

## ADORNED BOUTIQUE VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



**Volunteers are the heart of Adorned Boutique**, they make all the difference in the impact we can have! We want to highlight a few of them each quarter.

This summer we were so blessed to have teens **Ava C. and Audrey** volunteer (far left and below). They came when they could, sometime several times a week and blessed us with so many great ideas, energy and joy!

**Saturday volunteers are a treasured resource!** We were delighted to thank so many of them with an appreciation dinner this summer. Pictured to the left are **Debbie, Suzanne, Tracey, Salome, Kathi, Tracy, Chris, Christina, and Ellen**. They are all gifted and share generously. **Ava T**, in red below, has been a volunteer for 2+ years and is doing her Eagle Scout project of sprucing up the Esther room this fall!

**Miss Washington USA, Samantha Gallia**, came to the boutique and met with our Teen Group (story inside). The girls and volunteers were inspired by her inspiring story.



Mother and daughter volunteers **Molly & Amberlyn** enjoy working together for a cause. They brought their homeschool class to learn more about the ministry and shared the importance of having a mission in their communities.



**Francine McCormick of Powers That Be Garden and Tea** at Three Porches in Tacoma is a faithful and joyful supporter of Compassion Ministries and Adorned Boutique. Francine is a gifted hostess who has a special knack for making things fun and beautiful. She brings all her gifts together and multiplies them every month by hosting Bunco! **There is a faithful group of ladies who enjoy getting together and who love to bring friends. They enjoy having fun and are committed to supporting our efforts against human trafficking!** Francine comes up with new themes every month and puts together beautiful prizes to bless 'her ladies'. Bunco is easy to play and everyone has fun playing.

**MONTHLY Adorned BUNCO Fundraiser**



**Manny**, one of our postal workers, had to be highlighted too! When he comes by Adorned he always makes us laugh.

Francine began by committing to give a certain amount of money each month to the ministry and then figured out a way to multiply her donation while blessing others. We love that idea so much! **Please consider joining the fun one of these months. It's always potluck and there is always laughter, prizes and a raffle anyone can win! \$20 to play \$5 Raffle (5 for \$20)**



# OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

## VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

### Best Day Club

by Esther Debrum

“Why do I feel the way that I do?” “Who can I trust with my feelings and my heart?” “Why can't I hear from God?” “**Who am I in Christ?**” These are few of the unanswered questions I had as a young Marshallese girl searching for love and answers in all the wrong places.

Now as a grown woman, knowing God's truth has led me to start the process of healing. It also opened my eyes to see myself as a young girl in some of the girls in my family and community.

**Best Day Club** was created with guidance from Christine and Compassion Washington, over the summer to be a safe and fun space for girls ages 13-25. **We aim to help them to learn the truth about who they are in Christ.** We meet on Mondays for an hour to do activities from the Legacy Institute booklet *True Beauty*. The girls are able share thoughts and feelings about their day or week then we pray and sing together.

We sometimes go to the beach for bonding time and to enjoy the beauty of God's creations.

**I am thankful and blessed that God is taking my pain and creating something helpful and beautiful to share with these young women. I pray that each and everyone will know that they're never alone and that they are unconditionally loved by a Heavenly Father.**



*“Every day we are together is a best day”*



### Rainiers Game Night

Thank you to the **Rainier's Fan Experience Supporters** who gifted our ministry volunteers, families & community youth with 40 tickets to the August 30th game! Everyone enjoyed a fun evening!

We were even given free parking, hotdogs, water and snacks! Many of the youth from our group experienced a baseball game in America for the first time!

### OUR VISION

Communities where people are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, able to live healthy lives free from the risk of exploitation.





# COMPASSION MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

## Mending the Soul

Several Compassion Washington volunteers have become certified to facilitate Trauma Healing Groups through **Mending The Soul**. These groups are a 14 week course using the book and material written by Dr. Steven Tracy, a pastor, and his wife Celestia, a therapist. Dr. and Celestia Tracy have had extensive experience helping men and women who have experienced trauma through emotional, psychological, spiritual, physical and or sexual abuse. Their materials align with scripture, from beginning to end and provide powerful tools for survivors to heal and move forward in life.

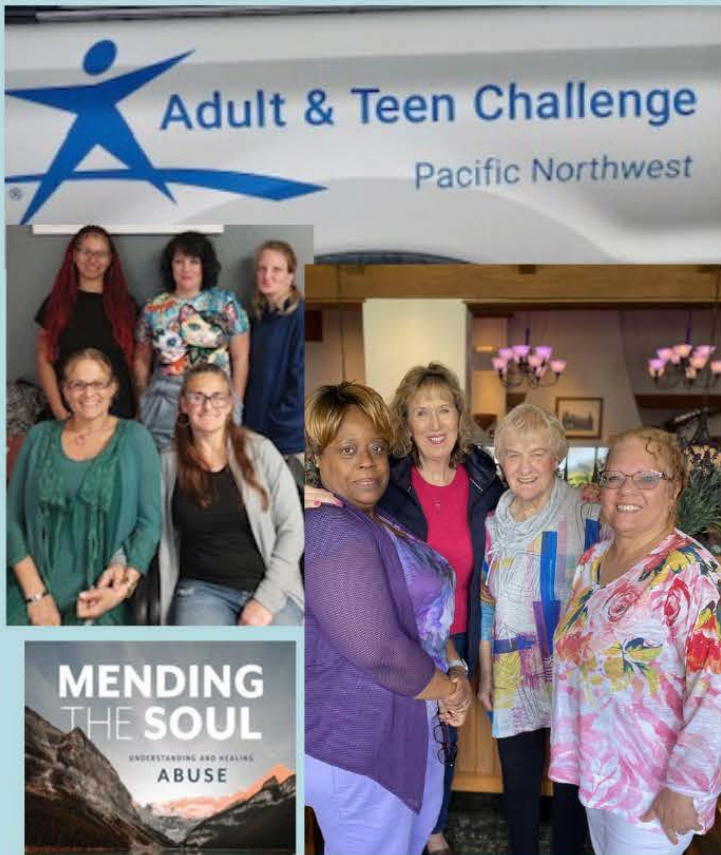
**Adult Teen Challenge**, a year long Christian recovery program in Graham, has had 4 volunteers leading these groups over the past 2 years.

