

Volunteer Connections

Summer 2022



Welcome back to the Homes First Volunteer Connections! We thought it was time to check back in with our volunteer followers. Whether you are a regular office volunteer, Board Member (yes, we know that you volunteer your time for that incredibly demanding position!), group volunteer member, or someone who supports volunteers and Homes First, we want you to know that you are vital to the success of Homes First. We have a huge amount of respect for you for offering your time, your talent, your energy and your heart to Homes First!

Our volunteers have been busy this spring. Our office volunteers have been helping with major projects like tracking appliances in our homes, filing, and the ongoing effort to update our inventory records. We have had three group volunteer events, all of which were an amazing success! Keller Williams Realty, Thurston County Realtors Association and Deloitte, International took on six separate projects this spring. They cut blackberries, ripped out flooring, painted and painted, cleaned and added fresh soil to a community garden, cleaned up overgrown yards and fallen trees, and all had a great time doing it! Our hearts are full of gratitude!



Our annual Heroes for Housing Breakfast is live again! We will be welcoming folks September 14 at 8:00 to share our story, our residents' stories, community, and breakfast. We are trying to fill a volunteer table, so sign up to join us! Go to HomesFirst.org to register for this once a year event! We look forward to seeing you there!

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."
~Audrey Hepburn



Volunteer Highlight

Haley Rankin



Haley came to us at the very beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic, getting her application and interview in just days before we closed to volunteers and visitors. The only "at home" task we had at the time was writing the resident newsletter. Haley took that job on and has been doing it monthly since. She does a great job sharing resources, Homes First news and community events with our residents.

Haley and her husband are transplants to the Northwest, sent here by the Air Force. They decided they wanted to plant roots here and discharged from the Air Force to join the Air National Guard. Haley is proud to serve for almost 10 years and counting! On top of spending time volunteering for Homes First, working full time and raising their daughter, Margot, Haley is working on her Master's degree in Psychology AND is preparing to compete in a national power lifting competition! Wowzers!

We are proud to have Haley carving time out of her very busy life to share her talents with us! Thank you Haley! You are awesome!

