

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Bridging the Gap

for the people of the Walla Walla Valley



SONBRIDGE

CENTER FOR BETTER LIVING

CONNECT LIVES - EMPOWER CHANGE

In Memory of those we lost in 2024.

You are missed and are in our hearts.

We are so thankful for you.

Bruce Haney

February 1, 1949 - September 24, 2024



Karel Miller

February 4, 1958 - August 30, 2024



Alice Laabs

October 17, 1943 - November 13, 2024

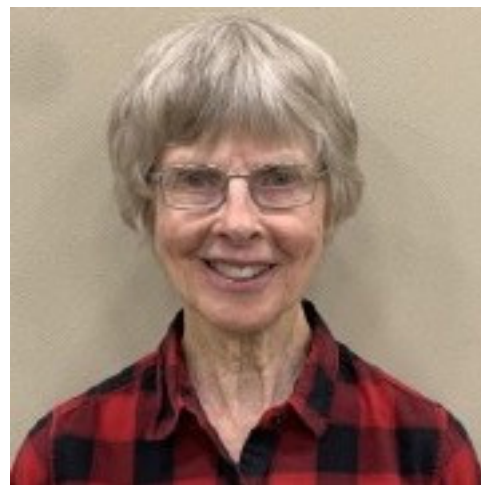




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“Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen.”

1 PETER 4:11



About SonBridge

SonBridge Center for Better Living was founded in 2005 by eight Walla Walla Valley congregations who recognized the importance of direct access to low-cost community services.

A medical clinic, SOS Health Services, moved in immediately and soon after, the SonBridge Thrift&Gift Store opened, becoming a source of income and providing quality clothing, household goods, and books at reduced prices.

In 2013, the SonBridge Dental Clinic opened, providing accessible and affordable dental care with dignity and respect for our community residents.

In 2017, an additional 5,000 square feet were added creating the SonBridge Education Center. The new space tripled SonBridge’s meeting space and expanded our capacity for support and recovery groups, programs, classes, events and activities.

In 2023, Helpline@SonBridge expanded our family assistance program by continuing the Helpline legacy of screening, direct aid and resource referral for those with low incomes, or who are homeless or need occasional help.

SonBridge’s increased offerings are supported by sales from the SonBridge Thrift&Gift Store, volunteers, grants and donations. We provide services and connect resources as needs change, at no charge.

At SonBridge we seek to understand the needs of our community and adapt, along with our partners, to meet those needs.

Mission & Vision

To share the love of Christ bringing Hope and Wholeness to the people of the Walla Walla Valley. To build a community where God’s unconditional love is expressed through resources and services to revitalize the whole person.

Community Connection

SonBridge seeks to identify unmet needs within our community and strives to fill the gaps. When we cannot meet the needs, we partner with other agencies who can provide those services.



Board Members

Rick Claridge	Cheryl Horne	Shirley Panasuk
Dennis Davis	Marshall Keymer,	Paul Rasmussen
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		Jody Washburn



Constituent Churches

College Place Village Seventh-day Adventist Church
Milton Adventist Church
Stateline Seventh-day Adventist Church
Touchet Seventh-day Adventist Church
Umapine Adventist Church
Walla Walla Eastgate Seventh-day Adventist Church
Walla Walla Northside Seventh-day Adventist Church
Walla Walla University Church of Seventh-day Adventists

Message from the Director

NORMAN THIEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I look back on 2024 at SonBridge, there are many facets of the year I would like to reflect upon. SonBridge Center for Better Living is a catalyst in the Walla Walla Valley, an organization that motivates working together and encouraging caring. As our motto states, “Connect Lives – Empower Change.” As a catalyst, there are many areas of SonBridge that assist in caring for our community. It is these facets of SonBridge that I would like to share with you.

SonBridge Thrift&Gift Store: You may be most familiar with SonBridge through our store which is a vital source of support for our community and our organization. Skilled and diligent staff and volunteers process donated clothing and household goods which then provide direct support to those in need along with generating funds to support other areas of our organization.

SonBridge Dental Clinic: Some of you have had the opportunity to receive care from our Dental Clinic which continues to be a vital part of the healthcare safety net in our community. We are deeply grateful for our dedicated staff and volunteers who provide care for our community. We continue to be challenged to recruit the unique dental providers to connect with and serve our clientele.

Helpline@SonBridge: SonBridge continues to be a catalyst for positive change through the legacy of service by Helpline. We answer the phone and serve the clients who have been served compassionately for over 50 years. We thank the past donors of Helpline for their generosity to enable these services to continue.

Better Living and Education Programs: We provide a safe and welcoming space for community education, support, and recovery groups. In our Education Center, people can interact and engage with other members of our community in a comfortable and safe environment.

Onsite Partners: SonBridge provides clinic space for **SOS Health Services** and collaborates with them as they meet the chronic needs of those without medical insurance. We provide office space for **Neutral Ground Dispute Resolution Center** as they assist in solving issues among people in our community.

Profound Appreciation: I deeply thank the SonBridge staff and volunteer team who have done an exceptional job this year supporting “the least of these” in our community. I treasure our supporters who dug deep to financially support the compassionate care provided at SonBridge. I recognize our board members who have generously shared their expertise, passion, funds, and connections. I deeply appreciate all who reached into their closets, basements, and garages to support us with goods donations.

The generous support of our community affects us deeply. We thank all who give monthly, at the holidays, through the Valley Giving Guide, and those who make specific arrangements through their estates. And we are thankful for the consistent love of our Creator God who creates beauty, relationship, purpose, and meaning each day as we serve.

With deep gratitude,



Stories of Lives Touched

Active Listening Makes Connections

When Sandra came to SonBridge Center for Better Living for help, she was understandably in shock.

A day or two prior, she had awakened in the middle of the night to the horrifying sound of splintering wood and shattering glass as a car drove through her daughter's bedroom.