Currently this course is also being facilitated by volunteers at the ministry location, at a church location and over zoom.

**We consider it a huge privilege to see God equip and use Compassion Washington volunteers along with this study to bring new beginnings to so many beautiful women.**

**We are very excited to be ready, soon, to offer a group for men!**

*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3*



*He gives...  
a garment of praise  
instead of a  
spirit of despair. Is 61:3*



## Springbrook

by Anne Kelly

**God truly does work in mysterious ways!**

Last fall, when Compassion Washington was called to intervene in a situation with vulnerable teen girls in the Springbrook area, we discovered instead vulnerable teen boys and one adult man in need of our help. Immigrants from the Marshall Islands living on the edge of poverty, some of the boys hadn't been enrolled in school and the adult had never attended school in his life.

As a teacher and former missionary this red flag was waving in my face, sending a message **“do something to support this young man and show him God's love”**. This led to tutoring him once a week, with occasional life lessons about faith and values as well. It also led to both my husband and I ministering to the other boys who had been in gangs and sharing the gospel from the Word of God with them and providing practical help. I'm happy to say that **we're seeing God at work**. The young man with no education is reading at a third grade level and has been able to take on a full time job so he can support himself. **He's continuing to learn about how to walk with the Lord, as are the other boys, so we continue to pour into them as God gives us opportunities.**

**“I like tutoring because I learn a lot. Every time I get tutored on Friday I've been really happy because I am learning history, science, math and how to read” - JuJu**

*‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13*



## OUR MISSION

Compassion Washington unites with local communities to share the compassion of Christ by providing free healthcare events and fighting human trafficking.



# FROM THE DIRECTORS

Ministry Director



Chris Gilge



This past quarter was full of exciting events and ministry opportunities that continue to fuel the passion for our mission to fight human trafficking. In July the Movie **“Sound of Freedom”** gave us a perfect opportunity to spread awareness of trafficking within our own community. God prompted our volunteers to attend the movie at multiple theaters to invite the audience to our **human trafficking awareness workshops**.

The workshops gave us the opportunity to equip the public about trafficking warning signs, and testify of what the LORD has done in and through the ministry. Each workshop brought people from our local community who were inspired to share their knowledge with their friends. **It is truly exciting to see how God makes the connections to expose the lies and bring hope and healing.**

Compassion Washington continues to expand into Thurston and King county community through various outreach events with our faithful volunteers who are part of numerous churches, clubs & organizations.

We also had the opportunity to be interviewed by **Carrie Abbott** on her radio show which gave us a national presence to spread awareness of human trafficking.  
<https://carrieabbott.com/Radio/ArticleID/2589/Fighting-Sex-Trafficking>

**By God’s grace and for His glory we exist to serve and fight human trafficking! Thank you for your partnership “for such a time as this!”**

Serving King Jesus,

Christine

Executive Director



Dennis Morris



This has definitely been a busy and engaging summer. **We celebrated our first anniversary as Compassion Washington and we are continuing to see the Lord’s blessings as we begin our second year.** We have had the opportunity to meet with a number of churches to present our ministry and explore the potential for partnership opportunities, particularly as Anchor Churches for our Healthcare events. We have been blessed to have **Discovery Baptist Church** join us as an ‘Anchor Church’ for the upcoming year.

Our Board had the opportunity to visit the **Genesis Project**, in Seatac, an organization that offers hope for a new life to girls and women leaving commercial sexual exploitation. The vision of our two organizations are clearly aligned and we solidified our desire to work more closely with this amazing ministry organization.

We have also launched a **Men’s Discipleship Study**, led by an excellent teacher **Tim Smith**. The group meets on Saturdays at 11:30 am at the Compassion Washington Ministry space and all are invited to attend. **This is an ongoing study so feel free to join at any time.**

These are just a few examples of the many ways **the Lord is opening doors for Compassion Washington. We sincerely appreciate your continued prayers and support.**

Kind Regards,  
Dennis



## FUTURE EVENTS

Men’s Bible Study Saturdays

Women Bible Study (email for times)

Glam Glitz Gala Oct 21

Blue Mouse Expert Panel and Movie Showing Oct 26

Bunco Parties - Last Thursday of the month

Rescue America Phone Calling - First Sunday

Future Healthcare Events - April & June 2024

SAFE (Summit Advancing Freedom from Exploitation) January 2024

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