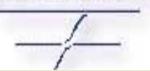
## Peninsula Support Organization Bluebills

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# **Independent Living Program**

Handyman/Builders/Fall Prevention/Safety 6/26/2024

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#### Who We Are & What We Do



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• We are a group of volunteers on the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas who work on projects that are making our communities better places to live.

- Our Mission Statement:
  - Improve the lives of the people in Kitsap, Jefferson, and Clallam counties by providing handyman, fall prevention and aging in place services, supporting homeless and domestic abuse advocacy services, and supporting STEM education in grades K-12.
- Builder's Program provides handyman services: emphasis on independent living and fall prevention for the elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged.











RAMPS

**GRAB BARS** 

**RAILINGS** 

CHAIR RISERS

**REPAIRS** 

- We are a 501 (c)3 Non-Profit Organization Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) Bluebills
- For more information please visit our website: <u>www.psobluebills.org</u>

## Our Clients



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 Clients are typically referred to us by health care providers and agencies dealing with elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged

■ If the client can't afford to pay for materials, we rely on donation funding (PSO Bluebills are a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization)



"Thank you for my wonderful ramp.
Because of you I am able to live in my home with my dog, Oliver.
After three months of staying in care places, it is so wonderful to be home again!"

## Typical Projects



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- Independent Living and Fall Prevention is our specialty
- Since 2020 we have built 131 wheelchair ramps, installed 347 grab bars, 153 railings, and done over 292 miscellaneous jobs for 460 clients in Kitsap County, many of them in Bremerton.















## Mobile Home Park Outreach



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• Low income mobile home parks are being bought up by investment companies: steep increase in lot rent, additional fees, threats of eviction if tenants don't make improvements to their homes.















## Collaboration - The Poulsbo Example



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- Bluebills have partnered with the City of Poulsbo, Poulsbo Fire Cares, Fishline, local churches, businesses, and social organizations to help low-income elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged individuals and families to maintain their independent living.
- Last year at Poulsbo Mobile Home Park, 60+ volunteers put in 2150 hours of labor and completed work on 10 houses.
  - The City of Poulsbo committed \$15K of funding for Bluebills to buy materials, of which \$14,343 was spent.







## **Bremerton Outreach**



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- The need for help with independent living, fall prevention, aging in place, and keeping individuals and families from becoming homeless, is great in Bremerton.
- Bluebills would like to strengthen our outreach in Bremerton, and expand our partnerships, similar to the way we have in Poulsbo.
- Here's some ways in which the City of Bremerton can help:
  - A contact person whom we could best interface with
  - Dumpster or trash disposal assistance
  - Financial help to procure materials, such as lumber for ramps
    - Majority of our Bremerton clients can't afford to pay anything
    - Our labor is free!
  - We can provide a copy of our Community Service Agreement with the City of Poulsbo as an example

## Bluebills/Poulsbo 2024 Agreement



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## City of Poulsbo

Housing, Health and Human Services



#### City of Poulsbo Social/Community Services Agreement Peninsula Support Organization Bluebills

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the City of Poulsbo, Washington, a Washington municipal corporation (the "City"), and the Peninsula Support Organization Bluebills, a Washington not-for-profit organization (the "Agency"), each individually a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, the City has determined the need to have/provide certain social/community services performed for its citizens but does not have the manpower or expertise to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to have the Agency perform such services pursuant to certain terms and conditions; now, therefore,

IN CONSIDERATION OF the mutual benefits and conditions hereinafter contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

- Term. Upon approval and execution of the Parties, this Agreement shall be in full force and effect from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 (the "Term").
- 2. Scope of Services. The Agency will make home repairs and install wheelchair ramps and other safety equipment for low-income residents in the Poulsbo area. Eligibility for services will be determined by the Bluebills, with the understanding that the gifting of public funds is restricted, under the Washington State Constitution, to the "poor and infirmed" (section 7). These repairs will enable individuals to live safely in their homes and help to maintain safe and affordable housing.
  - 3. Compensation and Method of Payment.
- 3.1. The City shall pay the Agency an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the 2024 calendar year, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement ("Compensation"). Compensation shall be paid by the City to pay for supplies purchased for home repair and safety equipment for low-income residents in the Poulsbo area.
- **3.2.** Payment will be made by the City upon receipt of an invoice from the Agency describing specific repairs and improvements made and accompanying receipts.

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- 4. Project Administrator. The City's Director of Housing, Health and Human Services will serve as Project Administrator and shall ensure that work meets the requirements of this Agreement. The Agency shall report to and take any necessary direction from the Project Administrator.
- Reporting. The Agency shall submit a quarterly program accomplishment report outlining the successes of the Agency Program and showing the benefit to the City of Poulsbo.
- Termination. This Agreement may at any time be terminated by the City giving to the Agency thirty (30) days written notice of the City's intention to terminate the same.

BLUEBILS

By: Robert Keever

By: Becky Erickson

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Mayor

Title: Bluebills Vice Chairman

1/18/2024

Date Signed:

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