Although she was relieved that her daughter was

away from home that night, the thought that Sandra's daughter might have died if the crash had happened

Our loving staff surrounded Sandra with compassion and prayer.

on any other night left her shaking and traumatized.

"Part of our ministry here is active listening when people are in trauma," says Justin, Helpline@ SonBridge Client Services Manager.

"We connected Sandra to a trauma counselor, a support group and all of the other resources in town she needed to get back on her feet."

Sandra left comforted, with the supplies and connections she needed to start rebuilding her life.



Austen called SonBridge one day last fall because he needed help getting back home to the Midwest. He



had followed his girlfriend to Walla Walla to raise their baby together, but things hadn't worked out between them. Now, he and his

infant daughter were homeless, trying to get back home to family.

Austen's father also called to ask SonBridge to help his son. SonBridge staff determined that Austen had a strong support system of family, friends, church community, and even a job waiting for him back in the Midwest. Eager to reconnect Austen with a community who could support him on his journey as

A Ticket Home

a single father, we provided a bus ticket that enabled him and his baby to return home.

SonBridge is actually one of the few social service agencies in the area that can help people with things like bus tickets, car registrations and even getting their pets licensed. We take this responsibility very seriously and ask a lot of questions to determine where our help will be most useful.

Our goal at SonBridge is always to get people to a place where they have as much support as possible. We're happy to be in a position to help reunite Austen with his family.



Service to the Community

Making a Difference in Seniors Lives

Twice a week, SonBridge Center for Better Living opens its doors to a spunky group of seniors who attend Enhance Fitness exercise classes with instructor Melissa of PEAK Northwest (NW) Fitness.

Melissa's mission at PEAK NW Fitness is to provide individuals and their communities evidence-based exercise and well-being programs that embolden healthy lifestyle changes in a fun and positive environment. The classes she offers at SonBridge fit this mission to a "T."

"It gets me up in the morning and gets me moving," participant Rozanne says. "I'm very glad to be exercising with my own age level. It's very important."

Melissa's goals for the classes are to decrease risk of falls, improve strength and stamina and decrease symptoms of chronic pain through exercise. Enhance Fitness is an evidence-based group exercise and falls-prevention program that helps older adults at all levels of fitness become more active, energized and empowered, according to projectenhance.org. Enhance Fitness is an hour of fun that focuses on dynamic cardiovascular exercise, strength training, balance and flexibility.



"In general, folks report improved balance, strength, stamina, coordination and mood," Melissa says. "Being able to congregate collectively in a fun and supportive environment makes moving less intimidating and more joyful."

Melissa and PEAK NW Fitness have partnered with Aging and Long Term Care of Southeast Washington since 2019 to offer Enhance Fitness classes in the Walla Walla Valley as part of a statewide initiative. Melissa's positive, upbeat personality and extensive training make the class even more valuable. "Mel is just wonderful," says Barbara, a class participant. "She helps us with all our aches and pains. "The class has



made a big difference in my life," says participant Anne. "I've gone to other classes with young people and the age difference here makes it really nice. We're all at different levels of ability. I look forward to coming here every time we have it."

SonBridge supports this fitness group by providing a place for them to meet and exercise together. Being a community partner with SonBridge allows PEAK NW Fitness to bridge the gap for older adults who have been prescribed medical exercise by their doctors.

"I started coming in here after I finished physical therapy (PT) for my back," says Sharon, who attends and also teaches the class at times. "I broke my back and then fell again and had to do PT at the YMCA, but that's intimidating. This is very welcoming. People are very friendly and nice. I thought I would come stand in the corner, exercise and leave. But I ended up really enjoying the class and the people."

Many class members have expressed appreciation to SonBridge for providing a welcoming space for them to exercise. Come join the class. All are welcome.

Helpline@SonBridge

Since 2023, Helpline@SonBridge has continued the Helpline legacy of bridging the gap between needs and services in the Walla Walla Valley.

Helpline was initially founded in 1973 as a joint effort between the Walla Walla University Church and the Walla Walla University Sociology Department as a 24-hour crisis

“When people come to us ... what they really want ... is a connection.”

hotline. Operations went through many changes and through each change, leaders worked to ensure Helpline continued to serve community needs in its unique



and vital way. The care that Helpline has offered continues through Helpline@SonBridge.

The vital contribution Helpline@SonBridge offers, particularly in areas of screening, collecting client needs, and giving referrals, continues as we partner with service providers throughout our valley.

“When people come to us for help, what they really want more than anything else, even more than having their physical needs met, is a connection,” says Justin, Helpline@SonBridge Client Services Manager. “That’s what we provide at Helpline@SonBridge. We listen to them, and then connect them to services in the community.”



Receiving ... and Giving Back!

Joe is the kind of success story we see every day here at SonBridge. Three years ago, he was living in his car. He had fallen into addiction, lost his job and become homeless. After completing rehab at the Walla Walla Veteran’s Administration, Joe decided to stay in the Walla Walla Valley and found our 12-step support groups here at SonBridge.

“It’s a safe space where I can share my experience, strength and hope,” Joe says. “It helps me to work with others. I’m grateful that I have a sponsor that guides me through the step work.”

Joe soon contacted SonBridge to see what other resources were available to him. And later, when Joe was in need of an internship, SonBridge came to mind. Joe knew that the resources SonBridge offers made it an ideal place to gain the kind of internship experience he needed to further his career.

During his six-month internship with Helpline@

SonBridge, Joe gained even more in-depth knowledge of how we screen those in need, offer direct assistance for immediate needs, and make referrals to other partner service agencies in the Walla Walla Valley.



Joe is now employed at Corps of Recovery Discovery (CORD), a transitional housing program for homeless veterans, where he uses the knowledge he gained at Helpline@Sonbridge to help other veterans.

