



Toy Rescue Mission NEWSLETTER

FAMILY SUMMERFEST & BBQ



Free Admission

**Saturday
August 28
12 noon to 4 pm**

**at Afifi Shrine Pavillion
815 S. Vassault in Tacoma**

(come rain or shine!)

Join us for a fun festival for the whole family!

Feast on delicious:

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Baked Beans
- Watermelon
- and more

- Prize Drawings
- Silent Auction
- Music
- Clowns
- Root Beer Floats
- Cake Walk
- Dessert Auction
with Joe Stortini

*Free Frisbee
for the first
200 kids!*

**Hawaiian
Dance Group
"Hula Halau
O'Kealaakua"**

*Bring a
blanket to
sit on.*

**Kids Games \$1 each
including an Inflatable Bounce House**

**Help to support Toy Tescue Mission as we continue to
provide toys to underprivileged children.**

Advanced BBQ Ticket Sales: Children \$5 Adults \$7
(includes a drawing ticket for a prize and a free toot beer float or two free game tickets)

For more information call: 253.460.6711 or visit www.toyrescuemission.org

BBQ Ticket Sales at Event: Children \$7 Adults \$9

Welcome to our Two New Staff Members

Char Schmitke
Stacey Swinson



We wish to thank
Katrina Miller
for serving as the
Volunteer Coordinator
these past two years.



Volunteer Positions Available

Would you like to help TRM in a very important capacity? We have three positions available to fill. Please consider volunteering as Treasurer, Special Events Coordinator, or Building Maintenance.

Contact Martha at:
martha@toyrescuemission.org.

Notes from our President, Martha Davis

Thanks for all the support over these past few months. I am still very much energized by the enthusiasm of our staff and volunteers to keep TRM on track. We are still moving on towards our goals of raising much needed funds to keep TRM open for years to come. Thanks to all the individuals and businesses who donate money, toys, office supplies and other products to help keep our expenses down. We could not be a success without you.

We are excited to have the 19th and Stevens and the River Road Fred Meyers be continued partners. They have reached out to us even when we didn't ask. Christine Campise is a true supporter and we appreciate her. I cannot possibly thank the World Vision Resource Center in Fife. They have gone the extra mile for us many times and we are humbled and grateful.

We did lose our long time Volunteer Coordinator Katrina Miller. Katrina accepted a long sought after full-time position with another agency and we wish her much happiness. We are very excited about Katrina's replacement in Char Schmitke. Char has already proven that she is going to be a great asset to TRM. She has brought a new level of energy to TRM and we are very happy to have her on board. In addition, we have hired a new Administrative Assistant, Stacey Swinson. Stacey brings a lot of experience and has jumped in excited and ready to work. She has made a lot of new contacts for us and we already have some of these participating in our Summerfest Event.

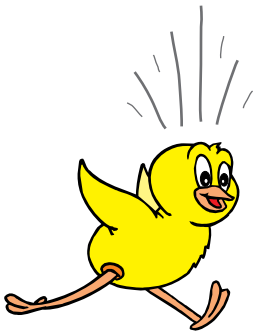
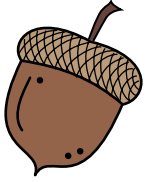
I do have to mention one new volunteer, Ms. Cheri Cason. Cheri has been a great help in soliciting items for our Summerfest Event and we can't say thank you enough. She has made personal donations as well as called upon people that she knows.

Whenever you start to say thank you, you always forget someone. So I'm going to stop and thank my entire board, staff and every volunteer in advance for all their hard work. This event and its success are critical to the future of TRM and it takes a TEAM to get it done. I could never have pulled this off alone. We will have a recognition and awards luncheon for all participants at a later time.

Finally, Christmas is closer than you think. With so many families in need, we cannot wait until the last minute to start planning. We are currently in need of items appropriate for ages 10-15. Small hand-held electronics, board games, puzzles, sporting goods or any item that a teenager might want. Based upon last year, we estimate that we will serve more than 3,000 children in the month of December, so every item is critical. If you don't have time to go shopping, please donate by sending us a personal check or by using the PayPal button on our website. Please specify HOLIDAY when you donate. Again, I thank you for all your faith in TRM and I know you will not let us fail.

God Bless, Martha

The sky is falling! The sky is falling!



We all know the story of Chicken Little and the ruckus he created when he told everyone that the world was coming to an end, when in fact an acorn had just fallen on his head. Well, an economic acorn has fallen upon Toy Rescue Mission, and there's no need to panic. What has been called "The Great Recession" has affected everyone -- including non-profit organizations. As we all tighten our purse strings and eliminate unnecessary spending, charitable contributions are one of the first to go. Does this mean that Toy Rescue Mission is doomed to failure? Absolutely not! Although Toy Rescue Mission's finances have been strained over the last few months, we refuse to admit defeat. More importantly, we are changing our outlook and our attitude. Rather than lead this organization with the fear that we will not be around next season, we move forward with the hope and determination that we must do all we can to provide our services to the families that are counting on us. As many of us have begun to do in our own household budgets, we are adapting to the changing economy: learning how to do more with less, using our creativity rather than our wallet, and getting better about asking for help. We would like to share our unrelenting optimism with you, our faithful supporters. You are one of the main reasons that Toy Rescue Mission has been able to continue its joyful endeavors, and for that we are immensely thankful.

Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction

We have plans to host a fun dinner event with live music and a silent auction to raise funds for TRM. The date will be announced later.



Shop at Macy's and help TRM at the same time

Buy a fundraising card at Toy Rescue Mission for \$5 and get *Special Discounts* on October 16th purchases at Macy's. It is good at all their stores and on-line.

Executive Board

President, Martha Davis
Vice President, Francesca Rossellini
Secretary, Beth Parker
Treasurer, (vacant position)
PR/Marketing Director, Johana Beresky
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Philip Turner, Advisor
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Paid Staff

Administrative Assistant, Stacey Swinson 460-6711
Volunteer Coordinator, Char Schmitke 460-6711

Volunteer Staff

Building Maintenance, (position vacant)
Newsletter Editor, Melody Cummings
Web Master, Scott Brown
Literacy Coordinator, Barbara Robak
Special Events Coordinator, (position vacant)

Christmas is coming...

Every year Toy Rescue Mission distributes toys to underprivileged children and lap blankets to seniors in assisted care facilities. Please consider helping us prepare for this extensive project. We need lots of 'elves' to sort and clean toys. Then during the distribution we will need language interpreters and people to restock the store shelves. You could also donate cash or gifts for teens, i.e. games or electronic items. Think about how you can help and reserve a few days for us in early December. Your time and contributions will give many children and seniors a very happy Christmas.

Call us at 253-460-6711 to let us know how you would like to help.

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Unless

someone like you
cares a whole awful
lot,
nothing is going to
get better.

It's not.

~Dr. Seuss

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.