

Love in Action



In 1887, a young Lutheran pastor disembarked a ship in the "raw frontier town" of Poulsbo. Ingebrit Tollefson arrived from Minneapolis with a mission to grow a congregation among the Norwegian immigrants, and to also create a children's home to care for orphans & the needy offspring of pioneer families. The home, founded in 1891, was called *Martha & Mary*. Generations of Poulsbo children would spend their formative years on the 40-acre *Martha & Mary* farm, as the town put down roots around it. The ministry eventually expanded into care for seniors when that became a pressing need in the community.



In 2018, Silverdale Lutheran contributed \$3,704.00 to support *Martha & Mary's* ministry. SLC pastors lead worship there several times a year. Other SLC folks also give generously of their resources & time. SLC members, Susan Eagan & Don Lachata, currently serve on the *Martha & Mary* Board of Trustees. SLC was a key leader in the *Microbrews for Martha & Mary* fall fundraiser. Thanks to everyone for your support!



SLC members, Dave & Sue Gitch, received the 2018 Philanthropy Award, honoring more than 26 years of involvement with *Martha & Mary*, first as family members and then as volunteers and members of the Board of Trustees. In Dave and Sue's own words, "We continue to be impressed with not only the mission of *Martha & Mary*, but also with the fact that its leadership and staff "walk the talk." In an increasingly complex and changing health care world, *Martha & Mary* continues to care for all, regardless of socio-economic status. It will be there for us, too, when we need it."



Martha & Mary options:

Bay Vista Commons - Bremerton
Village Green Senior Apartments - Kingston
Ebenezer Senior Retirement Apts - Poulsbo

Martha & Mary provides Long Term Care including Memory, Palliative and Respite Care



Martha & Mary

- A circle of care for the circle of life -

Martha & Mary's mission is to provide quality, compassionate care and intergenerational experiences for children, adults, and seniors regardless of faith, ethnicity, or economic status. They do this in a Christian manner by offering those they serve caring rehabilitation, a safe place to grow and learn, and an opportunity to live with dignity, honor, and individuality.

Martha & Mary is Greater Kitsap's trusted care partner, serving our community from Gig Harbor to Bainbridge Island to Kingston, across the Hood Canal to Jefferson County, and south to Mason County. Their wide range of care services ease families through life's transitions. This region relies on *Martha & Mary* as they serve individuals from the beginning of life to the end of life. In 2018, over 550 employees served 950 children and 1,165 seniors/adults. Strongly committed to service access, *Martha & Mary* chooses to subsidize expenses for undercompensated care.

Thank you, Martha & Mary, for being an amazing nonprofit organization truly doing God's work with your many hands and servant hearts!



Throughout its 128 year history, local Lutheran churches have faithfully supported *Martha & Mary's* mission of caring. SLC is one of the now eight *Martha & Mary Member Congregations*, all located in Poulsbo, Silverdale, Bremerton & Bainbridge Island.



Martha & Mary offers childcare and early learning programs for children ages 4 weeks to five years. Before & after school care and summer programs are provided up to age 12.

Martha & Mary's signature Intergenerational Program brings children from their child care centers to local senior living communities to participate in activities with senior residents that bridge the generations and enrich lives.



Martha & Mary Rehab offers Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy...specializing in Cardiac Recovery & Orthopedic Rehabilitation



Exceptional in-home care to seniors and adults throughout Greater Kitsap County - also has Geriatric Care Managers

God's work. Our hands.