“CORD helped me know how to utilize my resources to better my life and then I started coming to the 12-step programs [at SonBridge] and then started learning about the

“Everyone is one resource away from overcoming roadblocks.”

resources here. Now I use those resources for my clients,” Joe says. “My philosophy is everybody is one resource away from overcoming roadblocks.”

Service to the Community

The Helpline phone number is the same as it was over 50 years ago. Those who knew it in 1973, still know it today.



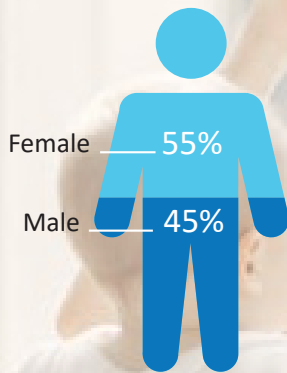
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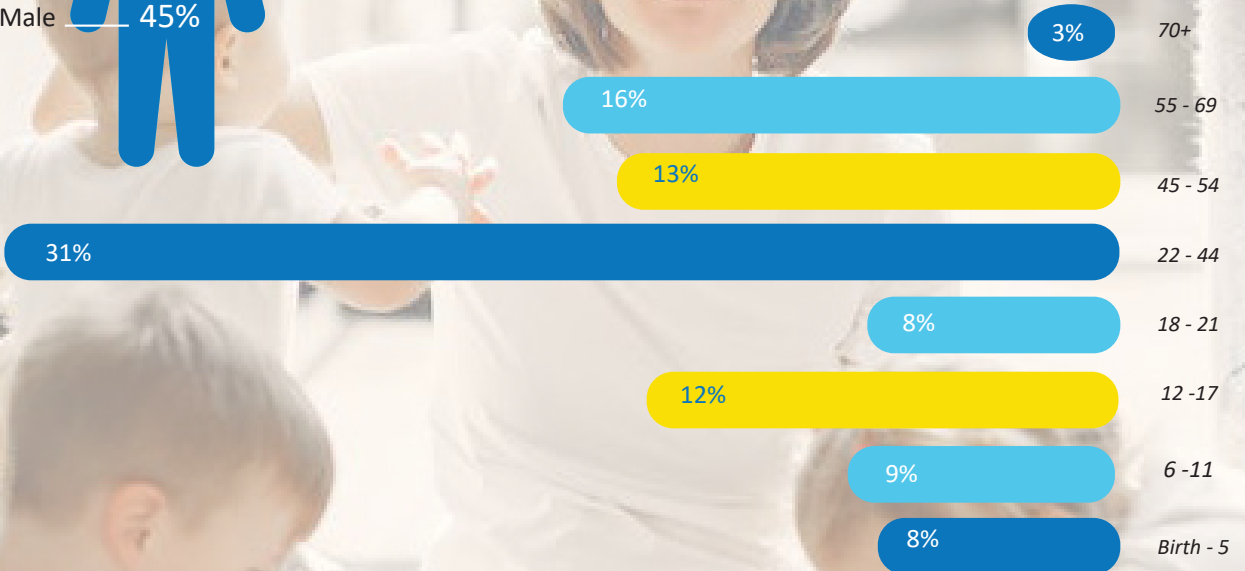
HOUSEHOLDS HELPED



INDIVIDUALS HELPED



AGE OF CLIENTS



ETHNICITY OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH HELPLINE@SONBRIDGE

