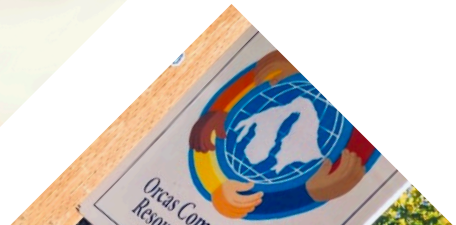




RESOURCE CENTER INFORMATION KIT

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Programs & Services

The Orcas Community Resource Center serves the heart of our community by connecting Orcas Islanders with resources to help with housing, utilities, food, medical and mental healthcare, transportation, goal setting and more.

If you or someone you know needs help, please contact us.



Housing & Energy Assistance

Rental Assistance

Short-term rental assistance as available for qualifying islanders

Utility Assistance and Weatherization

Power, heat and home energy savings application assistance

Low-Cost Communications

Affordable phone and internet service application assistance



Bilingual Assistance

OCRC services available in English and Spanish



Financial Assistance

DSHS Application Assistance

Food, cash and child-care benefits application assistance



Health & Medical Services

Health Insurance

Apple Health and income-based insurance enrollment assistance

Medical Financial Assistance

A helping hand with area hospital/facility program applications

Mental Health

Low-cost care program for underinsured or uninsured residents and mental health/substance abuse referrals

Dental, Vision and Hearing

Applications for affordable care programs



Household Services

Coates Cabinet Hygiene Bank

No cost monthly allocation of hygiene and household products

Coates Closet

Coats, gloves and hats

Clothing and Household Items

In partnership with local resale shops through community donations

Shoe Drive for Kids

Annual partner program providing shoes for Orcas Island children



Transportation Assistance

Income based no-cost ferry tickets and taxi fare



Food Assistance

DSHS SNAP Food Benefits

Program application assistance

Food Access

Referrals and applications for partner food/nutrition programs

Snacks & Hot Drink Service

Soup, coffee, tea and water for those in need



Education Services

Kindergarten Transition Program

Readiness program to prepare children for kindergarten



Community Report



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

The Resource Center provided **14,175**
life-changing services to over **600**
households in **2023**

Averaging 57 meaningful connections daily!



HOUSING SUPPORT - 5,615 services

Assistance with rent/mortgage, utilities, & household goods



HEALTH & MEDICAL - 3,730 services

Mental health/substance abuse referrals, insurance & financial assistance applications



TRANSPORTATION - 2,675 services

Ferry tickets, taxi fare, & other travel assistance



FOOD ACCESS - 2,155 services

Food program referrals / applications & hot meals

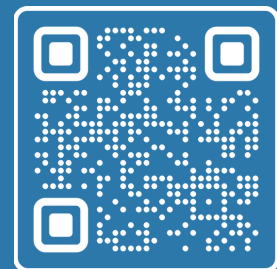


BILINGUAL services

Spanish speaking households facing language barriers accounted for 10% of total services

You can help. Donate now!

- visit orcascrc.org
- scan the QR code
- mail a check today



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Housing Support SUCCESSES



A YOUNG FAMILY STRUGGLING WITH EXPENSES sought help through the Resource Center. Staff invited them to participate in our Coates Cabinet hygiene bank program - where they received diapers, baby wipes and other household items, which are normally very costly. This put more funds back into their household budget to get them through a rough patch.

A LONGTIME ISLANDER experiencing significant physical and mental health barriers found themselves facing eviction. Resource Center staff helped them plan for and secure a rental payment plan as well as apply for rental assistance to cover a portion of their past due rent.

A RECENTLY DIVORCED PARENT felt overwhelmed adjusting to covering monthly bills on their own. Resource Center staff helped them apply for and receive utility assistance to reduce mounting balances and ease their transition to a one-income household.

“It feels great to have so much support in our community. OCRC has definitely lessened our burden during a stressful time for our family. The Orcas community is beyond blessed to have an amazing place like the Resource Center.”

AN ISLANDER FACING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES reached out while having difficulty maintaining housing and addressing medical issues. With help from our Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers in office, they have made great strides! Now maintaining employment, chipping away at much-needed medical appointments, and on track with medication - they find their quality of life greatly improving.

A LOCAL FAMILY had trouble staying on top of expenses after a medical emergency caused temporary loss of wages. Resource Center staff were able to help with medical transportation, provide partial mortgage assistance and support them with personal hygiene/household items to stretch their dollars further.

AN ISLANDER EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS came to us looking for help with housing, steady employment, and support in working towards stability. Through their own determination and the Resource Center's resourcefulness, we assisted them in securing housing. They continue to meet weekly with a social worker, and now have a steady income at a job that plays a key role in the support of our community.

