

Lynne Norton....

Her varied work background includes the Vancouver Clinic, public health, CNA instructor, flu clinics and leadership roles such as a nurse supervisor and a nurse manager. When not caring for patients, Lynne enjoys any kind of dancing and all types of music. She also enjoys any activity that makes her laugh and treasures the time she spends with her adult son. Welcome aboard Lynne!

Many ways of giving....

Community partnerships assist Lifeline Connections in providing a wellness focused lifestyle for clients. A Lifeline Connections employee "shops" at **The Giving Closet** once a month for clothing for low income or homeless clients that utilize our Sobering Unit. **Living Yoga** hosts a very popular one hour yoga session every Saturday for clients in our Residential Unit while **Community Acupuncture** provide services twice a week to clients in Detox. **Xchange Church** welcomes a group of residential clients to their worship services on Saturday evenings.

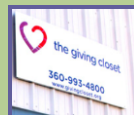
What would life be without our pets? **Dove Lewis Animal Assisted Therapy Program** and **Columbia River Pet Partners** provide three pet therapy dogs visits a month to clients in the Residential Unit where they are always well received and given lots of love and attention.

Lifeline was the recipient of a generous computer donation from **Interconnections.org**. The computers came with big hard drives and lots of memory and all were dual-monitor equipped. The dual-monitor feature was a bonus for key staff locations.

The **HOSA** (Health Occupation Student Organization) program at **Heritage High School** sponsored a very successful clothing drive for clients in our Sober Unit. HOSA provides students with the opportunity to learn more about the medical field at the same time as developing leadership skills and giving back to the community. This ambitious group will be spearheading a sock drive later in the school year to benefit Lifeline clients.

Lifeline staff also reaches out into the community to provide outreach services at the **Needle Exchange** every Monday where we help individuals gain access to community resources including treatment services. A licensed Lifeline Connections mental health counselor performs mental health assessments to patients whom physicians at the **Rose Urgent Care Clinic**, Vancouver Office, identify may have a mental health disorder. If the patient is not able to meet with the counselor at the clinic they are scheduled for an appointment at one of Lifeline's three mental health offices.

Do you have ideas of ways your organization can help? Contact Shannon Edgel,
sedgel@lifelineconnections.org.



Orchards and Camas offices now open...

The Camas office (329 NE Lechner, Camas) is the second office to open while the Orchards (11917 NE 95th Street, Vancouver) office opened late July. Open Houses were held at both locations that welcomed members of the community, local political leaders, clients and staff. Each location offers a full array of mental health services including individual and group therapy and medication management, group family therapy and easy access to a major bus line.