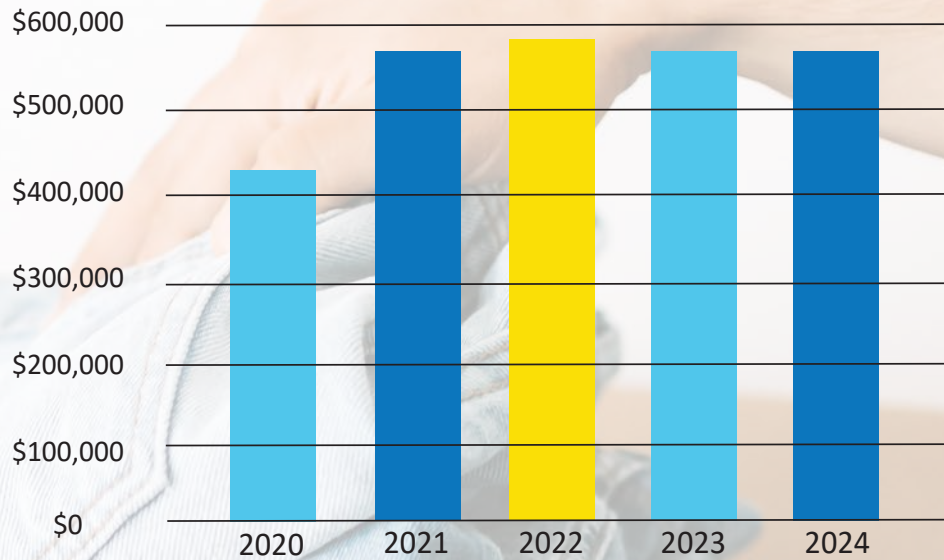


SonBridge Thrift&Gift Store

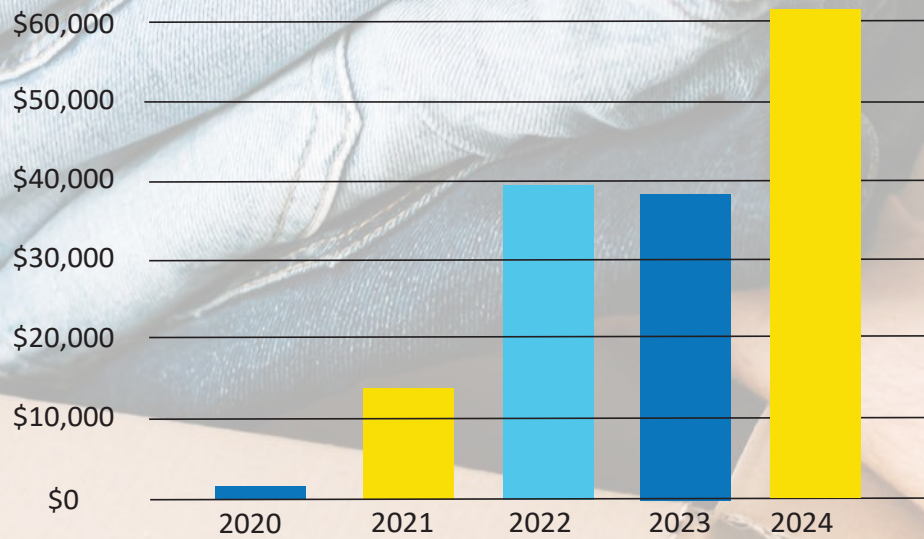
STORE VISITS
PER MONTH



THRIFT&GIFT STORE SALES



EBAY AND POSHMARK SALES



SONBRIDGE
ONLINE STORES:



poshmark.com/closet/sonbridgetag

ebay.com/usr/sonbridge-thrift-and-gift-store

Service to the Community

KRISTA WILLIAMS, STORE MANAGER

The SonBridge Thrift&Gift Store is more than a thrift store, it is also a ministry. Our community care extends far beyond the items we sell every day and the money we raise to help fund SonBridge's outreach. While this is a vital part of what we do, we also find opportunities for caring in almost every interaction we have with those who come to the store, whether to shop or donate items.



Because of this, we're always helping to make our customers' experience a smooth and pleasant one. Many say that our thrift store is the nicest they've ever seen – this is a tribute to our long history of a fresh, clean, bright and organized store.

This year we've opened up areas in the store that used to create bottlenecks and allowed only one-way traffic. We've brought high-interest items to the front and center of the store. We've also expanded the

store to allow us to move purses and accessories to this area and expand our clothing section.

In November, we increased the hours the store is open and our customers can now shop Sunday through Thursday. This change has brought a welcome increase to our business and has shown our customers that we are flexible and responsive to their needs.

These changes, and the warmth and concern offered by our staff and volunteers make our store not just a place to shop or donate items, but also a place to connect.

We often provide a listening ear for those who need one, or offer comfort to someone coming to donate items that belonged to a loved one who

"Many say our thrift store is the nicest they've ever seen."

has passed away. We have the opportunity to touch people's lives in so many ways through the store.

We continue to thank God for the blessing of dedicated staff and volunteers who give tirelessly to make the SonBridge Thrift&Gift Store a success.

Online Sales Make a Difference

The sales in our eBay and POSHMARK online stores have more than doubled in the past years, thanks to the team of employees and volunteers who spend their time identifying, listing and selling specialty items.

Selling in these online stores has opened up the reach of SonBridge so that items can be sold 24 hours a day to anywhere in the country. The message of SonBridge is now being shared outside of College Place, Washington, though all of the proceeds from these sales still stay in the Walla Walla Valley to help the local underserved. When members of our team in the warehouse come



across donated items that are new with tags on, or are higher-end brands, they set them aside to sell online, where they're likely to bring in more income. Staff and volunteers have a good eye for what will sell on eBay and POSHMARK. They make sure items are clean, in good condition, easy to ship, and fairly priced.

Opening up this new way of sharing the items that come through our doors has helped to expand the mission of SonBridge. In the package with every item that is shipped from SonBridge we include the message, "Thank you for helping us make a difference!"

Programs & Support Groups

“You guys saved my life.”

For many people experiencing addiction, attending an in-person 12-step meeting can make the difference between staying clean or relapsing.

Ismael is one such person. Ismael’s biological mother left his family because of her drug addiction when Ismael was five years old. By the time he was 10, Ismael was using drugs, too. “My older brother was into that kind of scene,” he says. “Him being a kind of role model, he opened those doors [for me]. So I fell into drugs at a really young age.”

By then, Ismael’s father had remarried and his stepmother became an important mother figure in his life. When she tragically passed away in 2009 at age 39, Ismael fell deeply into his addiction.

“I consider her my mom because she was there,” he says of his stepmother. “So from 2009 until 2018, my addiction destroyed every area of my life.”

Ismael still remembers the day that a Narcotics Anonymous (NA) sponsor he’d met while in jail walked by on the way to an NA meeting while Ismael and his girlfriend at the time were arguing on the train tracks.

Ismael’s sponsor invited him to the meeting, and that was the beginning of his recovery.



It wasn’t until the COVID-19 pandemic that Ismael connected with SonBridge Center for Better Living. While many other meetings were forced to close, our large rooms allowed enough space for social distancing and 12-step groups continued

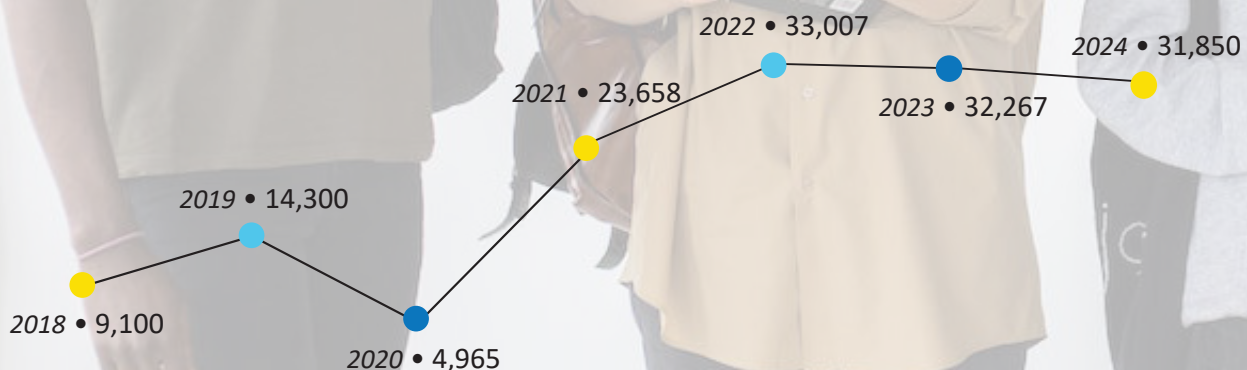
to meet here throughout the shutdown.

