

Jess Returns to the Office

Jess Ingman returned to Lopez Island Hospice & Home Support this spring after welcoming her second son, Jude, in March. She enjoyed having quality time with her newborn and toddler, but after several months of sheltering in place, Jess was excited to begin connecting with clients and volunteers again. “I am so grateful for the LIHHS community. Sarah Rabel and our board did an excellent job of supporting our clients and volunteers, especially as they navigated the onset of Covid-19.”

The board and staff of Lopez Island Hospice & Home Support are happy to have Jess back in the office, and look forward to working closely with her.

Do You Need *Permanent* Home Safety Adaptations?

Maybe we can help.

Lopez Island Hospice & Home Support has a new Small Grant Program to allow funding towards installation of permanent medical equipment in your home.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Norcliffe Foundation and funds from our local donors, the Small Grant Program allows us to help you with the expenses incurred when installing grab bars, ramps, and other permanent equipment.

If you're planning on adding these pieces of equipment to your home, please contact the office at 360-468-4446, admin@lihhs.org, to apply for a grant.

Volunteers Get Creative

Lopez Island Hospice & Home Support volunteers are rising to the challenge of these ever-changing times as everyday heroes. While volunteers are currently not allowed to enter clients' homes, they are meeting client needs in new and creative ways.

Allan Tamm has volunteered with LIHHS since 2009, providing a wide range of support. The client Allan currently serves needs help Allan's current client needs help grocery shopping. Before the pandemic, they would go together and have a nice chat afterwards. While their friendly connection remains, Allan now does phone check-ins and delivers the groceries to the client's front porch.

Ann Trench and Sheryl Mercer met in the 2019 volunteer training. They do laundry for a client they share, with the front porch as the pickup and drop-off point. They also meet their client for outdoor, socially distant coffee dates. Working together has proved brilliant – if one needs to quarantine after going off island, the other can fill in.

These are just a few examples of how our volunteers remain as dynamic and dedicated as ever during this unprecedented time.

Welcome Sheryl Mercer to the Board

Sheryl Mercer has agreed to become a member of the LIHHS Board of Directors.

Sheryl has years of experience in the field of psychology and social work in both administrative and direct care positions. She has a MA in Psychology, an MA in Educational Administration, and an MSW in Clinical Social Work. She will be a real asset to the organization. Welcome, Sheryl!



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Thanks for the Masks

Enchanted Quilter volunteers, under direction of Anne Dawson, made hundreds of masks in early March, a good supply of which were donated to Lopez Island Hospice & Home Support for staff and volunteers. All of the masks have gone to good use and we owe those hard working hands a lot of gratitude.

Working Together

As the pandemic developed, Lopez Island Hospice & Home Support had to re-arrange the way in which we deliver services. We found that working more closely with Lopez Island Senior Services and Lopez Island Family Resource Center has enabled us to fill the needs of vulnerable citizens in the best way possible, and we are grateful for our collaboration.

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