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Connecting People to Build Community



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I prepare to step down from my role as Executive Director, I am filled with a mix of emotions; gratitude for the opportunity to serve this organization, pride in all that we have accomplished together, and sadness at the thought of leaving the wonderful friends I've made and such a dedicated and passionate team.

It has been a true privilege to lead this organization for the past six years, and I will always treasure the memories and experiences I have gained during my time here. I am deeply grateful to the staff, volunteers, and community members who have supported me and our mission throughout my tenure.

One of the most significant challenges we faced during my time as Executive Director was the COVID-19 pandemic, which struck when I was very new. Despite the unprecedented obstacles we encountered, I am incredibly proud of the way our staff and community came together to ensure that we did not miss a single day of service.

Our senior meals program continued uninterrupted, with new delivery and drive-through options to keep our clients safe. Our food pantry also remained open, with contactless service to protect both our clients and our staff.

And in a groundbreaking move, we became the first food pantry in Washington to partner with the National Guard to fill the gap left by our absent volunteers. This innovative solution allowed us to maintain our high level of service, even in the midst of a global crisis. In addition to their essential operational support, the soldiers also went above and beyond to bring joy to our senior meal program participants by crafting beautiful corsages for them on Mother's Day.



During my time as Executive Director, we have achieved significant programmatic growth and expansion. We added several new staff positions, including a Receptionist, a Program/Volunteer Coordinator, a Kitchen Assistant, and expanded our program offerings to include the Neighbor Feeding Neighbor and Housing and Homelessness Programs.

In addition to these staffing and program enhancements, we also made important facility improvements to better serve our community. We expanded our parking lot to accommodate the ever-increasing demand for our services, and began transitioning our Food Pantry to a self-shopping service delivery model, which allows our clients to have more choice and dignity in selecting their food items.

As I reflect on these accomplishments, I am filled with gratitude for the hard work and dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community partners. None of this would have been possible without their commitment to our mission and their tireless efforts to serve those in need.

While it is difficult to say goodbye, I am confident that this organization is in good hands with Robyn and the Team, and will continue to thrive in the years to come. I am excited to see what the future holds for this amazing team, and I look forward to watching continued growth and success from afar.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Executive Director. It has been an honor and a privilege, and I will always cherish the memories and experiences I have gained during my time here.

With Love, Willow

Stepping Up to the Plate: Teamwork in the Kitchen

At KPCS, teamwork isn't just a buzzword—it's a way of life. So when our beloved cook, Vivian, needed to take some time off for a medical procedure, her colleagues didn't hesitate to step up to the plate (pun intended).

Teresa, Delci, Judy, and Erin who typically work in other areas of our organization, have graciously offered to shift their workloads and take on kitchen duties while Vivian recovers. Their willingness to pitch in and ensure that our



community continues to receive delicious, nutritious meals is a shining example of the dedication and compassion that defines our team.

While we'll certainly miss Vivian's culinary expertise and warm presence in the kitchen, we're heartened to see

our colleagues working together to support her and our mission. We wish Vivian a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back soon!

We still could use some help with preparing Neighbor Feeding Neighbor meals on Mondays. Talk to Erin or Teresa if you can help.



Please circle June 8 on your calendar!!

Fox Island United Church of Christ invites the community to attend a special Blues Vespers event on **Sunday, June 8, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.**

This unique musical experience will feature a performance by the award-winning **ANNIE EASTWOOD AND HER ALL-STAR BAND**, followed by a time of fellowship with snacks and beverages.

The event is open to all, with a free-will donation benefiting both Key Peninsula Community Services (KPCS) and the band. Attendees are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to support the food bank at KPCS.

Join us for an evening of music, community, and generosity!

Tai Chi Movement For Better Balance

By Bobbi, Fitness Instructor

When I say Tai Chi, what comes to mind? Old people exercises, beautiful movements, or something else? I have been exploring it for almost 30 years. It's a bit like peeling an onion. As soon as you learn something new you find there is still so much more to learn. That's one of the reasons I keep practicing.

Saying that, there are even more practical reasons to learn Tai Chi. Such as improving your balance and stability which is key in preventing falls. It also engages your mind and body in new connections. And just as important it's fun to do with other people.

But, don't just listen to me, here are a few quotes from some of my students:

Anita: *"Tai Chi helped me to get stronger. I recommend everyone attend! You will be surprised at*

how tai chi shows up in your everyday life too! I like to say "every day is a tai chi movement."