“If it hadn’t been for SonBridge allowing us to have our meetings during the COVID mandate I genuinely don’t think that I would still be clean,” Ismael says. “I drove 50 miles every Saturday because it was one of the very few places I could go to an in-person meeting. If it hadn’t been for your services, I wouldn’t be talking to you four years clean. You guys saved my life.”

Ismael is especially grateful to SonBridge because he saw many people relapse during COVID after years of sobriety when they weren’t able to attend in-person meetings.

The meeting space we offer at SonBridge makes an immeasurable difference for Ismael and countless others. We are honored to be able to bridge the gap for this important part of our community.

TOTAL BETTER LIVING PROGRAM VISITS



Service to the Community

“Whenever I’m needed, I help out.”

If you walk into SonBridge any morning of the week, you’re almost sure to find Kay in the front office. As an ever-young 92-years-old, Kay is known affectionately as the office matriarch. Anyone who comes in needing a food box or hygiene kit will interact with Kay.

In addition to sorting food supplies we receive from Blue Mountain Action Council, and making and giving out food boxes and hygiene kits, Kay monitors the hall to make sure clients get the care they need and helps wherever else she’s needed.

Since 2023, Kay has worked for SonBridge through the American Association of Retired Persons Senior Community Services Employment Program (AARP-SCSEP). When her furnace went out and needed to be replaced, she drained her retirement and bank accounts to pay for it. So, at age 90, Kay decided to go back to work to afford to go out to

eat once in a while with her friends. But not many organizations are willing to hire a 90-year-old! So Kay signed up with AARP-SCSEP.

Working at SonBridge has enabled Kay to pay down more than half of her debt and put money back into her savings account. And we have been blessed by her presence and the contribution she makes here every day.

Working with area partners like AARP-SCSEP allows SonBridge to creatively address the need for both providing resources to those in need and funding those resources.

These partner agencies sponsor employees working at area businesses as a training step to help them find jobs. These contracts often end up being a double blessing, as several of these employees have gone on to become SonBridge employees after their training period completed.



HIGHEST ATTENDED BETTER LIVING PROGRAMS

12-Step Groups

9,252 visits

Senior Fitness and Social

6,405 visits

Youth Education and Culture

5,584 visits

“Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

EPHESIANS 4: 29, 32

SonBridge Dental Clinic

LORINDA SHELDEN, DENTAL CLINIC MANAGER

In today's world where listening seems to be becoming an optional behavior, our SonBridge Dental Clinic continues to remember: the worth of one soul is great in the eyes of our God.



Listening is done with the ears, eyes and heart. In the clinic setting, non-verbal actions often shout much

louder than the words spoken. Caring involves listening to all forms of communication, and addressing each need.

Each patient is seeking care... with kindness, with trust, and especially with comfort and relief from mouth pain. It doesn't matter what caused their current distress. What does matter is the confidence and comfort that goes with them after their treatment is completed.

"Every person deserves to be heard."

Was their burden lifted? Did their emotions find a place of trust and peace? Has their confidence and personal value been validated as they leave our door?

This is Heavenly Father's clinic. He has entrusted each of us to be our brother's keeper... and we will continue to do so.

More Than Dental Care ...

While calling Cindy to schedule her next dental appointment, Lorinda, Dental Clinic Manager, inquired about how life was going. Cindy mentioned that her mother's health was requiring the need to see a specialist in the Seattle area.



Lorinda asked when the appointment was scheduled and Cindy said that it hadn't been because there were no funds to pay for gas. They had friends they could stay with, but couldn't afford to get there.

Lorinda asked Cindy to allow for an extra 20 minutes when she came to drop off her dental follow-up form that afternoon.

When Cindy arrived and they completed the dental portion of her visit, Lorinda briefly asked if Cindy knew about the Helpline@SonBridge gas voucher program. Cindy was amazed that such a program even existed!

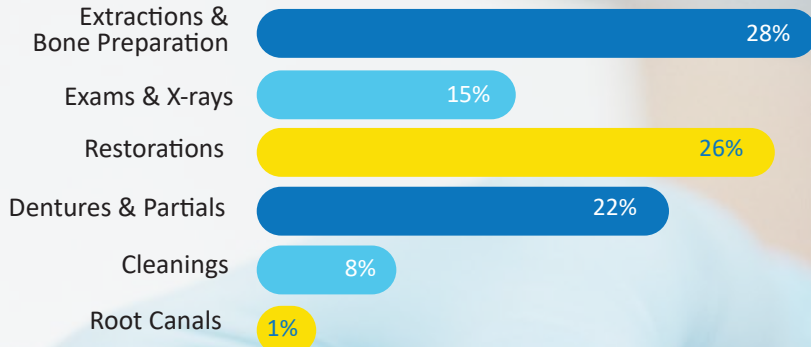
Cindy visited with Justin at Helpline@SonBridge, and she qualified for funding, and was able to get her mom to Seattle for her medical appointment.



A lot can happen within three days with Heavenly Father's help.

