received food and assistance with their other needs.



We continued to provide birthday gifts, firewood, school supplies, and Christmas gifts, despite the mandated shutdown. To be completely honest, it was exhausting, but so worth it, and as I look back, I am grateful for the purpose Fishline gave me these last two years. I am sure I will remember my time at Fishline as some of the "best years of my life" and will be forever grateful to have been part of this amazing community.

I am excited to share that I am moving on to open my own business. I will be offering hypnotherapy and Reiki to help people manage health issues, addiction, anxiety, depression, and trauma. I am very excited about this next journey in my life.

Christmas Child

Op Mandino once wrote, "The greatest legacy we can leave our children are happy memories." Fishline's Christmas Child program makes the holiday season unforgettable and provides hope to our most vulnerable community members.

Last December, 436 children received gifts due to the generosity of North Kitsap Residents and Businesses. Parents were given a \$50 Walmart card and \$60 in "Holiday Bucks" to be used at local shops which helped both Poulsbo businesses and vulnerable neighbors. This year we anticipate that over 500 children will be enrolled in this service as rising costs of food, medicine, and gas will make it hard for families to afford presents.

"Having four kids is hard. I lost my job because of the pandemic and my husband couldn't work. We couldn't provide gifts for our children, so we turned to the food bank. And that morning, they were just so excited to see presents under the tree. It was so good to have a little extra help to make the holiday memorable." Rosa



Please consider donating to Christmas Child by visiting <https://bit.ly/2HOdQJT> and selecting "Children's Programs" in the "Select Fund" dropdown menu.

New Mental Health Provider!

Fishline is excited to add AMFM Healthcare as our provider for free mental health services.

Utilizing a holistic approach to treatment, AMFM's mission is to meet the needs of individuals and communities where high quality mental health resources are limited. AMFM is committed to individualized treatment, evidenced-based treatment, and providing high quality therapeutic interventions to greatly impact long-term outcomes.

"AMFM is honored to be part of the Fishline organization, partnering to provide therapeutic services free to the community. The collaboration between AMFM and Fishline allows individuals in our community to receive high-quality clinical care by a licensed therapist, providing individual therapy and clinical case management. Fishline is an anchor in the community and AMFM is committed to upholding the high quality of service Fishline provides."

- Angeleena Francis, Executive Director -WA, AMFM Healthcare

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Captain's Log

I thought that by now, COVID would be a thing of the past and our economy would rebound after the economic upheaval.

Unfortunately, this year has been even worse for our struggling neighbors. Inflation, lousy weather, rising gas prices, avian flu, wheat shortages, and supply chain issues have caused more financial troubles for families who were once secure. This August, CNN reported that food prices have skyrocketed, soaring 13.1% since July 2021- this is largest annual increase since March 1979. Eggs cost 4.3% more than last month alone. Food banks across Washington state reported a 30% decrease of in kind and financial donations and a substantial increase in the number of individuals enrolling in services.

Here at Fishline, we understand the growing need throughout Kitsap County; 100 new community members came to Fishline to access services this past month. And many of them deeply in debt, owing thousands of dollars in back rent and utility bills. Fishline is one of the few places these struggling families can seek assistance to remain housed since Kitsap Eviction Prevention Assistance funds ran out.

Which brings me to my point. I am so grateful to the community for supporting us. Thank you for participating in Nordic Musikk Fest or our Summer Escape. Funds gathered during those events can go to whatever intervention is most effective for our clients: be it purchasing milk in the market, help a family whose house has burned down, or buying a plane ticket for a survivor fleeing a domestic abusive relationship to go somewhere safe.

Finally, we partnered with Kitsap Community Resources, the United Way, and other organizations throughout Kitsap County to conduct a Community Needs Assessment. This will help highlight gaps in services that our community faces and ultimately aid in creating effective solutions. Please consider visiting <https://www.kcr.org/cna/> to take the survey.

Lori Maxim
Executive Director



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LIST**

- FRESH FRUIT
- FRESH VEGGIES
- HONEY
- BREAD
- BUTTER
- DIAPERS
(SIZES 4/5/6)
- CAT FOOD

**DROP-OFF
LOCATIONS****Perishable:**

19705 Viking Way
NW, Poulsbo, WA
98370
M, T, TH, F:
12:00pm - 3:30pm
W: 2:00pm - 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 11:00am -
3:00pm, M - F.

Upcoming Events

September

- 2nd** 11-4pm Molina Health
Care and Assurance
Mobile Phones at Fishline
- 5th** • Second Season Sale
50% off everything!
• Labor Day - Fishline is
Closed
- 24th** 9am-12pm Kitsap Bank's
"From Shred to Fed"
Event
- 25th** Bainbridge Island/North
Kitsap Crop Walk

October

- 7th** 11-4pm Molina Health
Care and Assurance
Mobile Phones at Fishline
- 10th** Fishline is Closed
- Every
Sat.** Fishline is at the Poulsbo
Farmers Market
- 29th** Poulsbo Chamber of
Commerce Halloween
event - Details TBD

November

- 11th** • Fishline is Closed
• Veteran's Day Sale at
Second Season
- 24th
& 25th** Fishline and Second
Season is Closed
- 29th** Giving Tuesday



How to Help



GIVE ONLINE
www.fishlinehelps.org/donate



GET INVOLVED
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