

COATES CABINET

IMPACT REPORT

2025



Ensuring no one on Orcas
Island goes without
access to basic hygiene



ORCAS COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER

WHO WE ARE

Orcas Community Resource Center

OUR MISSION

We foster a healthy community by connecting Orcas Islanders with services to thrive and achieve equitable well-being.

OUR CORE VALUES

Open-mindedness

We foster understanding and empathy by embracing diverse perspectives and challenging preconceived notions.

Compassion

We promote an inclusive culture where our clients, colleagues, and community partners share responsibility for achieving goals together.

Respect

We celebrate the strengths and unique qualities of each individual. We honor the feelings, wishes, traditions, and rights of everyone we encounter.

Collaboration

We recognize the difficulties our clients and community face. We offer help with kindness and care.

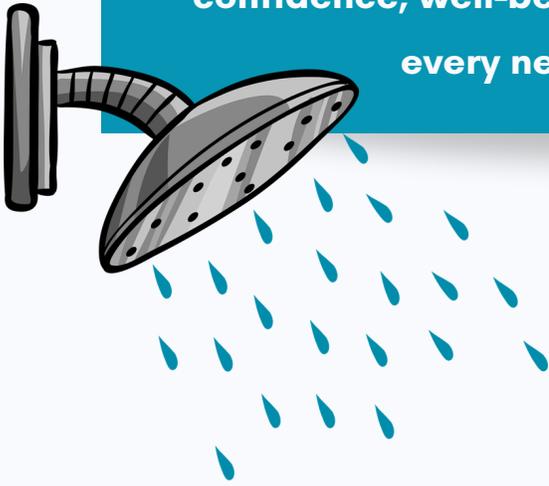
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THE PROGRAM

Through the Resource Center's Coates Cabinet Hygiene Bank program, Islanders no longer have to make the impossible choice between buying groceries or purchasing basic hygiene products and cleaners. Access to these essentials improves confidence, well-being, and overall quality of life, ensuring every neighbor can live with dignity.



500 bottles of shampoo—to assist with **1,500** showers



9000 rolls of toilet paper



36,392 diapers—over **3,000** per month!



1000 public shower tokens



800 tubes of toothpaste

12,676 loads of laundry



In total, your generosity allowed the Coates Cabinet to serve **488** households across Orcas Island this year—a testament to both the growing need and the community's commitment to ensuring no neighbor goes without basic dignity.

THE NUMBERS

THE IMPACT

Raising Confidence and Self-Esteem

Access to personal care items like soap, shampoo, and deodorant allows community members to move through their daily lives—work, school, and social settings—with confidence and dignity.

Improving Physical and Mental Health

A clean environment and access to hygiene essentials are vital for public health. These resources help reduce the spread of illness and prevent health issues like skin conditions, while also alleviating the mental burden and stress associated with hygiene poverty.

Breaking Down Barriers of Poverty

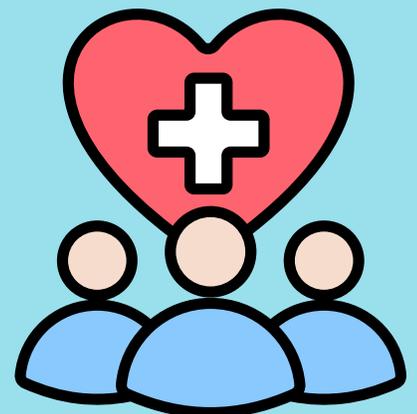
Coates Cabinet is a low-barrier program available to all Orcas Island residents. By ensuring these essentials are available regardless of income level, we help neighbors navigate economic challenges without sacrificing their health or dignity.

Providing Resources for Early Development

As a branch of Coates Cabinet, our Diaper Bank provides diapers, wipes, and essential baby supplies. By alleviating the significant financial burden of these costly necessities, we ensure parents can focus on their children's healthy development and well-being.

Connecting Neighbors to a Wider Safety Net

For many islanders, Coates Cabinet is their first interaction with the Resource Center. This low-barrier entry point builds trust and often connects residents to our broader network of support services, from housing support and food access to health navigation and financial literacy education.



THE STORIES

Sarah: Confidence for a Fresh Start

After months of searching, Sarah finally landed a job interview at a local business. But without access to basic hygiene products, she worried about making a good impression. Through Coates Cabinet, she was able to get shampoo, deodorant, and other essentials she needed to feel confident walking into that interview. Today, Sarah is employed and building toward financial stability, one step at a time.

"Having access to these basics made all the difference. I felt like myself again—ready to contribute to my community"

"Cleanliness changes everything—how you feel about yourself, how you interact with others."

Michael: Dignity Through Shower Access

Living without stable housing, Michael struggled to maintain his hygiene and health. The Resource Center's shower token program gave him regular access to clean facilities, allowing him to care for himself with dignity. With consistent access to showers and hygiene supplies, Michael has been able to focus on finding work and reconnecting with community.

The Martinez Family: Relief When It Matters Most

When unexpected medical bills strained the Martinez family's budget, they faced an impossible choice: buy food or household essentials like toilet paper, laundry detergent, and cleaning supplies. Coates Cabinet provided what they needed to keep their home clean and healthy while they navigated their financial crisis.

What a relief—knowing we could keep our home clean and our kids healthy—gave us space to breathe and figure things out."

This program helps me stay in my home and take care of myself. That means everything!"

James: Maintaining Health & Well-Being

James, a senior on a fixed income, found it increasingly difficult to afford both his medications and basic hygiene products. Coates Cabinet ensures he has access to personal care and cleaning essentials, allowing him to maintain his health and wellness.

*Names changed to protect privacy while the stories reflect actual client experiences.