Janene: *"Tai Chi can be frustrating, exhilarating, calming, peaceful, and playful and is one of the best things I've done for myself. It feeds my physical, mental, social, and emotional states. I love it."*

Janice: *"It's a friendly gathering of people with different skill levels sharing with each other. Bobbi is such an encouraging teacher and we all learn something new with each session."*

So please come out and see if it might be right for you too. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:45 am. It is a 24-week program.

Our next program starts on July 1st.

With love,
Bobbi



Meet Our New Executive Director

Hello Key Peninsula Community Services – I'm Robyn!

It's been such a pleasure meeting many of you at the Livable Community Fair, over lunch, and at recent meetings. I'm looking forward to meeting even more of you in the weeks ahead!

I come to this role with a background in administrative management, volunteer coordination, nonprofit work, and a deep commitment to making a difference.

I've lived on the Key Peninsula for 20 years, and it truly is my favorite place on Earth. I always say there's nowhere better than the Puget Sound in the summer and we're lucky to live right in the heart of it. My family moved to Longbranch back in 2005, where we built a small home to raise our wild country boys. In 2014, we moved a bit closer to the Purdy Spit where we have continued to feel increasingly rooted to the Key Peninsula.

Community and service have always been priorities in my life, and I'm honored to bring that passion to my work here at Key Peninsula Community Services. I am genuinely excited to join the talented team at KPCS to connect people with vital services, nutritious food, and meaningful resources that promote wellness and resilience across the Key Peninsula.

I'd also like to thank KPCS Executive Director, Willow Eaton, for her thoughtful leadership and foresight in planning for a smooth transition as she approaches a well-earned retirement. She has made such a meaningful impact, and I hope to carry forward the good work she has done.

It's going to be fun—and I can't wait to work alongside all of you!

Warmly,
Robyn Readwin

Celebrating Pride Month

By Delci Whited, HHP Manager

At Key Peninsula Community Services, Pride Month isn't just about rainbow flags—it's about showing up, speaking out, and creating a space where everyone feels safe, seen, and supported. LGBTQ+ individuals face unique challenges when it comes to housing, healthcare, employment, and safety. Our role as a community support hub is to recognize those barriers and do the real work of reducing them. That means offering inclusive services, listening to lived experiences, and making it clear that all people—no matter their gender identity or who they love—are welcome here.

What We're Doing

Inclusive Outreach: We train our staff and volunteers on trauma-informed, LGBTQ+-affirming care to make sure services are delivered without judgment or assumptions.

Safe Spaces: Whether someone needs food, a resource referral, or just a place to be for a moment, our doors are open to all.

Visible Support: You'll see Pride signs in our buildings

and Pride pins on our staff this month. It's a small way to

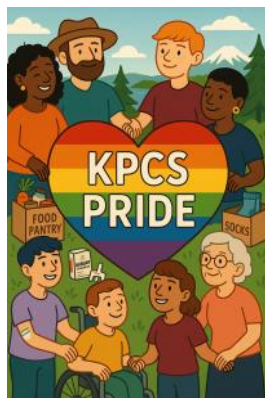
signal safety in a world that doesn't always feel safe.

How You Can Celebrate Pride With Us

Attend Local Pride Events: Pride Picnic on Fox Island June 8th -Pride in the Park in Gig Harbor June 21st ,

Wear a Pronoun Pin or Pride Button: We have them available at our office

Learn & Listen: Ask us about our upcoming inclusive care training



This Pride Month, we honor the resilience of LGBTQ+ folks and recommit to equity, dignity, and compassion in all we do. Thank you for being part of a community that believes in showing up for one another—loudly and proudly.

Please call by
10:00 am
to reserve
your meal

June

60+: \$3/ea.
suggested
donation

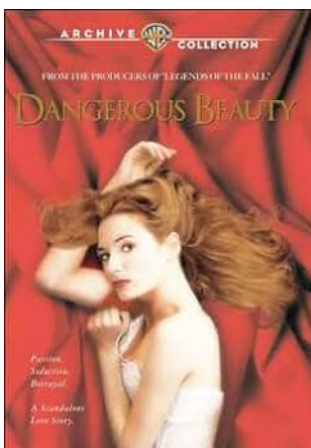
Under 60: \$5/ea
required

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Tuna Salad Green Salad Rolls Fruit	4 Veggie Cheese- burgers French Fries Fruit	5 French Dip Salad Fruit	6 Chicken Pot Pie Peas Fruit
10 Pork Stir Fry Rice Fruit	11 Shrimp Tacos Spanish Rice Pico de Gallo Fruit	12 Veggie Soup Salad w/ Red Beans Garlic Bread Fruit	13 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Asparagus, Roll Fruit
17 BBQ Chicken Sandwich Pork 'n' Beans Coleslaw Fruit	18 Ham & Cheese Macaroni Brussels Sprouts Fruit	19 Fish Tacos Cabbage Slaw Fruit	20 Veggie Pizza Salad Fruit Summer Solstice
24 Sloppy Joes Tater Tots Broccoli Salad Fruit	25 Baked Chicken Thighs Mashed Potatoes Peas Fruit	26 Pot Luck	27 Shrimp Alfredo Mixed Veggies Fruit

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

What's Happening This Month?

