

# Newsletter

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## Dove House Is Open:

Monday 9-12, 1-4  
Tuesday 9-12, 1-4  
Wednesday 9-12, 1-4  
Thursday 1-4 (closed in the morning for our staff meeting)  
Friday 9-12, 1-4

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

## Recovery Café Open to the Public & Serving Food

Thursdays 10:30—3  
Fridays 8:45—Noon

## Welcome to New Board Member

Tarna McCurtain

## And New Volunteers

Sandy Virago  
Felicia Seymour

## Year In Review

### *Clients Served*

Total clients Across All Services: 575    Service Hours: 6,546  
Shelter Guests: 33 adults, 20 children  
Bednights: 20,384    Average Length of Stay: 97 days  
Unmet Requests for Shelter: 135  
Crisis Line Callers Receiving Direct Intervention  
and/or Information & Referral: 153

### *Highlights and Trends*

The Recovery Café opened for in-person services and meals. More youth are seeking our services and in 2019-2021 we received a grant from the Fund for Women and Girls to support housing stability for young women ages 16-19.

We are seeing an increase in people who identify as LGBTQ+ seeking our services.

Scarcity of affordable housing is creating barriers to rebuilding lives after trauma.

Lack of childcare poses additional challenges to survivors as they work toward increased self-sufficiency.

### *Dove House Services During the COVID Pandemic*

Dove House remained open during all Phases, pivoted to provide a variety of ways to connect with Advocates, offered support groups and classes online, and partnered with Healing Courage to offer their 2-part series.

Guests have needed to remain in emergency shelter for longer periods than usual.

Expenses for emergency hotel rooms for this Fiscal Year through June 10, 2021 is \$27,509.30 as compared to \$4,484 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Trauma Informed Yoga Recordings are now available on our Website.

Dove House distributed \$45,000 of funds on behalf of the Jefferson Community Foundation to Jefferson County residents in need of rent assistance.

## Programs & Services



Recoverycafejc.org  
Open to the public and serving meals:  
Thursdays Noon to 3 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. to Noon  
6 Recovery Circles meeting weekly



We help our Members foster positive peer relationships; make referrals to community services; access online resources; and encourage everyone to participate in operating the Café.

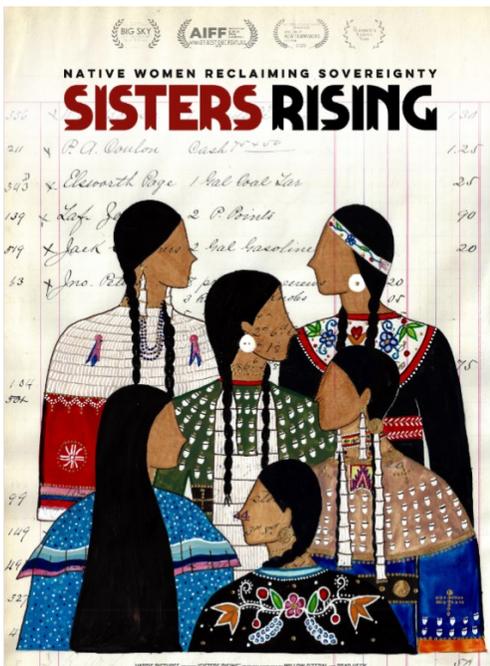
March through May, 2021, 1143 meals have been served. We have 38 Members and from January, 2021 to the present, 21 volunteers have provided 119 hours of service.

Volunteer trainings continue on Zoom on the 3rd Friday of each month from 10am-12pm. All recordings can be found [here](#). Register [here](#) to attend future trainings. We also continue to offer individual recovery check-ins via phone, text, and e-mail (developmenttrc@dovehousejc.org).

*Right: At last Friday's Open Mic/Concert, Susanne Skadron and Johnny Mac Bryant sing "City of Port Townsend" adapted by Robert Komishane from the song "City of New Orleans" written by Steve Goodman. The Open Mic was followed by a Concert by Clay Bartlett and a free meal was served.*



**Dove House sponsored the free screening of Sisters Rising at the Rose Theatre during the last week of May. 73 people screened the film and the Dove House staff viewed the film as part of our ongoing social justice initiative.**



Sisters Rising is a powerful feature documentary about six Native American women reclaiming personal and tribal sovereignty.

