

## Ways To Donate During the COVID Crisis

Islander Jessica Lynch has taken the lead on a truly local food bank with her **Community Pantry** near Square Harbor Lane and Holiday Blvd on Guemes Island. This roadside stand is stocked with donations from many islanders. Food items, books, and occasional games are available for free. Take what you need and share what you can.

The **G.I.V.E.** (Guemes Island Volunteer Exchange) committee on Guemes Island was formed in 1991 by a group of islanders wanting to establish an emergency fund to provide assistance to individuals or families in severe need. Penny Hewitt, Larry Pyke, Bob Prescott, Bonita Smith, and Julie Pingree serve on the committee representing several island organizations. A person in need can contact any one of these committee members. G.I.V.E. provides one-time assistance in the form of a grocery voucher, payment to a landlord, ferry ticket, etc. Donations fund this valuable program. If you would like to help, you may send a check to the Guemes Island Church, 7611 Guemes Island Rd, Anacortes, 98221. Please write G.I.V.E. in the memo line or send checks directly to G.I.V.E. c/o Bob Prescott, 4384 Salmon Run Road, Anacortes, WA 98221.

**COVID-19 Relief Fund for WA Undocumented Folks** distributes aid to individuals in need. Undocumented immigrants do not qualify for unemployment and are excluded from the Federal Coronavirus Stimulus Plan. This relief fund formed by the Washington Dream Coalition in partnership with the WA Immigrant Solidarity Network, and Scholarship Junkies offers one-time payments of \$500 to \$1000 to WA State undocumented immigrants. 100% of your donation goes directly to the individual in need. [Click here to donate.](#)

**Skagit Gleaners** provides food, household merchandise, and clothing to frugal, waste conscious and working families. They do this by rescuing surplus food and product from local grocery stores, wholesalers, restaurants, thrift stores, and individuals in Skagit County. Each family that uses the services contributes to the mission of the organization through volunteerism, thus, giving back to the community at large. Each family also contributes a nominal shared overhead fee to help cover organizational expenses. This model creates an atmosphere of ownership and responsibility. [Click here](#) for more information or to donate goods or money.

Restrictions on social gatherings and non-essential surgery have not reduced the need for blood donations. **Blood donation** is considered an essential activity and potential blood donors are exempt from stay-at-home orders. Contact [Bloodworks NW](#) to schedule a donation appointment. You can do your part to ensure the availability of the emergency blood supply in our community.