Service to the Community

TYPE OF PROCEDURES PERFORMED



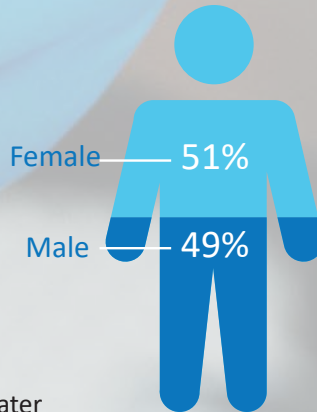
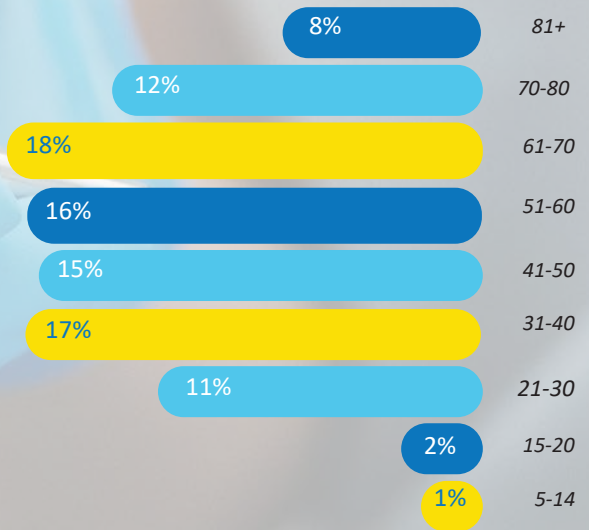
“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.”
MATTHEW 6:22

496
 Patients seen in 2024

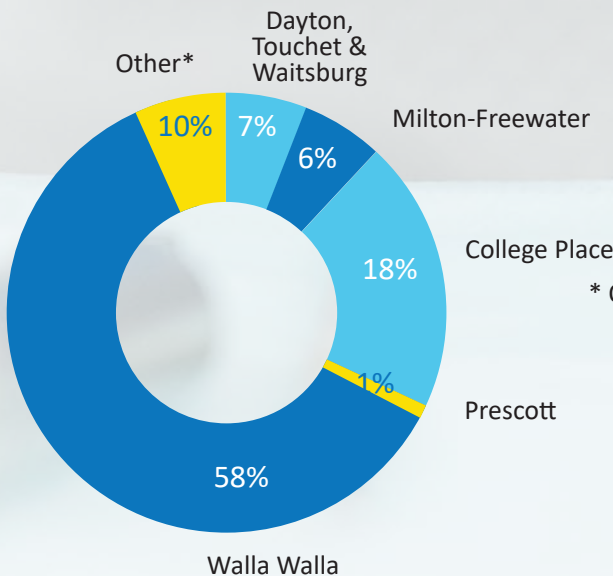
1524
 Procedures Performed in 2024

211
 2024 New Patients

AGE OF PATIENTS

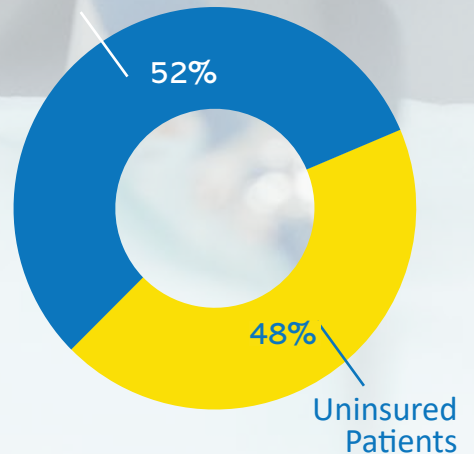


PATIENT'S HOMETOWN



- * Other Areas Served
- Kennewick, WA
 - Starbuck, WA
 - Clarkston, WA
 - Pomeroy, WA
 - Moses Lake, WA
 - Athena, OR
 - La Grande, OR
 - Elgin, OR
 - Ukiah, OR
 - Weston, OR
 - Pendleton, OR
 - Pilot Rock, OR

Medicaid Covered Patients



Financial Summary

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2023 and 2024

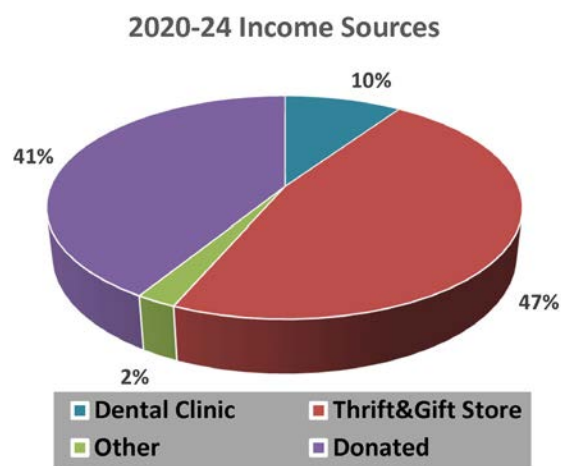
Assets	2023	2024
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 576,917	\$ 464,906
Accounts Receivable	\$ 586	\$ 826
Grants Receivable	\$ 127,412	\$ 60,875
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 39,455	\$ 13,148
Fixed Assets	\$ 2,329,021	\$ 2,234,781
Total Assets	\$ 3,073,390	\$ 2,774,537
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 141,977	\$ 94,991
Other Current Liabilities	\$ 14,852	\$ 18,552
Total Liabilities	\$ 156,829	\$ 113,543
Net Assets		
Allocated	\$ 210,764	\$ 229,018
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 328,547	\$ 185,975
Net Investment in Property and Equipment	\$ 2,329,021	\$ 2,234,781
Unrestricted	\$ 48,229	\$ 11,220
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,916,561	\$ 2,660,995
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 3,073,390	\$ 2,774,537

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The year 2024 continued with the challenge of running out of funds that were received from a special dental grant. In spite of overall reduction in revenues of 8%, SonBridge staff and volunteers were able to reduce expenses by 10% and break even.