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat Sun
2 4:00 S.A.I.L	3 8:30 S.A.I.L 9:45 Tai Chi  <i>These services are supported by funding from Pierce County through its Human Services Department.</i>	4 9:30 TRIP: BJ's BINGO 9:30 Cards/Games 1:00 PCHS Mobile Clinic 4:00 S.A.I.L	5 8:30 S.A.I.L 9:45 Tai Chi 1:00 BINGO	6 12:30 Program Committee meeting 1:00 Fiber Group	7/8 8:30 SAIL 6:00 Concert to benefit KPCS FP Fox Island Church of Christ
9 4:00 S.A.I.L	10 8:30 S.A.I.L 9:45 Tai Chi 10:00 Tacoma ProBono	11 9:30 Cards/Games 2:00 Tax Exempt Seminar 4:00 S.A.I.L 10:00 Hair Cuts	12 8:30 S.A.I.L 9:45 Tai Chi 11:00 Pierce County Social Services	13 10:00 FREE TABLES!! 12:45 MOVIE: Paddington 2	14/15 8:30 SAIL
16 4:00 S.A.I.L	17 8:30 S.A.I.L 9:45 Tai Chi 10:00 DSHS 1:30 TRIP: Hootenanny @ TMSP	18 9:30 Cards/Games 1:00 Ice Cream Social w/ Willow 4:00 S.A.I.L	19 8:30 S.A.I.L 9:45 Tai Chi 1:00 BINGO	20 Birthday Lunch 11:30 Blood Pressure 11:30 PCHS Medicare Assistance 1:00 Karaoke	21/22 8:30 SAIL
23 4:00 S.A.I.L	24 8:30 S.A.I.L 9:45 Tai Chi 10:00 TRIP: Walmart	25 9:30 Cards/Games 10:00 Hair Cuts 12:20 Q&A w/Robyn 4:00 S.A.I.L	26 8:30 S.A.I.L 9:45 Tai Chi	27 10:00 FREE TABLE 12:45 MOVIE: Dangerous Beauty	28/29 8:30 SAIL
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Dangerous Beauty

A Venetian courtesan becomes a hero to her city, but later becomes the target of an inquisition by the Church for witchcraft.

1998 ** R ** 1h 51mins

Friday, 27th; 12:45



Paddington 2

Paddington, now happily settled with the Brown family and a popular member of the local community, picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen.

2017 ** PG ** 1h 43mins

Friday, 13th; 12:45

News and Tips from Tacomaprobono Community Lawyers

We'll be on Key Peninsula June 10 for our regular 2nd Tuesday pop-ups -- KPCS 10-noon, Mustard Seed from 1-3 p.m. and Gig Harbor City Hall from 4-6 p.m. We'll also be at the Key Center Pierce County Library from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, and at Gig Harbor City Hall on Monday, June 16, from 10-noon.

Do you know your rights as a landlord, or a tenant?

Tacomaprobono Community Lawyers' Housing Justice Project is teaming up with LandlordSolutions and the Tacoma Housing Authority's Landlord Engagement Team to offer a series of online trainings open to anyone interested in learning more about landlord and tenant rights and obligations under Washington law – and there have been some changes! There will be an opportunity to have your questions answered in addition to the presentations.

KNOW YOUR LANDLORD-TENANT RIGHTS

2025



WHAT?

Join Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice Project Attorneys and Landlordsolutions as they provide topic-based online trainings on local and state landlord-tenant law

WHEN?

Monthly, May-October 2024
Noon-1 p.m.

WHO?

These trainings are for everyone!

WHERE?

