

# Newsletter

July 2023

YEAR IN REVIEW ISSUE

**24/7 Crisis Line**  
**360-385-5291**

**Dove House Is Open**  
**Monday to Friday**  
**9-12 & 1-4**  
**Closed daily 12-1**  
**And on**  
**most holidays**

**Recovery Café**  
**Open to the Public**  
**Tuesday - Friday**  
**11-3**  
**(Free Meal 12-2)**

**Dove House has**  
**15 Full-Time and**  
**3 Part-Time Staff**  
**Welcome New Staff:**  
**Laura, Advocate**  
**Bernie, Recovery**  
**Advocate**

**Dove House has 65**  
**Volunteers**  
**Welcome New**  
**Volunteers:**  
**Ava**  
**Linda**  
**Tami**



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## Service Trends & Program Highlights

As our community, along with the world, engages in the varied experience of **emergence from the pandemic**, Dove House clients encounter **new barriers, AND successes**. 9 guests in our shelter or residents in our transitional apartments obtained permanent **affordable housing** at existing, or new, units and/or in a Habitat house. These folks, along with other low-income residents in Jefferson County, will continue to navigate the challenge presented by the steep rise in prices for gas, food, childcare, entertainment, etc. Jobs are plentiful and wages have improved while **qualification guidelines for low-income housing have not yet caught up** resulting in many families being unable to qualify for housing programs.

**Legal representation and therapy** are key for helping survivors move beyond crisis toward long-term health and stability. With State and Foundation grants and local partnerships, we have been able to fund therapy and legal representation for more of our clients this year.

In Recognition of **the importance of human connection and community in the work we do**, we held a Reconnect event in February. 45 staff from area social service organizations came together to reconnect after the long pandemic and **share resources for nourishing and inspiring joy in our work**.

In October 2022, we launched a support group called **New Beginnings**. It focuses on **older women who have experienced domestic and family violence and sexual assault**. The youngest group member is 62 and the oldest is 89. Support was not as readily available to many of the participants when they first experienced their trauma as it is now for victims, and leaving their abusive relationships was not possible for most.

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**Service Trends & Program Highlights (cont.)**

**New Beginnings (from pg. 1)** 60 years ago, women could not get a credit card in their name. A well-paying job and a mortgage were out of the question. New Beginnings gives them a safe place to process their trauma, laugh, and enjoy a cup of tea.

**Partnerships, including support from individuals, businesses, and groups in our community,** continue to be key to Dove House’s ability to meet the varied needs of survivors and their children. This past year, we enhanced our culturally-appropriate services to immigrants with the support and expertise from **Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates (JCIRA)** Outreach Coordinator, Natalia Duran. Dove House, JCIRA and PT Film Fest Offered a community screening of the film *Don’t Tell Anyone*. And, in April, we partnered with Jefferson Healthcare’s SANE Program to screen *I Am Evidence*.

Last summer, Dove House clients enjoyed 2 **Family Fun Days** at area parks. 2 **Holiday Meals** were served at our Recovery Café in November and December. And, in April, we offered a **“From Surviving to Thriving: Survivor Spoken Word”** event at the Café in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month

With our purchase of the house and ADU at **909 Kearney St.** we are able to offer additional affordable housing for survivors. We are making renovations and plan to have all of the units available in 2023.

**Total Served 7/1/2022-6/30/2023**  
**Approximately 510 Adults and Children**

Dove House Staff and trained Volunteers provide **crisis response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.** This year, we responded to **256** crisis calls.

**Olympic Pride Event 2023**



**107 High School Students Attended Relationship Skills Classes with Dove House Staff**

### Special Thanks To

Pet Town    WSU Extension    Strait Flooring  
 Finn River Farm & Gardens    World's End  
 Quimper Grange Foodbank Garden    NAMI  
 Goosefoot Gardens    Port Gamble Guest House  
 Olympic Peninsula Women's Fellowship  
 Kristin Manwaring Insurance    The Food Coop  
 Local Quilting Groups    PSO Bluebills  
 Recovery Café Network    Hills & Valleys Catering  
 Cherry Blossom    Tri-Area Garden Club  
 Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates (JCIRA)  
 QUUF    The Teachers at Salish Elementary  
 First Fed Foundation    St. Vincent de Paul

Our Monthly Donors and Everyone who has been purchasing supplies online at domesticshelters.org

All who have donated cars through careasy.org

**Dove House Emergency Shelter**  
**for Survivors of**  
**Domestic Violence**  
**7/1/2022-6/30/2023**  
**(Capacity for 21 Guests)**

#### Shelter Guests

41 Adults and Children

#### Average Length of Stay

87 Days

#### Bednights

**(shelter & hotel)**

3885

#### Unmet Requests for Emergency Shelter

98

#### Shelter Guests Who Obtained Transitional or Permanent Affordable Housing

7 Families

### Recovery Café

#### Members

113

#### Meals

#### Provided

5062



#### Recovery

#### Circles

8 Weekly  
Circles

#### 22 unique classes and events

were offered on a rotating basis each week, totaling 194 classes for the year. Offerings include: art and writing; mental health; chair massages; nature walks in Kah Tai Lagoon; open mic nights; films; facilitator trainings; sewing clinics; warm clothing giveaway; JC MASH Nurse Clinics; gardening; and song circles.

### The 11th Annual Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament

Friday, August 18, 2023

Port Ludlow Golf Course: (360) 437-0272  
 Bekka Bloom, Dove House: (360) 385-5292  
 Barb Berthiaume, PSO Bluebills: (360) 437-0423



**JOIN THE PSO BLUEBILLS IN SUPPORTING  
 SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,  
 SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND OTHER CRIMES**





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<b>Dove House</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	Jill Hamilton	Molly Pearson
<b>Board of Directors</b>	Julie St. Marie	Jill Landes	Katherine Camacho Carr	Pat Tisher	Brian Ritchie	Tarna McCurtain

*We strive to support the mission of the Dove House through educational outreach, fiscal oversight, and community engagement. If our vision sounds like something you are passionate about, we would love to speak with you about joining our Board. Find a message from our Board Chair and Board Application [here](#).*

**The Little Free Pantry @ 1045 10th St. & @ Recovery Café  
Give what you can, take what you need**

With the rise in gas and food prices, many more people are relying on the Little Free Pantries and other community sources for food. If you would like to help keep our LFP stocked, please bring shelf-stable and non-expired foods directly to the LFP or call Dove House to arrange to drop things off that we can stock on a daily basis. See our list below for foods suitable for the LFP. Thank you.



**Food choices for those who have a low-salt diet or are allergic to dairy/gluten/nuts are appreciated!**

Ready-To-Eat Items: Tuna Snack Packs, Single-Serving Milk & Juice, Jerky, Cheese or Peanut Butter & Crackers, Energy/Granola Bars, Small Packages Trail Mix  
Canned Veggies, Fruits, Meat, Fish  
Quick-Cook: Ramen, Instant Cereal

**Only unopened, up-to-date, factory-packaged, shelf-stable items please.**

**The following items are among those most requested and needed by our clients**

*\*We are not accepting used items at this time\**

Supermarket Gift Cards \* New Clothing \* Individually-Packaged Toothbrushes  
New/Full-Size Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Dental Supplies  
Summer-oriented items such as sunblock, sun glasses, visor hats

**New and unopened items are welcome**

Golf tournament photos here