Four operating challenges in 2024 were:

- 1) Expanding sales in the online store to offset declining sales in the retail store,
- 2) Continuing to operate the Dental Clinic past expiration of restricted funding without adequate professional staff,
- 3) State-mandated increase in minimum wage of 3.4% applying to the majority of our staff and trainees,
- 4) Significant increase in cost for professional liability insurance.

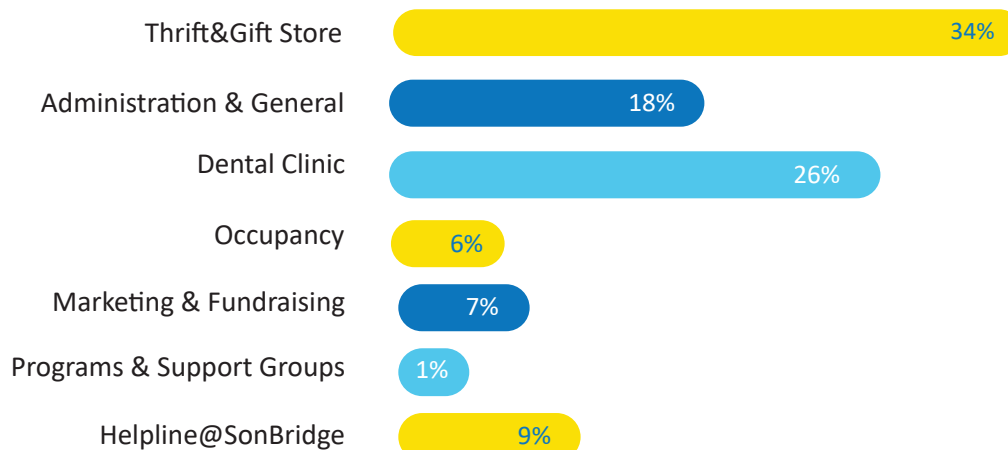


Financial Summary

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
As of December 31, 2023 and 2024

Income	2023	2024
Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 308,784	\$ 301,829
Dental & Program Services	\$ 74,364	\$ 94,258
Thrift&Gift Store	\$ 576,751	\$ 577,065
Other	\$ 28,975	\$ 30,700
Temporarily Restricted Funds - Released for Operating Purposes	\$ 364,392	\$ 238,765
Total Income	\$ 1,353,265	\$ 1,242,618
Expense by Account		
Payroll	\$ 906,752	\$ 802,797
Professional Services	\$ 185,107	\$ 157,704
Supplies	\$ 132,750	\$ 127,677
Advertising & Promotion	\$ 8,438	\$ 3,646
Banking	\$ 10,230	\$ 9,882
Family Assistance	\$ 17,065	\$ 20,028
Insurance	\$ 40,106	\$ 42,268
Interest	\$ 8	\$ 41
Maintenance	\$ 18,690	\$ 11,279
Taxes & Government Fees	\$ 7,980	\$ 9,065
Travel	\$ 1,314	\$ 8,025
Utilities	\$ 57,440	\$ 50,206
Total Expense	\$ 1,385,879	\$ 1,242,618
Net Operating Income	\$ (32,614)	\$ 0

EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT



Volunteers & Staff

Since 2005, many of our volunteers and staff have been giving back to our community since SonBridge opened its doors. Resources, time, knowledge and expertise are just a few of the contributions we greatly appreciate. Giving of themselves for others, our volunteers and staff show God's unconditional love to the people of the Walla Walla Valley.

ADMINISTRATION



FT / PT / V

THRIFT&GIFT STORE



FT / PT / V

HELPLINE@SONBRIDGE



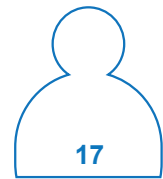
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SONBRIDGE DENTAL CLINIC



FT / PT / V

WORK PROGRAM (WWU, WWVA, BMAC, AARP-SCSEP)



PT

STAFF LEGEND: FT = FULL-TIME | PT = PART-TIME | V = VOLUNTEER



TOTAL 2024
VOLUNTEER HOURS
valued at more than
\$635,000+ per year

VOLUNTEERS' SKILLS VALUE

\$40.28 **\$52,000+**
per hour per month

15,000+
hours per month

134

TOTAL ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS

The health and longevity of our volunteers serving throughout our campus are enhanced as they live SonBridge's principles:
Connect Lives. Empower Change.



Years of Service

5+

Rosy Arrington	Linda McCloskey
Lore Azahares	Alene Morasch
Sheryl Burch	Vedra Rittenbach
Steve Chinn	Connie Saxton
Marcia Clausen	Dorita Strobel
Gary Cowles	Kyle Sullivan
Missie Dawes	Mary Sword
Kathryn Frost	Terry Trefz
Carol Lea Gill	Bryan Weber
Stan Heller	Isra Williams
Keith Kelly	Kamasha Williams
Gary Laabs	Krista Williams
Leonard Laabs	

10+

Keith Appling	Paul Linebaugh
Becky Becker	Pat Logan
Jim Cain	Hilda McClure
Rick Claridge	Martha Newbold
Cheryl Coleman	Sue Owsley
Loren Dickinson	Larry Panasuk
Allegra Gienger	Karen Peterson
Kitty Haney	Dave Russell
Kathy Hazen	Maylene Russell
Linda Hintz	Lorinda Sheldon
Debbie Jamison	Norman Thiel
Justin Jording	Lynn Venden
Susan Kenney	Corine Wallace
Liz Krueger	Kendra Weber

15+

Aileen Bauer
Yolanda Boyd
Kristyn Dybdahl
Maxine Hargreaves
Marshall Keymer
Gail Lane
Paul Rasmussen
Lois Soper

Thank You!

