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Michael Grace in your new endeavors! Thank you for your years of service!

Did you donate at Dove House last year? Here are some examples of how your contribution helped:
\$3,000==>First./last rent and security deposit for a family to move into long-term affordable housing.
\$500==>One week in our emergency shelter for a mom and her 2 children.
\$100==>School activity fees for a teen staying in our shelter.
\$50==>One hour of therapy for a woman healing from trauma.

Jefferson County, WA Is A Place Where Local Individuals, Businesses, Neighborhood Groups, and Other Organizations create the opportunity for our clients and their children to have a wonderful holiday experience helping to transform fear and hopelessness toward a renewed sense that life can be good. This year, 30 Sponsors purchased gifts for 35 adults and 56 children. Approximately 13 individuals and 18 businesses/neighborhood groups/organizations participated.

Receiving gifts through our Sponsorship Program, can be very impactful for those receiving the gifts. Just before Christmas, one of our Advocates assisted a client in getting her gifts home and when they got to her door, the client shared that this would be the first time in her life that she would be opening gifts on her own. Sensing she might like company, the Advocate offered to join her in opening at least a couple of the gifts and they started with the largest box. Upon opening the box and discovering it was a computer, this client, visibly emotional now, exclaimed: "You just gave me the world."

A recent grant for \$25,000 is supporting families in not just surviving but also thriving!

Living with stable housing allows survivors to rebuild strong and healthy lives, and, in order to obtain and maintain safe, stable, and affordable housing, families need access to flexible resources. Flexible Client Financial Assistance (FCFA) has emerged as a new trend in funding for agencies like Dove House. The funds are used to help survivors obtain existing with household parents to choose monthly bill and ly needs. We the contributions new housing or main-housing by helping bills that often force between paying a paying for other fami-have always drawn on of local donors, foun-dation grants, and local group fundraisers for this type of support for our clients. We applaud Coldwell Banker Bain and WSCADV for their leadership in providing a large grant for these resources.

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Thank you to Coldwell Banker Bain and Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence for making this funding available!

Programs & Services at Dove House

Recovery Café Update



We've had a busy winter! In October, a volunteer group from Youth With a Mission put in a full day painting our kitchen; and, we welcomed AmeriCorps member Ben Casserd who is serving in the role of Recovery Café Coach. Ben brings a passion for recovery while conducting outreach and coordinating volunteers.

In November and December, we hosted our first monthly potluck. Big thanks to Betsy Stowater for organizing them and Key City Fish, Pane d'Amore, and Sunrise Coffee for donating goodies! We also held the first of our monthly Volunteer Trainings. Big thanks to Bernie Donanberg for co-facilitating!

Thank you to everyone who donated through the 2019 United Good Neighbors Give Jefferson Campaign in support of the Recovery Café! Also, thank you to Olympic Peninsula Health Services for a donation of \$5,500 and to our many other individual contributors. We could not do this work without you!

The biggest news of all is obtaining building permits to remodel the Recovery Café building! Demolition began on 12/23 with our contractor AA Complete Solutions and volunteer labor. Big thanks to Jim Rozanski of Rozanski Architects for his design work. Sign up to help with our remodel by visiting www.recoverycafejc.org or directly at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4aa9aa2ea1ff2-recovery>.

Here's to continued progress in 2020!

New Program For Young Women

With a two-year grant from the Fund for Women and Girls beginning in January 2020, Dove House and the Jefferson County Juvenile and Family Court will continue their work in supporting youth in a collaborative program called *Preventing Homelessness for Young Women Ages 16-19*. The program recognizes that there are many youth in our community who are already homeless, or at risk of being homeless who will benefit from important skills and tools that support becoming and remaining housed. By focusing on strengthening self-confidence and independent living skills and connecting participants with housing opportunities, we aim to help young women to be in a better position to take advantage of affordable housing options and to feel inspired and equipped to continue pursuing healthy and stable lives. Dove House and JC Juvenile and Family Court already work together and we are grateful to the Fund for Women and Girls for



funding this opportunity for continued work together and providing additional resources to help youth. Any agency may refer potential participants. Young women may also refer themselves simply by calling or dropping by Dove House 360-385-5292. Mon-Fri 9-12, & 1-4.

(continued from front cover) Examples of how FCFA has helped include:

A young woman who had experienced homelessness as a teen and found temporary safety in our shelter when fleeing from a variety of experiences in violent relationships. With emotional support from her Dove House advocate, she obtained full-time employment and found an apartment. FCFA funds covered the deposit and first month's rent and, while she works toward self-sufficiency, she is paying partial rent supplemented with FCFA. This cushion is providing a real opportunity for someone who is working and living on her own for the first time.