Online – Register here:

tacomahousing.org/series/landlord-tenant-rights-training/



Hosted by Tacoma Housing Authority
Landlord Engagement Team

TOPICS

May 23
RENT INCREASES

June 24
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

July 22
DEPOSITS AND FEES

August 26
10-DAY NOTICES

September 16
PAY OR VACATE NOTICES & TACOMA ORDINANCE

October 21
SCREENING & ORDERS OF LIMITED DISSEMINATION

November 18
HABITABILITY ISSUES

LandlordSolutions



Scan to join the
Affordable Housing
Consortium!



HOUSING JUSTICE PROJECT TENANTS' RIGHTS CLINICS IN PIERCE COUNTY!

Moore Branch Tacoma Public Library
Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday
1-3 pm

Main Branch Tacoma Public Library
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday
1-3 pm



Lakewood City Hall
Weekly on Thursdays
9:30-11:30 am



Puyallup Public Library
2nd Monday of the month
2-4 pm

Sumner/Bonney Lake Family Resource Center
1st Wednesday of the month
2-4 pm

You can get an appointment to attend a clinic by filling out our online intake form, visiting our main office for an in-person intake Monday-Thursday 1-3 p.m., or you can also walk in to a clinic that's convenient for you. If you do walk in without an appointment that's OK, but do plan to arrive as early as possible and bring any notices or other documents related to your issue. If you walk in and haven't already done an intake, an HJP paralegal will screen you for income eligibility at the clinic but you do not need to bring proof of income or ID.

The schedule for all our pop-ups, including the HJP Tenants' Rights Clinics, is on our website, www.tacomaprobono.org.

In addition to the pop-ups, the best way to contact our program if you need help is through the online intake form on our website, www.tacomaprobono.org, or in person at our downtown Tacoma offices, Monday-Thursday 1-3 p.m.

COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE INTAKE NOW!



scan to go directly to our online intake form

Food Pantry News

By Brett, Food Pntry Manager

Our Wish List:

- Canned Soup
- Canned Stews & Chili
- Canned Tuna
- Personal Hygiene Products
- ***VOLUNTEERS!***

Remember: Funds from Community Partners always rely on the number of people served. We can't count you if you don't sign in.

FREE TABLES
2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS!
Get stuff, leave stuff
Please only usable items

**We need volunteer to help
set up and tear down tables**



Need a meal?
Know someone who does?
Ask about our meal free program.

Wool-gathering

By Erin, Receptionist

Do you do your grocery shopping at any of the local farmer's markets? Did you know that you can get free money from Pierce County to use towards purchasing fresh produce at many of the seasonal markets around Puget Sound? The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs gives qualifying seniors \$80 to spend between now and October 31, 2025 on fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets. You must be low-income, over 60, and a resident of Pierce County. This program is only available on a first come, first served basis, so hurry up and get your applications in! Applications can be filled out online or printed and mailed in. For all the details, go to

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/653/Senior-Farmers-Market-Program>

As always, if you need help getting your application filled out and submitted to the county, we are more than happy to help here at KPCS! Give Erin a call at the front desk if you need assistance.



SENIOR FARMERS MARKET
NUTRITION PROGRAM



About the Company

Beginning May 3, eligible seniors can apply for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program and receive vouchers to purchase produce from participating farmers markets and farm stores. Vouchers are valued at \$40.

Program Criteria

- ✓ Be a Pierce County resident
- ✓ 60+ years old (55+ if Native American or Alaska Native)
- ✓ Have valid government-issued identification
- ✓ Income at or below 185% federal poverty level

EASILY APPLY ONLINE
PierceCountyWA.gov/farmersmarket

Request a paper application from the ADRC
253-798-4600

SUMMER HOME SAFETY TIPS



HAZARDS TO WATCH OUT FOR DURING SUMMER.



ROBBERIES INCREASE

Home burglary rates are 11% higher on average during summer than in winter (and higher than in spring and fall, as well).



SUNBURNS CAN BE SERIOUS

Serious sunburns send tens of thousands to the ER each year.



TRAMPOLINES ARE DANGEROUS

Orthopedic surgeons see one-to-three patients on average in a week to treat a trampoline injury.

SAFEGUARD THE HOME DURING VACATIONS.



LET YOUR NEIGHBORS KNOW YOU ARE LEAVING.

Informing your neighbors of your travel plans and asking them to keep an eye out for suspicious activity is a great (and free) means of home security.



TRIM THE HEDGES.

Overgrown bushes are a tell-tale sign that the homeowner is away and also provide cover for burglars.



LOCK THE GARAGE.

Garages have valuables, too, and are easy to break into as people often neglect to secure the entrances properly.



PUT LIGHTS ON TIMERS.

Having lights go on during nighttime hours will lend the impression that people are home.