Volunteer of the Year

Judy and Jack Odell

Jack and Judy Odell have been assistant chaplains in the jail for over 10 years. Judy is head women’s assistant chaplain.

Because the jail does not provide glasses for inmates, the Odells have paid thousands of dollars from their foundation to pay for thousands of reading glasses for inmates over the years. Jack also repairs broken glasses at the jail.

Judy manages all of the jail ministry women volunteers in placement into the modules and fields questions and concerns. She spends many hours putting together various county resource lists for inmates and regularly updates these lists. Judy leads the music effort in the jail during Christmas time.

Jack is responsible for contacting organizations about their donated materials for the jail. He teaches a weekly Bible class for 20+ men each week in a classroom and is the “tech wizard” in the jail’s Chaplain’s office.

Together, they have personally donated hundreds of books to the jail, spent countless hours in the Chaplain’s office responding to inquiries from inmates and delivering materials. Together they teach men’s chapel and women’s chapel once per month.

For being a vital part of the jail’s Chaplain program and their dedication to the well-being, both physically and spiritually, of inmates at the Snohomish County jail, the 2016 Volunteer of the Year is awarded to Judy and Jack Odell.