FCFA is helping a mom whose son broke his arm requiring hospital care outside of our area. Missing work has seriously challenged this family of four to cover monthly expenses and threatened their ability to hold on to their housing. FCFA covered a month's rent and provided a Costco membership and a \$500 Costco gift card to support household needs. With help getting through a temporary difficult time, this family is staying housed which results in continued stability.

Special Thanks for Recent and Holiday Donations and Support

Jacqueline's Hairstyling Hadlock Veterinary Clinic
 Port Townsend Friends Meeting Peninsula Floor Coverings
 First Presbyterian Women and Miriam Circle
 Pane d'Amore Artisan Bakery Nordland Garden Club
 Christmas for Children PT Recyclery
 DM Disposal Trinity United Methodist Church PT
 Individual Holiday Gift Sponsors Evergreen Coho Skp Park
 Westbay Autoparts Bayside Housing Services/Old Alcohol Plant
 Cabin Fever Quilters Grace Quilters
 Everyone who donates hand-knitted hats, mittens, and scarves
 The Miriam Circle/First Presbyterian Woman
 Skookum Educational Services Amigos Motorcycle Club of Jeff Co
 Townsend Bay Property Management West Bay Auto Parts
 Windermere Real Estate Worldmark by Windham
 John L. Scott Realty Community United Methodist Women
 Kitsap Bank Avamere Olympic Community of Health
 Marrowstone Neighborhood Group Kitchen & Bath Studio
 All who gave through Give Jefferson, Giving Tuesday & year-end giving
 Dove House Board Members and Volunteers

Thank You For Stocking The Little Free Pantry

Employees at
 Jefferson Healthcare's
 Materials Management &
 EVS;
 Orthopedics,
 and Quality &
 Patient Safety.

 And all of our
 other neighbors who
 stock the Pantry



Volunteer Spotlights

Janet Wooyard is one of the many retirees in PT for whom volunteering in the community is a priority. She joined the Dove House volunteer program after 8 years inspiring kindergarteners through the AAUW's literacy program at Chima-cum and Salish Elementary schools with the Read to Rover program as well as 3 years with the YMCA mentoring program. We rely on Janet for her patient and detailed sorting of donations and preparation of thank you cards. She teams up with her husband Bob to deliver donations that exceed Dove House's storage space to other organizations with clients who need them. Thank you Janet and Bob!

*Best Wishes from the Dove House Staff
 May your new year be filled with inspiration for dreams fulfilled
 and a peaceful community for all of us*

*Alan, Annie, Ariela, Bekka, Ben, Beulah,
 Brian, Debbie, Heather, Kelly, Pat, Sarah, Teresa, Tess*



**Thanks to all who joined us,
 volunteered, and donated to
 our Halloween Event during
 Domestic Violence Action Month**

Jill Turnbull, a retired RN volunteered at the Boiler Room for many years and is a passionate vegan and author of the parenting book [Loving Our Children](#). Jill accompanies Dove House Advocates and their clients to the weekly Tri-Area food bank, sorts donations, writes thank you cards, and helps with other back-office tasks. She is currently training to become a volunteer at Dove House's Recovery Café. Thanks Jill!

Dove House is always seeking new volunteers Call or email us for more information.



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	Vice Chair	Molly Pearson	Treasurer	Pat Tisher	Jill Landes	Brian Ritchie
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Left: Volunteers helping with Recovery Café remodel



Thank you everyone at DM Disposal Waste Connections Olympic Peninsula!



Above Right: Waste Connections/DM Disposal staff deliver 23 brand-new children's bikes for Dove House Clients. **Right:** Some of the 50 stockings made by folks (and stuffings donated) from Trinity Methodist Church in PT for Dove House clients.



Thank you Trinity United Methodist Church in PT!

2019

Dove House's Ongoing Wish List

- Gift cards for grocery stores and gas stations
- Unopened packaged/non-perishable foods, especially ready-to-eat and child-friendly snacks
- DVD movies and TV series (new/used)
- New, unused women's deodorant and cosmetics (for variety of skin tones)
- New women's and children's undergarments and socks
- Oral hygiene supplies - all ages: toothbrushes (1 per package), toothpaste, floss
- Combs and hairbrushes for men and women
- New razors for women, chapstick

If you can donate any of these items, please drop by Monday-Friday 9:00-Noon & 1:00-4:00 or contact Alan at our front desk 360-385-5292.