



Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH Food Bank & Community Services

Neighbor helping neighbor

Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH Food Bank and Community Services is a volunteer-led, nonprofit organization that has been helping neighbors in need since 1976. With dedicated community support, GHP FISH provides food and other assistance to our Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula neighbors—with dignity, compassion, and encouragement.

Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission

Neighbor helping neighbors in need with food and other assistance as they move towards self-sufficiency.

Vision

Hope, dignity, and self-sufficiency for our neighbors.

Values

Our efforts in helping our neighbors always reflect our values. We provide food and other assistance to our clients with compassion, dignity and encouragement, in partnership with our community.

Organizational Name

Legal Name: Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH

501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization

Working name: Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH Food Bank and Community Services

Note: Replacing “and” with “&” is acceptable when space is an issue.

Acceptable Abbreviation: GHP FISH

Information

Address, website, phone numbers,

Food Bank Address: 4303 Burnham Drive, Gig Harbor, WA 98332

Mailing Address: PO Box 154, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

General Food Bank Phone: 253-858-6179

Website: www.ghpfish.org

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Social channels

Facebook: Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH Food Bank and Community Services

Instagram: [ghpfish](#)

You Tube: [GHP FISH Food Bank](#)

Hours of operation

Monday: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Closed: Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday and select federal holidays

Key Facts

- Established in 1976, GHP FISH is a non-profit, volunteer-led organization that partners with Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula residents to provide assistance to those in need.
- GHP FISH is staffed by more than 200 volunteers providing direct services and behind-the scenes expertise. They are supported by three part-time employees for a total of 1.75 FTEs.
- GHP FISH's operations budget is supported primarily by donations from local businesses, churches, community friends and family.
- In-kind donations of food, groceries, clothing, small household goods, books and toys provide essentials (and some fun) to those in need.
- Financial assistance helps families and individuals during difficult times of transition or financial emergency.
- Financial aid assists responsible students with non-tuition education costs and transportation needs.
- GHP FISH is a faith-based, non-denominational, non-discriminatory organization that seeks to serve all our neighbors with respect, dignity, and compassion.
- GHP FISH is more than a place where our neighbors seek tangible support. Our volunteer staff provides comfort, a listening ear and a caring heart while serving.

Programs and Services

Services: The GHP FISH volunteers serve the hungry in the community and provide multiple community services. The scope of the services includes:

- ✓ **Food Bank** – emergency food assistance for those with unexpected financial issues. Groceries are provided to low-income, disabled, elderly individuals and others with the expectation that those who are able will be actively seeking work to improve their situation. Beyond groceries, clients may select clothing, books, toys and other household goods as available.
- ✓ **Financial Aid** – GHP FISH provides limited help with rent, utility bills, medical costs and other emergency expenses. Additionally, there is limited educational financial aid for low-income college, GED and vocational school students for expenses such as books, supplies, exam/license fees and transportation.

Students must be in good standing and remain in good standing. GHP Fish is committed to working with other agencies to provide services.

- ✓ **Clothing, Small Household Goods and Books** – clients approved for food bank services may select used/new donated clothing and have access on a first come basis to donated household goods. Donated books are available to all clients to help their children improve their reading skills. All items are available to clients at no charge.
- ✓ **Holiday Food and Toy Program** – qualified families receive special holiday food and children’s toys based on their needs.
- ✓ **School Counselors Program** - support for needs identified by Peninsula School District counselors, such as:
 - **Counseling Services** - GHP FISH works with school counselors who identify children along with their families to receive after-school counseling with selected private counselors.
 - **Founder’s Fund** – school counselors may access a fund for low-income children to help pay for shoes, clothing, prescriptions or other special needs.
 - **Summer Camp or Tutoring** – school counselors can facilitate summer camp enrollment to keep student’s skills current during the summer.

Our Logo

GHP FISH may grant third-party requests to use the logo for food drives and fundraisers benefitting GHP FISH, provided it is clear that:

- GHP FISH is the beneficiary (all or in part)
- GHP FISH is not the event sponsor,
- The cause is consistent with the GHP FISH mission and image,
- GHP FISH has full right of review.

Email the communication coordinator (suej@ghpfish.org) for permission and a digital logo.