Words of GRATITUDE



In 2023, the Resource Center provided 14,175 life-changing services to over 600 households for an average of 57 daily connections. Here's how your support makes a difference . . .

I am so humbled by your compassionate team. I am grateful knowing there's help out there for these life situations that we have no control over. Thank you!

I was surprised with the consideration shown to me by OCRC staff. It's not easy to fall down and pick yourself up again. You were a great help in doing that! I was able to receive food and utility/rental assistance. Thank you!

This program has saved me for sure! Thank you for connecting islanders with affordable access to mental healthcare.

The utility assistance programs you offer are truly amazing. Thank you for helping with these applications!

During these troubling times the Resource Center offers a safety net to many islanders in need. Your services are truly a gift to our island community.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to your staff and donors for the life changing help with my critical medical needs. The Orcas Community Resource Center is truly the heart of Orcas.

You helped renew faith in myself and my ability to live, work, prosper, and contribute to this beautiful Orcas community.

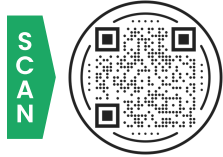
These are just a few of our island neighbors touched by generous community support. Please consider giving a gift today - scan here!



WAYS TO Show You Care...

DONATE

Online - orcascrc.org
(consider setting up a recurring donation)
Mail a check to the address below
Scan the QR code provided here



IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

Drop off new/unused personal care or cleaning products for our Coates hygiene/household program - (toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, deodorant, laundry soap, etc.) or winter gear (jackets, hats, gloves, socks, scarves, etc.)

ORCAS ISLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

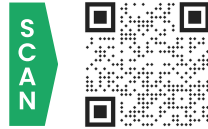
Designated

Provide assistance for islanders in need of housing, utilities, food, healthcare transportation and more.



Facilities

Support Resource Center facilities - including a permanent home.



Endowment

Support the ongoing work of the Orcas Community Resource Center and help strengthen our future.



Orcas Island Community Foundation | oicf.us | 360-376-6423

VOLUNTEER

If you'd like to learn more about the Resource Center or specific volunteer opportunities, please reach out to erin@orcascrc.org to schedule a personal tour.

“Your support is life-changing and forever in our hearts.
Your generosity is making it possible for us to move
forward with rebuilding our lives.”

Our Mission:
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A Safety Net for Islanders

Here are a few ways your gift can be used to help island neighbors in need...

\$1,000

Provide hygiene and cleaning products for Islanders in need

\$1,500

Serve 3 months of hot meals to under-housed Islanders

\$2,500

Utility assistance for 5 families during cold winter months

\$5,000

Fund Orcas Money Smart Financial Literacy Program

\$7,500

Rental assistance to help families through a rough patch

\$10,000

Emergency assistance for 20 island households

\$15,000

Tackle language barriers for our Spanish speaking neighbors

\$25,000

Any combination of critical needs listed above AND SO MUCH MORE!

\$50,000

Help build a permanent home for the Resource Center through the Pea Patch Project

Thank You!

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Pea Patch Project

Development Timeline

Vision

Create a true community campus, where all can feel welcome and find activities & services of interest.

Imagine a place to learn and teach, to garden and gather, to share and meet. It will be a place to grow connections and build networks.

We hope those who are here in the coming decades will be grateful that the community invested and took the steps to create a beautiful and vibrant campus.

-Hilary Canty
Executive Director, OICF

1 **Community Funds Purchase - December 2023**
Property placed in the Community Land Trust to ensure community use in perpetuity.



3 **Submit Land Use Permits - November 2024**
Site designs complete and submitted for permits.



5 **Start Housing Construction - Spring 2026**
Housing permits obtained and construction starts for 20 low income units.



7 **Move in to our new home...**
Time to celebrate!



2 **Community Survey Feedback - March/April 2024**
Outreach to the community informs site design - surveys, focus groups, general meetings conducted.



4 **Start Construction Site Improvements - Fall 2025**
Site development begins. Initial roads, paths and utilities installed.



6 **Start OCRC & Food Bank Buildings - Fall 2026**
Permits in hand and things get real! Resource Center and Food Bank building construction begins.





OPEN-MINDEDNESS

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

COLLABORATION

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

Our Mission:

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RESPECT

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

COMPASSION

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

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Purposefully expand social services for the Orcas community
- Strengthen local presence and community outreach
- Be a change agent - Advocate for policy & resources that can have positive impact across Orcas and San Juan Island County
- Strengthen our organizational financial sustainability & capacity
- Put a plan in place for a permanent location for the organization