



# Toy Rescue Mission NEWSLETTER



## ELVES WANTED

### FOR TOY DISTRIBUTION



Must have Christmas Cheer! Flexible volunteer shifts on and off-site. Snacks provided. Ability to work well with others.

#### Positions Include:

- Toy Restorers
- Shelf Stockers
- Reception for Clients
- Toy Drive Coordinators
- Toy Drive Collection/Pick Up
- Shopping Assistants
- Decorators
- Snack Coordinators for Volunteers
- Work Party Leaders



#### Location

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**W**e are preparing for our annual Christmas gift distribution and need lots of 'elves' to accomplish this task. It's a wonderful way to help underprivileged children and seniors in care facilities in our community. Volunteers return year after year for this event because they really enjoy it. Last year we served 2,566 children and 741 seniors during Christmas with a total of **16,878 gifts**. So Toy Rescue Mission is in need of energetic individuals to help from late November to December 17. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at 253-460-6711.

*See the calendar on page 3 for all our holiday volunteer opportunities.*

#### When You Call Us

You will be able to choose OPTION 2 for detailed information on birthday and Christmas gifts, and OPTION 3 for our volunteer hotline.



**Help us give a more joyful Christmas to thousands of underprivileged people in Pierce County.**

# Volunteer Recognition

Thank you to these groups for offering their time and talents to help us provide toys to children and gifts to seniors in need.

- United Way Youth United**
- Pierce County Teen Council**
- Steilacoom High School**
- Bellermine Prep**
- Tacoma Rescue Youth**
- Goodwill Youth Build**

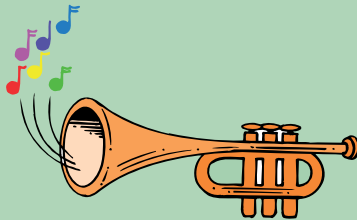


We would also like to acknowledge the members of **Tacoma Chapter #38, O.E.S.** for their faithful service to Toy Rescue Mission. This group of dedicated ladies has supported us continuously with restoration of games, toys and dolls throughout the year. *Thank you so much for your support.*



And special thanks goes to some of our most faithful volunteers who consistently prepare toys for their final distribution.

- Diane Pedersen**
- Carol O'Conner**
- Dixie Arneklev**
- Patricia Cavanaugh**



# Grants Received

Through the benevolence of

- DeFalco Family Foundation**
- Ben B. Cheney Foundation**
- Fred Meyer Foundation**
- Milgard Foundation**
- United Way**
- Korum for Kids**
- Soroptimist Club**
- Kirk Johnston Family, Houston TX**
- World Vision**



we are able to continue our mission to serve thousands of children who would have no Christmas or birthday presents if not for our organization.



## A heartfelt thanks to those who help us serve...

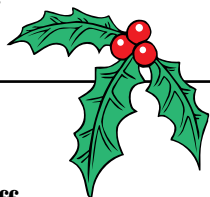
- Christine Campise, Fred Meyer Mgr.**
- Rueben Kvamme/Chuck Holme, property owners**
- Batteries Plus**
- Stephanie Davis**
- Anonymous donors**



## 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: Development Director, Assistant Marketing Director, Volunteer Recruiter, Project Coordinators, Doll Re-furbishers, Special Event Coordinators, Grant Writers or Building Maintenance.

**NOTICE:** The blue bins outside our facility will be removed on November 1 and returned again in January. This will allow us time to prepare the toys we currently have.



### Executive Board

- President, Martha Davis 253-307-1975
- Vice President, (position pending)
- Secretary, Beth Parker
- Treasurer, Michelle Thordarson
- PR/Marketing Director, (position vacant)
- Philip Turner, Melody Cummings, Ray Smith

### Volunteer Staff

- Building Maintenance, (position vacant)
- Newsletter Editor, Melody Cummings
- Web Master, Scott Brown 861-1680



# NOV Holiday Schedule

		<b>1</b> Work Party	<b>2</b> Work Party	<b>3</b> Work Party	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Work Party 8:30 - 10:30am
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<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Work Party	<b>16</b> Work Party	<b>17</b> Work Party	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Work Party 8:30 - 10:30am
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Decorate TRM</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6th Ave K-Mart TOY DRIVE
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	 <div style="border: 2px dashed orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Join Tacoma Goodwill Youth on November 22 to decorate TRM for Christmas. <b>Let's make it festive!</b></p> </div>		

# DEC

		<b>1</b> Family Distribution 9am-3pm Restock Shelves	<b>2</b> Family Distribution 9am-3pm Restock Shelves	<b>3</b>		
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# TRM Toy Drives

We are fortunate to have caring organizations and businesses setting up donation boxes to collect toys for our Christmas distribution.

## The Cart Doc

**Brown & Brown of Washington, Inc.**

**Stadium High School Navy ROTC**

The public may contribute at this location:

**K-Mart** on November 26 at 5132 6th Ave in Tacoma

Your business may also 'adopt' TRM and collect gifts for us at your own location.



## Our Most Needed Items for Christmas

Christmas Mugs and Cocoa Mixes

Candy Canes

Christmas Decorations

Gift Wrap, Bags and Bows

Christmas Coloring Books

Snacks for Volunteers

13-Gallon Garbage Bags

(several hundred)

Christmas Stockings to Stuff

## Making Christmas Special

Christmas for most of us conjures up memories of warm homes, holiday aromas, carols playing and of course--**presents!** But what if you are a child in a homeless shelter, or living with your siblings and mother in the family car. What memories would Christmas hold for you then?

Toy Rescue Mission loves to make sure we can make Christmas special for children in need. Other agencies can provide a safe home and nourishing food, but we can try to bring back the 'light' in a child's eyes as they see a wished-for gift on Christmas morning. It's something they can call their own in a world of chaos and uncertainty.

And we serve the 'forgotten children' at the other end of the age spectrum--the seniors with dementia in care facilities. Our gift of a stuffed animal becomes their pet or a baby doll becomes their long-lost child!

Let the true spirit of Christmas touch your heart. Call us today to volunteer your time and resources to brighten the lives of children and seniors in our community. You may reach us at 253-460-6711.



### 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.