



# Toy Rescue Mission NEWSLETTER



## Easter Basket Update

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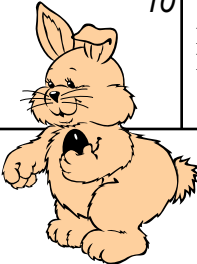
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Thanks to a recent contact from Goodwill Industries employees: Peter Elling, Kevin Kildun and Dawn Gray, Goodwill is partnering this year with Toy Rescue Mission to help our 'Easter bunnies' complete basket assembly so we can distribute filled Easter baskets to underprivileged children. This not only means that a donation of baskets, books and plastic eggs will be coming our way,

but will also provide us with some much-needed volunteer help! Over a two week period in March, teens and young adults will be assisting with basket production as they enlist in the **2009 Pierce County Global Youth Service Day(s)**.

But in order for this Easter season to be successful, we will still be in need of YOUR volunteer support and help with the following:

*Individually-wrapped candy, chocolate bunnies (min. 5" high), toddler treats (Goldfish crackers, animal crackers, gummy treats), small toys (bubbles, Matchbox cars), 1-2" wide pastel ribbon and bows with ties.*

<i>Easter basket donation collection -- March 1-21</i>						MARCH 21 Basket Assembly Begins 8:30am - 1:00pm
22	23	24 Basket Assembly 10am - 3pm	25 Basket Assembly 10am - 3pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm	26 Basket Assembly 10am - 3pm	27	28 Basket Assembly 8:30am - 1:00pm
29	30	31 Basket Assembly 10am - 3pm	APRIL 1 Basket Assembly 10am - 3pm and 6:30 - 8:30pm	2 Basket Assembly 10am - 3pm	3	4 Basket Assembly Ends 8:30am - 1:00pm
5	6	7 Family Basket Pick-Up 10am - 3pm	8 Family Basket Pick-Up 10am - 3pm	9 Family Basket Pick-Up 10am - 3pm	10	11 Family Basket Pick-Up 8:30 - 10:30am
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# Monthly Volunteer Recognition Program

## Diane Pedersen

Diane has been chosen as the volunteer of the month for February. For the past six years she has been the backbone of TRM. She was Project Coordinator for several years and served as Vice President for two years. Now Diane frequently comes in to assess the hundreds of donated toys that arrive almost daily. She helps sort and repair them, then shrink wraps the ones that require it. If a question arises about distribution efficiency she usually has a great idea. You might find her organizing the workroom or storage room. Diane also works with the Truman students on Tuesdays and Thursdays as they refurbish toys. Her stick-to-it-ness is tempered by health issues and we are grateful for her dedication. Diane is worthy of much respect for a job well done.

## Alice Jones

Alice was honored as the volunteer of the month for March. She has been for many years what we affectionately call our 'doll lady'. A sensitive saint, she comes in once a week to sort dolls and create sets that include a doll, clothes, shoes and a blanket. Some of the clothes she even sews herself. She has outgrown the 9'x9' doll room, so we had to set-up a separate holding tank for new donations. We appreciate her high standard of excellence which has delighted the many children who receive these chosen treasures.

## Join Our Board

We still have a Board position left to fill – **Special Events Coordinator**. This person would plan and coordinate our main seasonal events, primarily Christmas, Easter and Summer Fairs. Since these programs have been on-going for many years this position requires someone with initiative and new ideas who will ensure our programs continue to operate efficiently. If you are interested in this position please contact Karol Barkley at 253-565-6201.

## PayPal



Toy Rescue Mission is now able to receive donations from around the world through the PayPal feature on our website. Just click on the "PayPal" button located on the right side of our website or "Monetary Gifts" in the column on the left side.

*It's easy and secure!*

## Volunteer's Birthdays

**Daniel Gronvold** March 10  
**Bill Hartman** March 11  
**Haley Gross** March 18  
**Emily Kotter** March 24  
**Allan Hagen** April 10  
**Cecile Malik** April 13  
**Glenn Dread** April 22  
**Katie Coberly** April 27



Find the hidden SAILBOAT in this newsletter and be the first to call (253)460-6711 to win a great prize. Our last winner was Robin Mallette. She donated her prize of an OCB gift card to TRM after finding the hidden kite on page 1 in the image of the gift bag.