Sisters Rising follows six women who refuse to let this pattern of violence continue in the shadows: a tribal cop in the midst of the North Dakota oil boom, an attorney fighting to overturn restrictions on tribal sovereignty, an Indigenous women's self-defense instructor, grassroots advocates working to influence legislative change, and the author of the first anti-sex trafficking code to be introduced to a reservation's tribal court. Their stories shine an unflinching light on righting injustice on both an individual and systemic level.

"The abhorrent violence that is a constant in the lives of Indigenous peoples impacts Indigenous women first," says Co-producer Jaida Grey Eagle (Ogala Lakota). "We are on the frontlines of an ongoing legacy of violent colonization, and it is vitally important that the world see and hear us."

"In a portrait of six brave participants who refuse to let a pattern of violence against native women continue on in the shadows, this film shines an unflinching and ultimately uplifting light onto righting injustice on both an individual and systemic level." Big Sky jury statement about Sisters Rising.

Native American women are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault than all other American women. 1 in 3 Native women reports having been raped during her lifetime, and 86% of the offenses are committed by non-Native men. These perpetrators exploit gaps in tribal jurisdictional authority and target Native women as "safe victims."

## ***Special Thanks***

***Without the financial and gift-card contributions from individuals in our community, Dove House would not be able to provide the services and resources vital for survivors staying safe and reaching goals of self-sufficiency and healthy, meaningful lives.***

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship    Trinity United Methodist Church  
 St. Vincent de Paul                                      Worldmark By Wyndham  
 Dr. Stephen Porter, Port Ludlow Dentistry for dozens of roses  
 Friends of Recovery Café Network  
 To everyone who gave during Give Big

To all of our neighbors who recently joined us as donors or are monthly/continuing supporters.

## **Dove House Welcomes Members of the LGBTQ+ Community, by Cheryl Weinstein** **Honoring Pride Month**

Dove House celebrates LGBTQ+ pride and acknowledges that abuse among members of the LGBTQ+ community occurs at the same rates and in similar ways as their heterosexual peers. LGBTQ+ people are faced with barriers and access to support services based on prejudices and a lack of understanding about their gender expression or sexuality.

Asking for help is vulnerable and asking for help as a member of the LGBTQ+ community can be even more vulnerable. Walking through the doors at Dove House is one of the most difficult experiences for most people and perhaps more so for members of the LGBTQ+ community. Many a member of this community have found themselves ostracized from family just because of who they love or the way in which they express their gender. Fear of rejection and discrimination are not unfounded fears.

Dove House welcomes all members of the LGBTQ+ community and provides support services to ANYONE who has been a victim of crime, sexual assault, and domestic violence. We understand that each individual experience with gender identity and sexual orientation is unique. We are committed to supporting our LGBTQ+ community members with compassion and respect.

Dove House partners with the Trans Support Group and is a member of the Jefferson Healthcare Equity Task Force. These partnerships are an important piece of the advocacy we do with our LGBTQ+ clients. Dove House has supported members of this community with escaping domestic violence, reunification with estranged children, supporting folks through transition, and providing a Relationship Skills Class for members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies. We have celebrated successes and comforted loss. Dove House will continue to do so and wishes the LGBTQ+ community HAPPY PRIDE!

### **The Little Free Pantry—Give what you can, take what you need**

Thank you to all of our neighbors and the local groups who help us stock the Pantry.



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<b>Board of Directors</b>	Kate Marshall	Jill Landes	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](#).*

We hope you will join us at the Olympic Pride Line Up along East Sims Way Sunday, June 27 from 1-3 p.m.  
Register [Here](#) for the Line Up.

**Dove House will be at the  
All County Picnic  
Sunday, August 22  
HJ Carroll Park in Chimacum  
Please come by the table  
and say hello!**



**ALL COUNTY  
PICNIC**  
Celebrating community resilience and emergency preparedness



**The Ninth Annual Benefit Golf Tournament hosted by the Boeing Bluebills  
is ON for Friday, August 27, 2021!**

**Join us as a player and/or as a sponsor.**

**It's great advertisement that will be visible by more than 100  
local people on the course and in Dove House media.**

**All the info is at [dovehousejc.org](http://dovehousejc.org) or give Bekka a call at 360-301-6241.**

### Dove House Wish List

We are not accepting used items at this time.

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

Supermarket Gift Cards

New Clothing

New/Full-Size Personal Hygiene (Shampoo, Conditioner, Tampons, Dental)

Unopened Packaged Food/Ready-To-Eat Items: Tuna snack packs, single-serving milk & juice, cheese or peanut butter & crackers, energy bars