Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering commitment to our island community. Because of you, this year has been defined by remarkable resilience, and impactful support for our neighbors.

You've created countless transformative moments, from helping seniors remain safely housed to ensuring families keep their utilities on during challenging times. In addition, your compassion has connected islanders with vital healthcare—resources they might otherwise go without.

Behind each statistic in this report lies a human story. While numbers can measure services provided, they cannot fully capture what matters most. Your support creates a community where no one has to face hardship alone.

Thank you for standing with us and your island neighbors!

With heartfelt appreciation,

Orcas Community Resource Center

Erin O'Dell

Erin O'Dell Executive Director,





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We'd love to get to know you better! If you haven't yet joined us for a personal tour, please reach out for a behind-the-scenes look at your impact.

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> **YOUR** belief in the strength of community has made a transformative difference!

8,350 life-changing services to nearly 600 households—an average of 65 meaningful connections daily!

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

Your compassion made a life-changing difference for a young mother-to-be on Orcas Island. Despite isolation, limited resources, and uncertainty, she reached out for help and found the courage to accept it.

Unexpectedly facing the challenges of becoming a single mother, she encountered unwavering support through the comprehensive services offered at the Resource Center.

Because of your support, she made vital connections to resources she struggled to navigate alone. From accessing mental health care to insurance enrollment and nutrition programs—all critical for both her well-being and her baby's development.

Her experience represents countless others in small communities like Orcas—where access to care can mean the difference between struggle and stability.

Through your generosity, this young woman found more than services—she found a community that cares.

THE POWER OF COMPASSION

When a longtime islander and retired school teacher faced a storm of challenges—housing insecurity, financial hardship, and mounting health concerns—your support made all the difference! After decades of nurturing island children in the classroom, he found himself needing the community's support in return.

On the brink of homelessness, your generosity allowed him to avoid eviction and explore alternative housing options that honored his deepest wish—to remain at home—in the island community where he had helped shape countless young minds.



You made it possible for our staff to connect him with critical resources when essential bills became overwhelming. He was successfully enrolled in assistance programs like LIHEAP and Project Pal, ensuring he kept his lights on and stayed warm during the toughest times.

As his health needs increased, your compassion delivered real solutions—hygiene supplies, ferry tickets for off-island medical appointments, and crucial healthcare access. Resource Center staff helped him navigate the complex process of Medicare and Medicaid enrollment, ensuring sustainable long-term care for someone who had dedicated his career to caring for others.

<u>Most importantly, your gifts provided something beyond material assistance—human connection and dignity.</u> While working through difficult challenges, he maintained his independence, growing in confidence with each interaction.

This is the difference you make-ensuring no islander faces crisis alone-creating a community where everyone experiences respect, care, and connection.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING AN IMPACT!



households received short-term rental assistance



health insurance enrollment services for islanders



644

hot meals served to islanders without cooking facilities



365

households participated in the Coates Cabinet hygiene bank program