## Congratulations

...to Juan Moody who won our monthly volunteer drawing after donating his time. He chose a gift card from Old Country Buffet as his prize.



### Executive Board

President, Karol Barkley 565-6201  
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 Secretary, Beth Parker  
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 Philip Turner  
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### Volunteer Staff

Building Maintenance, Kerry Goelman  
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 Newsletter Editor, Melody Cummings 383-2301  
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 Literacy Coordinator, Barbara Robak  
 Development Director, Francesca Rossellini

### Paid Part-time Staff

Administrative Assistant, Linda Goelman 460-6711  
 Volunteer Coordinator, Katrina Miller 460-6711



## Read-a-Thon

With the oversight of BreAnn Walter, a recent TRM recruit (and DaVita employee), our county-wide Read-a-Thon planning is in full swing. We are grateful to BreAnn and the students of Mary Fox's Tacoma Community College English 101 classes for hosting this event. We are also grateful to the following schools who were THE FIRST to sign up for this event. More districts and schools are signing up every day!

**Tacoma School District #10**  
**University Place School District**  
**Yelm**



## Adopt-a-Work Party

Katrina Milller, our Volunteer Coordinator, is looking for groups, churches, businesses, organizations and clubs that would be willing to 'adopt' TRM for one work party (two hours) each month. That group would recruit its members to volunteer at the same time once a month for a period of six months to a year. If you know of a group that would like to participate, please contact Katrina at 253-460-6711.



## Scrapbooking Fundraiser

Beth Parker along with Diana Herron, a Creative Memories Consultant, will be hosting another fun scrapbooking event at TRM this spring on April 25 from 10am-6pm. The cost to participate is \$25 per person, which includes snacks, lunch and great drawings. To attend, please contact Diana at [www.mycmsite.com/dianaherron](http://www.mycmsite.com/dianaherron); or Beth at [jnbparker@yahoo.com](mailto:jnbparker@yahoo.com) or 253-426-2699. Approximately 75% of all proceeds for this event will go directly to Toy Rescue Mission. **Come join us!**

## Spaghetti Feed



Please consider hosting a Spaghetti Feed at your church or organization to benefit Toy Rescue Mission. Our wonderful new Development Director, Francesca Rossellini, is scheduling dates now. Papa Eddy will be providing the food at your location for a minimum fee. It will cover event expenses, with any profit going directly to TRM for operation and support needs.

## Thank You

*to the following contributors:*

**Devina Thomson**  
**Optimist Club of West Tacoma**  
**Wayne Solberg**  
**Jamie DeVane**  
**Cindy Wolfer**  
**Karen Onstad**  
**Comforters NW**  
**Carol Singh**  
**Stacey Smith**  
**Alex Graywolfe**  
**Julius Gibson, Seattle Firefighter**



## Grants Received

**Bamford Foundation**  
**GAP Foundation**  
**Ben B. Cheney Foundation**  
**Pierce County Network**  
**Super Valu (Albertsons)**



### 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.

# National Volunteer Recognition Week • April 19-25

A heartfelt thank you goes out to ALL of the 492 volunteers that donated 9,276 hours out of their busy schedules to accomplish great things in 2008! See our website: [toyrescuemission.org](http://toyrescuemission.org) in the Events & Extras link for a detailed summary of all that was achieved.

Based on a national survey, sponsored by the MetLife Foundation, of more than 4,000 adults, a series of reports explores the why, how, and who behind the extraordinary everyday generosity—both in time and money—of American households.

The Key Findings: **Households** 89% of households give; the average annual contribution for contributors is \$1,620. **Individuals** 44% of adults volunteer; 83.9 million American adults volunteer, representing the equivalent of over 9 million full-time employees at a value of \$239 billion.

But this information is national, so how does it relate to TRM? According to the latest stats available, the estimated dollar value of volunteer time in 2007 was \$19.51 per hour. This would mean that if you volunteered your time to TRM in 2007 or 2008, the minimum dollar value of your contribution collectively would have been worth a staggering total of –  
**\$180,984.52** to our organization!



## Volunteers

*are seldom paid;  
not because they are  
worthless  
but because they are  
priceless.*

