



Oak Harbor, WA

Winter News 2017

Our mission: Serving People In Need. We do this by providing free meal services, vocational training, a drop in center, resources, information, and community meeting space for all.

Spin client profile – Leann

“I’ve lived on Whidbey all my life,” she said, brown eyes twinkling. She gave her class year, “except, well... I dropped out,” she told a couple guys volunteering for the Point-in-Time count with a clipboard, clean socks and a few questions.

Leann shivered against the morning chill. “People are nice here,” she said, “mostly. Somebody will yell at me to get a job, and I think, ‘man, you don’t know anything about me.’ I mean, maybe they should try walking in my shoes.”

Leann works odd jobs, but after being evicted and going four years without a home, she was injured in a car accident and barely gets around to work at all. She takes help as she finds it, and gets a free meal here and there. She’s still on a waiting list for subsidized housing. And she still sleeps on the street. “It was so cold last week, I was crying all night.”

It’s been a cold winter. What would Leann say to those that want all the homeless people to go away?

“This is my home. This is where I live, this is where I’m from. I’m doing the best I can. It’s just not enough, and who’s to say it would be any better somewhere else?” We thanked Leann and headed off to find more neighbors to count.

“Hey? Guys?” ...We turned back to her... “Thanks for the socks.”

Leann is a real person, but that’s not her real name.

A note from Vivian



What an amazing four years it's been! I thought it was a pipe dream, providing free laundry and showers so our neighbors might go about their day with dignity. But from that dream came a warm and happy place where we served nearly nine thousand hot meals last year! So many people have been a part of it, and there's no way to thank everyone. We still have much more work to do. We started 2017 with 737 meals served in January. Spin serves a real need in our community and we are glad you're part of it. Thank you!

- **Vivian Rogers Decker, Founder, President**
Spin Cafe



Thanks to Haggen Oak Harbor for your ongoing support as we serve the needs of our neighbors here on Whidbey Island. On weekends when we're not serving a full dinner, our guests can still count on something tasty and wonderful from the good folks at Haggen.

We need your help!

Donate via Paypal - www.spincafeoh.org

Mail a check: PO Box 2438 Oak Harbor WA 98277

Or come visit. We can always use your donations of coffee, tea, cocoa, and lemonade. Thank you!

Spin is located at 658 SE Bayshore Drive, next to the Oak Harbor bus station.

- Friday to Monday, Noon to 6PM
- Tuesday to Thursday, 3PM to 6PM

Spin Café Oak Harbor
PO Box 2438
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Spin Cafe's Mission:

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Location:

658 SE Bayshore Drive, Oak Harbor WA 98277 (directly behind the bus station)

Hours:

Friday through Monday: Noon to 6pm (Drop-in center)
Tuesday through Thursday: 3pm to 6pm (Dinner served at 4pm)

We would love to hear from you! To get involved, please contact:

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