

2024 Annual Report

The Hamlet *Lopez Housing Options (LHO)*



Cottage residents meet in front of the Gathering Place for a fall photo.

An Update from Barbara Orcutt, Board Chair

As Board Chair of The Hamlet, I'm proud to share that this has been an exceptional year for our organization. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, donors, and residents, we've made significant progress in fulfilling our mission to provide safe, welcoming housing for Lopez residents and their families.

A particularly exciting development is our progress toward achieving the \$300,000 goal for our Long-Term Maintenance Fund. This fund is critical to ensuring that our facilities remain in top condition. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, we are within reach of this important milestone, which will provide the financial stability needed to maintain our buildings and enhance the quality of life for our residents. This achievement is a reflection of the deep commitment our community has to the sustainability of our mission.

Strategic planning has also been a key focus in our work this year. As we continue to grow and evolve, it's critical that we stay ahead of the curve and proactively address the needs of our community. Our efforts have led to a variety of improvements such as updating our rental and occupancy criteria, adding retirement benefits for our staff, updating our accounting system, and increasing our investment income by well over 200% compared to last year. We are also thrilled to have recently begun offering a double occupancy room at Hamlet House, thus allowing us to welcome an eighth resident.

We've worked hard to identify opportunities for growth, better delivery, and sustainability, all while ensuring that we stay true to the values that have always defined us. We are excited to continue this work into the future!



New luxury vinyl plank flooring is now installed in the common areas of Hamlet House, thanks to the benevolence of Hamlet donors.

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Hamlet House residents Emma, Mary, and Ann enjoy a puzzle, while caregiver Barb Hatchel looks on.



Hamlet House resident Nancy Fay (in the red) celebrates her 95th birthday with Lopez friends.

Meet Jerry, a New Resident of Hamlet House

by Wendy McClure

Meeting Jerry at Hamlet House was a pleasure! His bright blue eyes hint at his ready sense of humor and quick wit. True to that hint, our chat about his career and past activities included laughter as he shared stories about his life before his recent move to Hamlet House.

Jerry grew up in south Everett and went to school in the area, earning money with a paper route for the Everett Herald. Through the Explorer Scouts, Jerry got involved in search and rescue, doing drills and practicing with several buddies, who have remained lifelong friends. After attending South Junior and Everett High School, he studied at what is now Everett Community College. Later he attended University of Puget Sound and studied forestry. He enjoyed backpacking the Cascades in the summer months.

His wife Patricia's father was a longshoreman in Everett, and Jerry found work there, too. While serving in the Marine Reserves, he attended summer training at Quantico, Virginia. When he joined the police department in Everett, he easily passed the physical requirements to join the force. In 1963, during his first shift with Everett Police, he and his patrol partner responded to a tragic murder-suicide. It is an awful memory, not something a recruit could have guessed would be his first assignment. He dedicated many years to police work, retiring as Deputy Chief in 1990. Jerry enjoyed being a police officer during that era, and he would do it again if he had the chance.

Jerry and Patricia raised two children who both live in Washington state. The couple moved to Lopez Island soon after Jerry retired, buying a place here in 1993. Sadly, Patricia passed away in 2011, after a long battle with Parkinson's. Jerry enjoys golf and has several friends on Lopez. He earned recognition as a talented sharpshooter, participating in competitions and winning the state championship. He collected antique guns and other memorabilia from WWII.

He still keeps in touch with his buddies from grade school. Although his friends have moved further away, to Yakima, Corvallis, and Idaho, they all like to meet up once a year. It is clear from the twinkle in his eye that he greatly enjoys those visits.



Jerry, one of The Hamlet's newest residents.

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Cottage residents celebrated Halloween in the Gathering Place.

The Joys of The Hamlet Cottages: Building Community Through Shared Meals

As we age, the desire for independence often remains strong, and senior independent living offers a way to maintain autonomy while fostering a sense of community. It allows older adults to live in their own space, make their own choices, and enjoy the comforts of home, without the stress of building maintenance and landscaping. But perhaps the greatest benefit of independent living is the community it provides.

One of the best ways to build that sense of community is through shared meals. Coming together to enjoy food nourishes both body and soul, while strengthening social bonds. For many Hamlet seniors, these gatherings offer more than just a meal—they create opportunities for conversation, laughter, and lasting friendships.

Recently, several volunteers have shared meals with our Cottage community, and the response has been heartwarming. After a recent “soup supper”, a resident shared, “These meals give us a chance to turn off the TV, enjoy great food, and connect with our neighbors. It’s proof that a winter soup truly warms the soul.”

The Hamlet isn’t just about having a roof over your head—it’s about living with purpose, connection, and support. Shared meals and community activities play a vital role in creating a fulfilling and joyful life.



