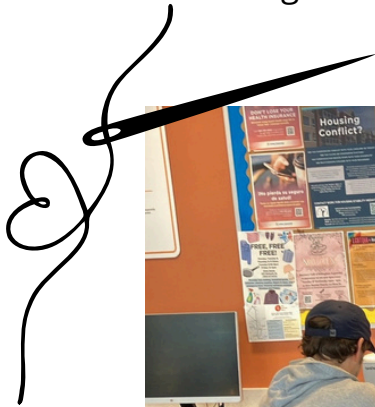


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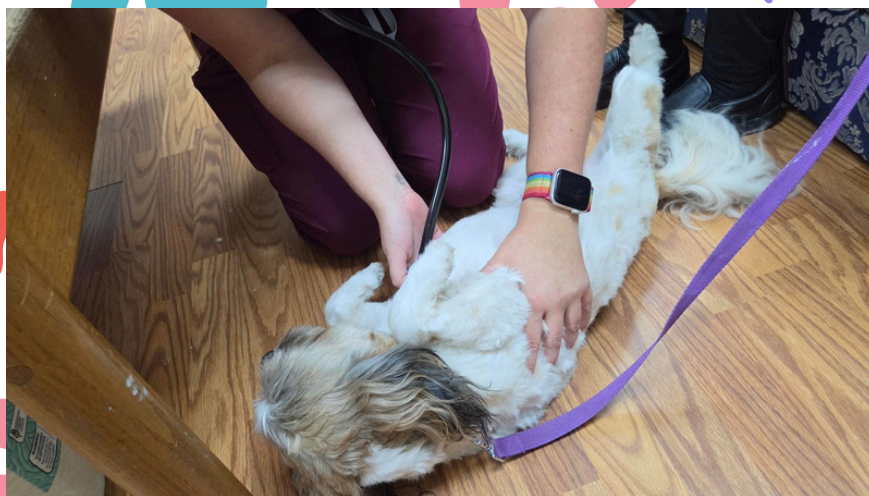
Ragfinery Mending Project

Ragfinery's partnership with 22 North brings practical, hands-on support directly to residents by repairing torn clothing and teaching basic sewing skills. For residents who may have limited financial resources, extending the life of clothing helps reduce the cost of replacing essential items while supporting dignity and self-sufficiency. The opportunity to learn how to mend and care for their own clothing also builds confidence and a useful life skill that residents can continue using independently. Bringing Ragfinery on-site creates a welcoming opportunity for residents to gather, learn from one another, and build connections while gaining practical skills that support greater independence.



ESA Clinic

A free Emotional Support Animal (ESA) vaccination clinic provided essential veterinary services to clients from the HOT team, Way Station, Laurel Forest, 22 North, and Dorothy Place. By bringing these services together in one accessible location, the clinic helped remove financial and transportation barriers while supporting residents in meeting housing and lease requirements for their animals. Lutheran Community Services generously provided the venue, while Village Vets donated the vaccination supplies, making it possible to offer these services at no cost to clients. This collaborative effort supported animal health, protected important human-animal bonds, and helped residents maintain housing stability and peace of mind.



Laurel Forest Manicures

Free manicures at Laurel Forest provide senior residents with an opportunity to prioritize self-care, relaxation, and personal well-being without the financial barrier of paying for a salon service. These visits offer more than grooming—they create a welcoming social experience where residents can connect, share conversation, and enjoy time together. For seniors who may experience isolation or limited opportunities for personal care, having manicures brought directly to their community supports dignity, confidence, and emotional well-being while creating moments of joy and connection.



Laurel Forest & Wild Whatcom



Laurel Forest seniors join Wild Whatcom to get outside, explore local parks, and learn about the wildlife and natural environment in their community. These outings provide opportunities for gentle physical activity, fresh air, social connection, and continued learning while helping residents stay engaged with the places they call home. For seniors who may otherwise have limited access to outdoor activities, Wild Whatcom creates accessible opportunities to experience nature alongside their neighbors, strengthening connections to both the local environment and the broader community.

Animals as Natural Therapy at 22 North and Dorothy Place



Monthly visits from Animals as Natural Therapy at 22 North and Dorothy Place provide residents with consistent opportunities for comfort, connection, and joy. At 22 North, residents who have experienced chronic homelessness benefit from the calming presence of therapy animals and the opportunity to step away from daily stress and connect with others. At Dorothy Place, these visits provide a gentle, positive experience for survivors of domestic violence and families who may be navigating significant life changes and hardships. The animals create a welcoming reason for residents to gather, laugh, talk with neighbors, and spend time together. Having these visits each month gives residents something positive to anticipate while providing moments of emotional relief, companionship, and community during difficult periods.

Looking Ahead

22 North participates in Downtown Trick or Treat



22 North residents will come together to create Halloween goodie bags to share with children and families at the downtown Trick-or-Treat event. This activity gives residents an opportunity to contribute to a larger community celebration and take part in creating a fun, welcoming experience for local families. Residents are proud to share something they had made with the broader community, creating positive interactions and opportunities to connect with neighbors outside of 22 North. We invite everyone attending the downtown Trick-or-Treat event to stop by, say hello, and grab a goodie bag from the 22 North residents!

Intergenerational Halloween

Laurel Forest residents will celebrate Halloween alongside local preschoolers, creating a joyful intergenerational experience that brought older adults and young children together. Seniors have the opportunity to share in the excitement of costumes, games, and seasonal traditions while the children benefit from positive interactions with older members of their community. These gatherings help reduce isolation among seniors, create meaningful social connections, and give residents a chance to share their experiences and enthusiasm with younger generations. The laughter, conversation, and shared celebration create a strong sense of community and remind residents that they are an important and valued part of the broader community.

