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April is Volunteer Month and we love our volunteers— we could not be here without them! Read about some of our inspiring volunteers later in this issue. In truth, the work of the Mustard Seed Project takes a village and we are thankful for the people who have helped us serve seniors.

In February, we asked the community for ideas because now that assisted living and memory care homes are taking shape, we need to give them a name! We received many thoughtful, creative ideas and thank each of you who took the time to share your thoughts.

After reviewing many, many submissions, our stand-out top candidate for a name is: Mustard Seed Village. Many people thought the word village described the community we envision and using the Mustard Seed name was also cited as important by many.

Among those involved in selecting a name was our founder, Edie Morgan. She said that the name Mustard Seed Village "captured the overarching idea of community that has been part of the planning of the homes and campus since the beginning."

However, the name is not yet final, and we want people to have a chance to weigh in. Please let us know what you think by calling the office or sending an email to information@themustardseedproject.org - we welcome your thoughts!

We also have wonderful news to share:

The William A. Looney Family Foundation (WALFF) has given the Mustard Seed Project a transformative gift of \$3 million to help us better serve seniors on the Key Peninsula. The gift funds three broad initiatives:

- Addressing senior social isolation by providing transportation, activities, and recreation
- Creating an innovative and community-friendly senior campus with an adult playground and exercise area, paths for walking and biking as well as raised garden beds and a greenhouse; and
- Provide a home for life by creating a benevolence fund to help assisted living and memory care residents who have expended their resources

We are so very grateful to the WA Looney Family Foundation for their remarkable generosity, which gives us start-up funding for much-needed programs for KP seniors and their families. Please [FOLLOW THIS LINK](#) to see the press release on our website. And stay tuned as we'll be giving you updates as we use this amazing grant.

Even though there has been snow in the air of late, spring is here—happy gardening to you all!

Edie

Thank you, Volunteers!

Jarvis Krumbein



Jarvis was the very first transportation volunteer and has driven a total of 43,000 miles so far. He and his wife were front desk volunteers when the Mustard Seed was located in the library building.

Jarvis enjoys meeting fellow KPer's and enjoys the social aspect as well as he knows that, sometimes, these rides provide the only social contact clients have for long stretches of time.

Though hobbies have taken a backseat since Covid, Jarvis spent 28 years amassing an impressive collection of 450 old film cameras ranging from 35mm to large format view cameras. He also knows quite a bit about designing, building, and flying to-scale model airplanes, including toe-line gliders which he

started building at age 6, and even managed to fly one of his airplanes from Long Island to Connecticut where a group of Boy Scouts found it!

Lynne and Terry Hoffman



Lynne and Terry Hoffman began volunteering because they admired the Mustard Seed's history of good works and the essential role it holds in the community. They also knew that seniors in Key Peninsula faced special transportation challenges.

As volunteer drivers, Lynne and Terry have met many delightful, interesting and always appreciative people who have made their time on the road well spent.

Lynne and Terry are off to the UK for a couple of months and plan to continue traveling, trout fishing and trying out new recipes.

Bob Green



Bob delivers meals weekly for Key Peninsula Community Services and drives the Pierce Transit Van for medical rides for clients requiring a wheelchair lift. Bob is also one of our dedicated yard care volunteers!

Bob finds volunteering is an easy and rewarding way to give back to the community, get to know members of our community and become more aware of hidden away properties on the Key.

When Bob is not volunteering you can find Bob tending to his two acres of property, taking landscape photography, and putting together short videos. Bob loves hearing stories about life on the Key and documenting the conversations whenever possible.

Brian Chamberlin

After retiring in 2019, Brian started volunteering because he truly believed in the vision to help individuals "age in place." Brian started driving the Pierce Transit Van for medical rides for clients requiring a wheelchair lift. Brian also delivers meals weekly for Key Peninsula Community Services and Harbor Hope with Food Backpacks 4 Kids.



Brian enjoys being a volunteer driver because it gives him a chance to get to know each rider. Sometimes Brian's lunch delivery is the only interaction an individual may have in a given day. Some stops are quick, while others can be 30 minutes of conversation about life in general. "I get a lot of thank yous for providing the service, it makes me feel good to help people out," Brian said. "Who knows, I may need this service at some point so I am hoping it will be there when I need it."

When Brian is not volunteering, you'll find him working on his farm, working on his old Fords for car shows, or jeepin' in Eastern Washington.

Dan Handa



Dan has been a volunteer drive with the Mustard since 2017. Dan was inspired to start volunteering after reading an article in the News Tribune about Jarvis Krumbein and his experiences as a volunteer driver.

Dan enjoys meeting people through Mustard Seed and reports all of the riders have been friendly, interesting people. "I think I get more satisfaction from giving them rides than they receive for the rides they get from me," Dan said.

Dan's hobbies and interests include talking to ham radio friends all over the world, hiking and clam digging. He is also volunteer stream monitor for the Pierce Conservation District.

Open Activity Hours are Back!

Join us for the exciting return of Open Activity Hours on **Tuesday May 3rd** from **2:00-4:00pm**.

Mingle with old friends and new, work on puzzle, play a game or just enjoy a cup of tea.

Open Activity Hours will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from **2:00pm-4:00pm**.



Free Community Forums

Anna Brones from Two Waters Arts Alliance will present **Thursday, April 21st** at 1:00pm on Facebook Live.



Safe Streets will present **Thursday, May 5th** at 1:00pm on Facebook Live.



Calling all Folk Song Enthusiasts



Hootenanny! is today, **Tuesday, April 19th** from **2:00pm-4:00pm** at the Mustard Seed Project!

Bring your voices, guitars, banjos, ukuleles, fiddles, mouth harps, harmonicas, washboards, spoons, washtub bass, etc. If you can't sing or play you can clap and stamp your feet. Words and chords will be provided.

Assisted Living Construction Progress

Follow along with the progress of our Assisted Living Home! Here is some aerial footage the trusses being installed.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheMustardSeedProject/videos/300864588796027>

(A Facebook account is NOT required to view the videos)





What Else is Going On?!

Volunteers needed

- To provide local seniors with *transportation* to medical appointments, grocery store trips and other essential appointments.
- To help with our *annual fundraising event on June 4* (including for set-up and take-down), and
- For summer *yard care* for seniors!

Interested in making a difference? Call our office at 253-884-9814 for more information or to sign-up!

Check out other upcoming events (including Walks with Rusty!) and classes on our [calendar](#).

Call us or email information@themustardseedproject.org with questions.



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