Debbie Collins held an upcycled luminary workshop in the Gathering Place.



Ed, Diana, & Becky ventured outside on a brisk fall day.

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The Hamlet is a residential community in the heart of Lopez Village for people age 55 and older, offering affordable housing for Lopez residents and their loved ones in a diverse, safe, and welcoming environment.

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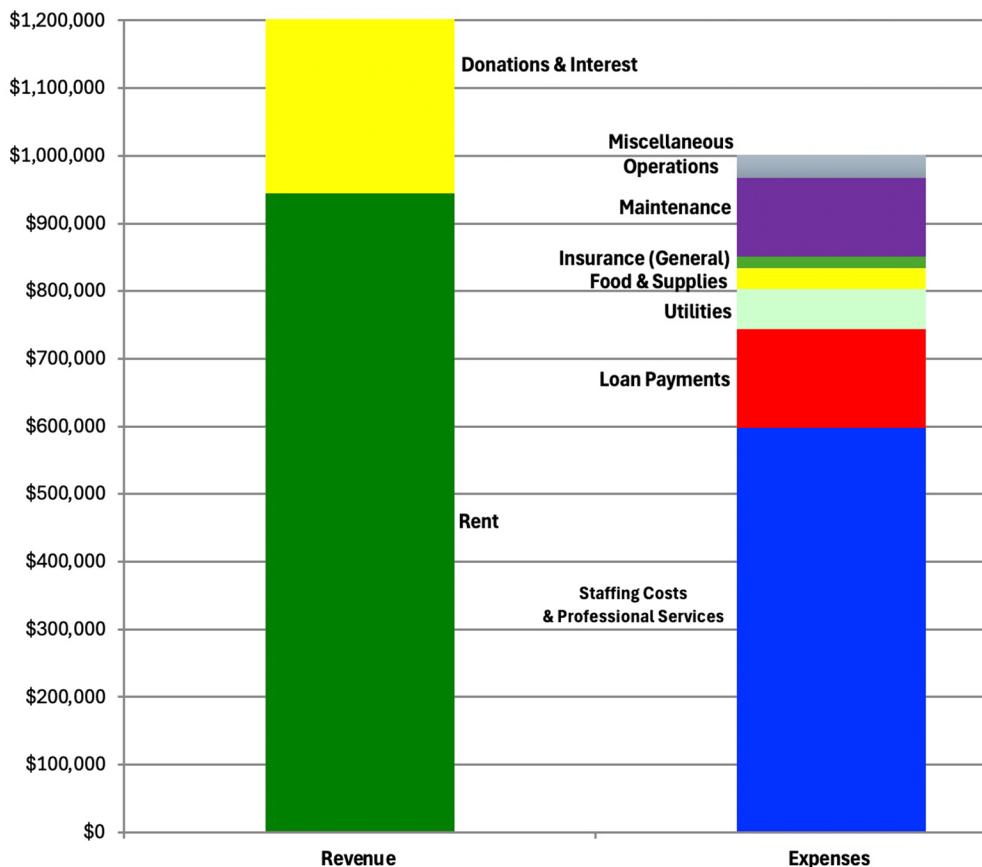


Hamlet House Caregivers Barb Hatchel and Sherlin Colon-Clavel pose for a photo.

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Please note that donations are higher than normal this year due to The Hamlet's very successful long-term maintenance campaign.

97% of this year's donations went towards the long-term maintenance restricted account!

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With Gratitude to Our Donors

We are deeply thankful for your generous contributions to The Hamlet, which make our senior housing and caregiving services possible. Many of you gave directly to our special Long-Term Maintenance Campaign, and with your support, we are close to reaching our \$300,000 goal. This ensures that we can cover scheduled maintenance costs for the next decade. With the guidance of our Investment & Finance Committee members and advisors, we've set up measures to grow these funds for long-term sustainability. Your commitment is securing the future of Hamlet House and Hamlet Cottages, ensuring vital services for Lopez seniors for years to come.

We gratefully acknowledge our donors as of November 2024 for their support:

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-Fertile Ground gardeners and local artists for sharing their Whimsical Birds display in the Gathering Place.
-Debbie Collins for offering an upcycled luminary workshop.
-The Master Gardeners of SJC for hosting Gardening Happy Hours.
-Rick Carr, Elizabeth Suden, and Cliff & Mary Ann Cameron for hosting dinners for the Cottage residents.
-Amanda Wedow and the SJC Conservation Land Bank for doing a private tour for Hamlet residents of Watmough Preserve.
...And a huge thanks to the many additional community members who offered their services and support in a myriad of ways!

Thank You!