

Hollie Kero was born and raised in the Longview area. Her family has been a part of the Salvation Army for around 100 years, so Hollie grew up volunteering through the church. The family would ring bells together at Christmas time, feed people on Thanksgiving, and volunteer for anything that the church needed.

Hollie is currently a member of Longview Presbyterian Church, where she joins others in volunteering for the Severe Weather Shelter. While volunteering at the shelter, Hollie was asked to join their team as an employee. At the time Hollie owned a restaurant with her family, but she knew that the work at the shelter was what she really wanted to do. Hollie became a full-time employee at Love Overwhelming in June of 2020 and these days works at Lower Columbia CAP as a housing case manager and care coordinator.

Hollie's aspiration is to use her skills and deep community experience to give others a hand up into economic stability. Her service on the Family Promise of Cowlitz County Board of Directors is part of fulfilling that objective.