Leadership Team



NORMAN THIEL
Executive Director



KRISTA WILLIAMS
Thrift & Gift Store Manager



BETTY FARLEY
Marketing & Communications
Director



JUSTIN JORDING
Helpline@SonBridge
Client Services Manager



LORINDA SHELDEN
Dental Clinic Manager,
Dental Assistant



KIMBERLEY KUZMA
Strategic Communications
Manager



KITTY HANEY
Office Manager



KATHRYN FROST
Reception Manager



KAMASHA WILLIAMS
Assistant Store Manager



KRISTYN DYBDAHL
Assistant Store Manager

Key Volunteers



PAUL RASMUSSEN
Development Director



MARSHALL KEYMER
Board Chairman



STEVE CHINN
Chaplain



STEVE WALIKONIS
Chaplain

Gratitude & Grants

There are many individuals and organizations that have generously donated time and resources to help SonBridge Center for Better Living grow and give back to the community. SonBridge is grateful for each of you and for your support.

Thank You, Supporters!



The Exchange Club of Walla Walla gave a donation that is helping children who need clothing, food, and hygiene items.



Catholic Relief Services is supporting the effort to feed the homeless by providing funds for meal preparation.



Blue Mountain Community Foundation supplied funds to provide dental care through the SonBridge Dental Clinic.

Providence St. Mary Medical Center provided funds for dental care through the SonBridge Dental Clinic to help keep the Emergency Department from being the last resort for people with oral health issues.

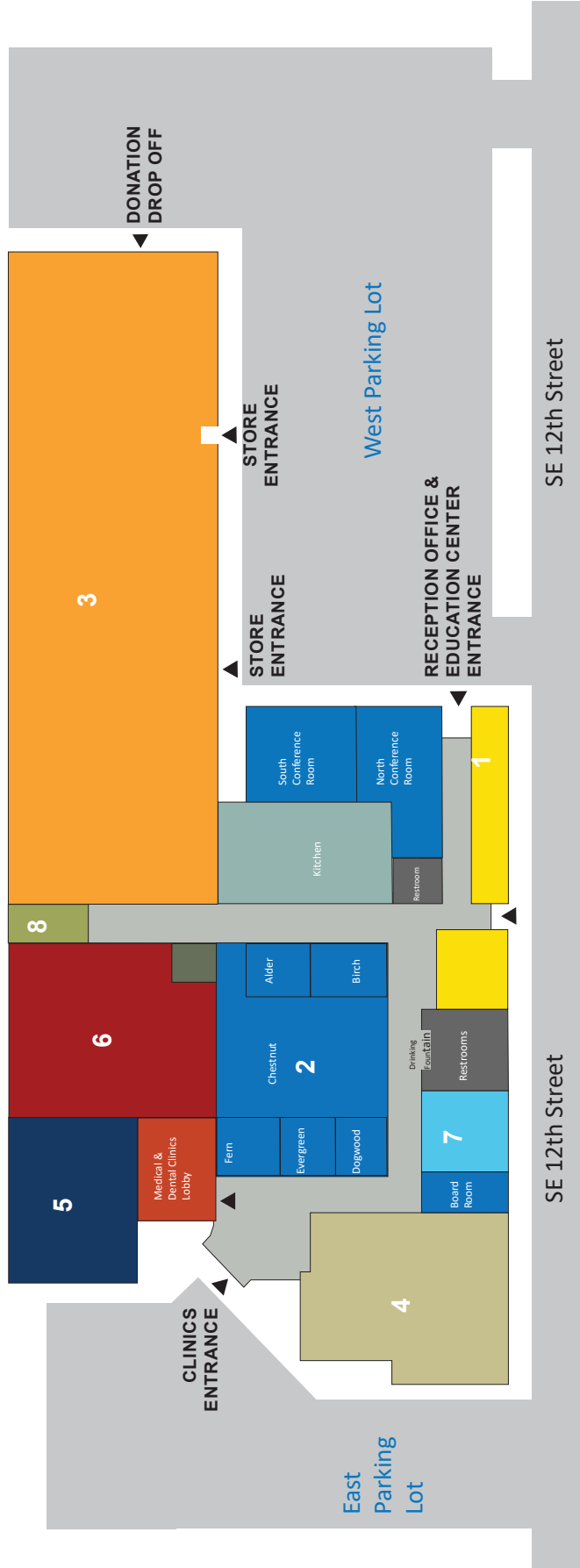


Hayden Homes provided funds to assist those in need in the Walla Walla Valley.

Blue Mountain Credit Union gave funds that allowed SonBridge to more fully provide the education and coaching needed by the underserved in our community.

"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

PROVERBS 11:25



SonBridge Services

- 1** RECEPTION OFFICE & HELPLINE@ SONBRIDGE
 - Clothing / Household Items
 - Utility / Rent Assistance
 - Referrals to Partner Agencies
- 2** EDUCATION CENTER
 - Education & Support Groups
- 3** THRIFT & GIFT STORE
 - Shop, Volunteer, Donate
- 4** THRIFT & GIFT STORE ONLINE SALES
- 5** DENTAL CLINIC
 - Low cost dental care

Partner Agencies in SonBridge Facility

- 6** SOS HEALTH SERVICES
 - Low cost medical clinic
 - Sacred sounds, inspiring hope
- 7** NEUTRAL GROUND
 - Mediation
 - Communication Training
 - Conflict Coaching
- 8** KLR RADIO 88.5 FM
 - Sacred sounds, inspiring hope

SonBridge Center for Better Living operates in a 35,000 square foot facility on two acres in College Place, Washington.

Founded in 2005, to provide direct access to low-cost community services, SonBridge seeks to understand the diverse needs of the people of the Walla Walla Valley and evolves to meet the needs in our community.

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Thank you for your support for the

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Sansom, Mark
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Saunders, Aileen
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Schwartzkopf, Eric and Rebecca
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Shultz, Dan and Carolyn
Simcock, Manford and Betty
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Soper, Lois
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AA Group
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Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understand-
ing; in all your ways acknowledge him,
and **he will make your paths straight.**

[Proverbs 3:5-6]



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