

## What specific services do volunteers offer members?

The short answer: Volunteers will step up to do pretty much whatever members ask that can be completed in short order, and is appropriate—we do not provide medical services or do jobs that require professional credentials (e.g., wiring your house). Here are some examples:

### *In the home:*

- Perform simple household tasks such as changing furnace filters, moving furniture, shoveling snow, and gardening.
- Help with occasional household needs such as laundry, dishwashing, or changing sheets.

### *Outside the home:*

- Provide transportation to and from appointments, social events, stores, banks, post-office, library etc.; and to the local airport, train station, or shuttle.
- Run errands such as picking up and delivering groceries, library books, pharmacy items.
- Take notes during a member's doctor appointment.

### *Social support:*

- Make regular phone contact.
- Pay friendly visits.
- Accompany the member on walks or to an event or activity.

## Contact Information

- ▶ **Location:**  
Bellingham Senior Activity Center  
315 Halleck Street, Room 14  
Bellingham, WA 98225
- ▶ **Phone:**  
360 746-3462
- ▶ **E-mail:**  
info@BellinghamAtHome.org
- ▶ **Website:**  
BellinghamAtHome.org



Bellingham At Home is a program of the Whatcom Council on Aging.



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<http://vtvnetwork.org/>

***Volunteer-powered, member-driven!***

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# Bellingham At Home

***A Virtual Village for Vital Adults***

**Bellingham At Home** is a volunteer-powered non-profit membership community, modeled on the many successful Virtual Villages now operating across the country. Our mission is to empower seniors to stay active and engaged while continuing to live in their own homes.



*It takes a Village to age in place with dignity and grace.*

## Membership Eligibility

Membership in Bellingham At Home is open to adults age 50-plus who live within Bellingham city limits and many outlying neighborhoods. (See a map of our service area at [BellinghamAtHome.org](http://BellinghamAtHome.org).)

## Member Benefits

- ▶ A single number to call for access to:
  - service volunteers for helping-hand chores, transportation
  - referrals to member-recommended commercial service providers
- ▶ Opportunities to support our community by volunteering in a variety of ways
- ▶ Participation in social events and member-initiated interest groups
- ▶ A closer connection to members who live in your neighborhood
- ▶ Membership in the Bellingham Senior Activity Center with its myriad social and educational events
- ▶ A monthly newsletter that keeps you informed about our community activities and compelling news
- ▶ E-blasts to remind you of upcoming events
- ▶ A voice in deciding how best to meet members' needs



## Annual Membership Fees

Supporter	\$100
Full Member	\$450
Full Member who commits to the Village for 3 years	\$400
Additional member in a household	\$50
Social Member	\$225
Sustaining Member	\$1000
Benefactor	\$2000

The membership application is available on our website. Or call us at (360) 746-3462 to request one.

## Volunteers are the lifeblood of our Village...

You do not have to be a member (or even an older adult) to volunteer, although many members do donate their time and energy to support the Village. You can choose the times, number of hours, and services you'd like to provide.

- ▶ **Direct service volunteers** respond to member requests for help with a wide range of one-time tasks.
- ▶ **Office volunteers** work regular shifts in the BAH office.
- ▶ **Leadership volunteers** serve on permanent task forces and special ad hoc committees, making and carrying out policies and procedures to run the organization.

## Donors help sustain our mission of member service, now and in the future.

Bellingham At Home welcomes one-time and annual donations of any amount, as well as legacy donations, furniture and supplies as needed, and used cars.

## BECOME PART OF A COMMUNITY THAT HAS YOUR BACK!



Please fill out the information requested below, and mail it to us at: **Bellingham At Home, 315 Halleck Street, Bellingham, WA 98225**, or leave it in a designated box at the front desk of the Bellingham Senior Activity Center. (You may also download the form online at [BellinghamAtHome.org](http://BellinghamAtHome.org).)

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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Email

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Phone

**I would like to be involved in Bellingham At Home by (please check all that apply):**

- Becoming a member
- Volunteering
- Getting on the emailing list to be informed of future events and opportunities
- Making a financial contribution.\*

*\*Please make checks payable to "Bellingham At Home." We are a program of the Whatcom Council on Aging, which is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.*