



Toy Rescue Mission NEWSLETTER



The Easter Bunny is hopping our way

Our next great project is the Annual Easter Basket Distribution. We'll be filling baskets with traditional Easter goodies to give to underprivileged children. This project needs help from caring people who can donate their time and resources. The items most needed to fill the baskets are:

New or gently-used baskets

Individually-wrapped candy

Toddler snacks (i.e., Goldfish crackers)

Chocolate bunnies

Small toys

Crayons and coloring books

If you received an Easter Basket from us last year, could you return it so we can refill it for another child? Thank you...

For those who'd like to help with the basket assembly we would appreciate a few hours of your time between April 5 and 21. Specifically, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. It's great fun! Last year we put together 978 baskets so we need lots of helping hands to create just as many this year. Call 460-6711 to schedule a time. And please bring your donations to TRM by April 2.

Families who qualify to receive an Easter Basket may place their order between April 11 and 20. The baskets will be assembled and ready for pickup by April 21.

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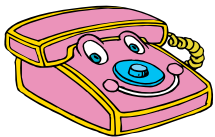
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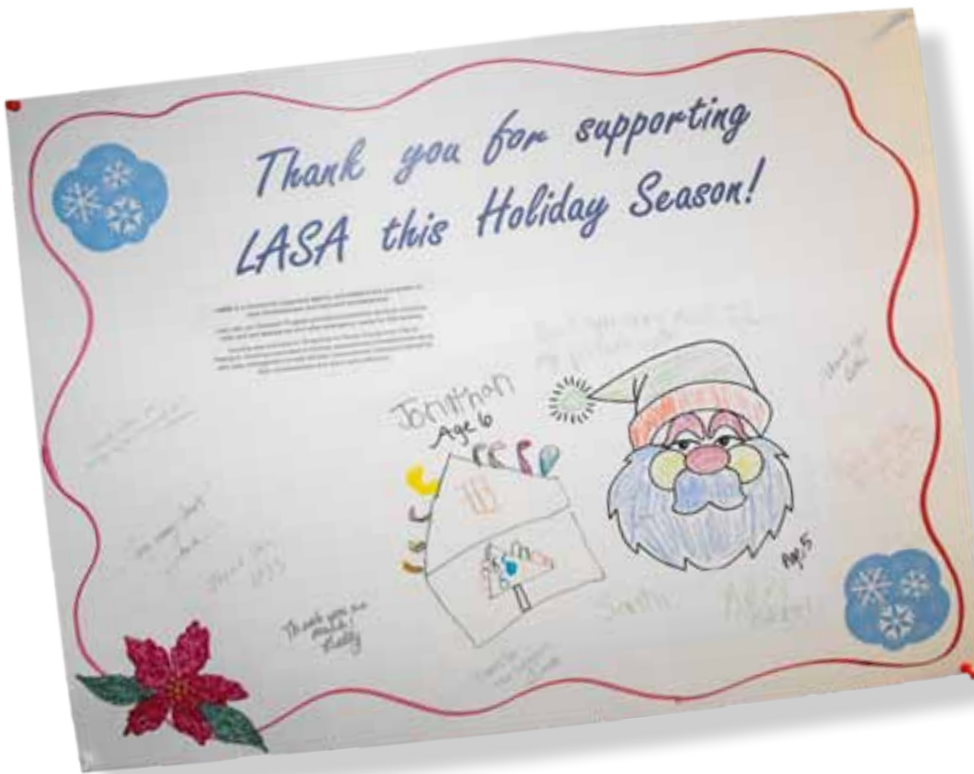
When You Call Us

You will be able to choose OPTION 1 for general information; OPTION 2 for details regarding birthday, Easter and Christmas gifts; and OPTION 3 for our volunteer hotline.

(253) 460-6711

Help from Fred Meyer

We are eagerly awaiting the Easter contributions from employees at the Fred Meyer on 19th and Stevens. They set up a large box in their break room to collect Easter baskets, candy and new toys. Your company could do the same to help us fill our baskets. Call us for more information.



LASA Shows Their Appreciation

This agency was very excited to receive Christmas gifts for their clients. LASA is an agency committed to the prevention of homelessness. They provide emergency needs to families in Pierce County and Toy Rescue Mission was a part of their holiday celebration. The children were very grateful for their new toys and made this great poster to show their appreciation.

Special Military Christmas Gifts

We sent portable magnetic games to soldiers serving in Afghanistan. They were small enough to fit in a rucksack and would provide some entertainment while in an isolated place or during some downtime. Many of these games had pieces that were too small for young children so we decided to re-distribute them to adults. It helped the military and reduced waste on our end.

Positions Available

You could serve our community in a special way by joining the TRM Board or staff. Please consider filling one of these positions: Vice President, Advisory Board Member or Building Maintenance.

Grants received from

Milgard Foundation

REI

Ben B. Cheney Foundation

will help us continue our mission of serving those children and seniors in need of toys to comfort them.

Our Mission Statement

Toy Rescue Mission is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization committed to the innovative refurbishing (rescuing) of used toys with the objective of providing joy to underprivileged children and to seniors in care facilities, while providing meaningful volunteer opportunities.

Executive Board

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Volunteer Staff

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Newsletter Editor, Melody Cummings 383-2301
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Christmas Gift Distribution

Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers who helped with our annual Christmas gift distribution by refurbishing toys, working on special projects and offering language interpretation. Through everyone's efforts we gave gifts to **2700** children from individual families and 19 local agencies. We also served **741** senior citizens at University Place Care Center, Tacoma Lutheran, Park Rose, Brookdale Assisted Living and Cassidy Adult Family Home. In addition, we supported the Washington and Oregon State Grand Assembly, Order of the Golden Circle Annual Senior Luncheon. *Certainly all these recipients had a brighter Christmas because of the TRM gifts.*

Toy Drives

We would like to acknowledge our community partners that hosted toy drives during the Christmas holiday to increase our gift selection.

Harbor Christian Center

REI - Kent

Rushforth Construction

Stadium High School Navy R.O.T.C.

Rochester Middle School

Tahoma Associates

TruBlue Corporation

Rochester High School

Brown and Brown Insurance

Comprehensive Mental Health



Also, thank you K-Mart on 6th Ave for allowing us to stage a toy drive at your location.

Fantastic Volunteers

We appreciate ALL the volunteers who generously gave of their time and talents to make our distribution a success. Special thanks goes to these teams who helped us:

Goodwill Youth Build

Washington High School

Bethel High School

United Way Youth

UW Tacoma Student's in Service

Tacoma Chapter #38, O.E.S.



Thanks also goes to:

Reuben Kvamme, TRM Property Owner

Chuck Holme

Heritage Propane

Melissa Parker

New Evolutions, LLC

Barry and Becky Reid

Toy Rescue Mission Board

Clarence Davis

Kirk Johnston

Prince Hall Grand Chapter, OES

REI, Cindy Collett

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