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**The Ridgefield Thrift Shop recently hosted its first-ever grant recipient open house, welcoming the 81 grant recipients of 2022. From left are Anette Robertson, James Mose, Jenny Bender and Shirley Van Dam.**

## Thrift Shop hosts grant recipient open house

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On April 12, the Ridgefield Thrift Shop hosted its first-ever grant recipient open house, welcoming the 81 grant recipients of 2022.

The Thrift Shop has been serving Ridgefield since 1937. Staffed entirely by volunteers, RTS donates all revenue to local charities.

Its mission is simple: to support local non-profit organizations through recycling, re-purposing and reselling generously-donated goods, and provide the opportunity to purchase affordable merchandise at the shop.

“It was a great celebration of all of the hard work of our RTS members, and we loved the opportunity to share how we raise money with many of the organizations who had never even walked (into) our store before,” RTS President Patricia Hellman said in a release. “We are so blessed to be part of such a generous community. It is a team effort (of) the donors, the volunteers, the shoppers and the recipients who serve.”

There are many wonderful organizations in the greater Ridgefield area, from soup kitchens to public safety, to the arts and animals. RTS encourages residents to keep donations coming so it can continue to support the local community.

For a complete list of this year’s grant recipients, visit [www.RidgefieldThriftShop.com](http://www.RidgefieldThriftShop.com).