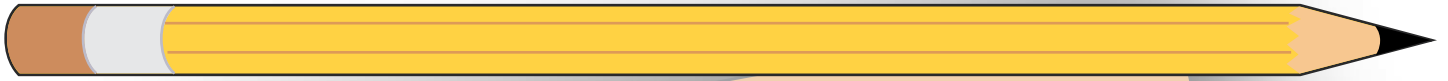




Toy Rescue Mission NEWSLETTER



Scrapbook Fund Raising Event

On August 16, thirteen people accepted the invitation to our scrapbook fund raising event. Everyone had a great time assembling their collection of photos into a decorative scrapbook. With the expert help from Sheila Smyre, Creative Memories consultant, Beth Parker organized this event and found businesses to donate things. A \$280 profit was realized for Toy Rescue Mission. Thank you to all who participated.

Thank you Beth Parker
and Sheila Smyre!!

Thank you also to the following businesses that donated over \$700 worth of food and products:

- Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill
- Papa Murphy's Take and Bake Pizza
- Chevy's Fresh Mex
- Top Food and Drug
- Albertson's
- Fred Meyer
- Creative Memories Consultants: Sheila Smyre and Penny Frame



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Do You Contribute to United Way?

Please remember that you can designate Toy Rescue Mission to receive your scheduled contributions through the Donor Voice Program. We are not considered a 'safety net organization' therefore we do not receive funds on a regular basis from United Way. We appreciate anything you can give.



ATTENTION

High School and College Students and Instructors

Toy Rescue Mission offers a program called Leaders for Tomorrow that provides practical experience in a nonprofit environment to high school and college students. Opportunities to explore new skills and demonstrate marketable skills are available to students of all ages. On-the-job experience may be gained in such fields as marketing, public speaking, grant writing, and data entry. Our "hands on" learning teaches students the value of teamwork, time management, and advancing career goals. As the students work along side our staff, they learn to apply academics to the "real-life" needs of the community. If our organization can secure grants to support this program, we hope to be able to offer stipends for some of the positions. For those who are interested in being a part of our Leaders for Tomorrow program, please call 460-6711 or e-mail toyresq@yahoo.com for more information. **You could help your community and gain valuable experience.**

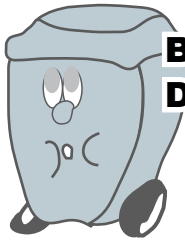
Christmas Sleigh

It's not too early for TRM to think about Christmas. We are asking for holiday-themed gifts, such as decorations, gourmet foods and theater tickets to fill our wooden Christmas sleigh. The items will be raffled off in November to one lucky winner. Please bring in your donations by the end of October. (We have plenty of gift wrap already.)

Visit Our Web site

www.toyrescuemission.org

See the latest information on upcoming events and the many ways you can contribute or volunteer.



Big Blue Donation Bins

...are once again outside our building to accept donated toys.

Positions Available

Please consider filling these positions to help our organization thrive: **Development Director, Special Events Coordinator, or Grant Writer.** You may call 253-565-6201 for more information.

Volunteers Win Prizes!

After volunteering her time on a regular basis, Jessie Hirzey had his name drawn from our ticket jar in July. He won a \$25 Regal Cinema gift card. And in August, Loretta Olsen had her name drawn and will chose a toy from our toy store. **Congratulations to both!**

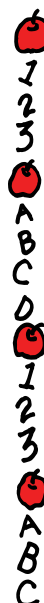
You, too, can be the winner of a great prize if each time you volunteer at TRM you put your name into our monthly drawing jar. Your chance of winning increases each time you volunteer and enter your name.



Volunteer's Birthdays

- Raymond Smith** Sept. 21
- Linda Goelman** Oct. 1
- Alice Jones** Oct. 28

Find the hidden DOLPHIN in this newsletter and be the first to call (253)460-6711 to win a great prize. Our last winner, **Cheri Anderson**, won a gift card to OCB for finding the hidden summer sandal on page 3 in the boys and airplanes image.



Executive Board

- President, Karol Barkley 565-6201
- Vice President, (position vacant)
- Secretary, Beth Parker
- Treasurer, Craig Catlin
- Ray Smith
- Nola Spice-Wise
- Philip Turner
- Melody Cummings

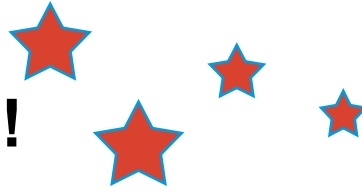
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- Web Master, Scott Brown 861-1680
- Building Maintenance, Kerry Goelman
- Literacy Coordinator, Barbara Robak

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

★ Katrina Miller Doing a Fantastic Job!



Last June TRM had the great fortune to hire a Volunteer Coordinator (with funds from several grants: Florence B. Kilworth, Lucky Seven, and Greater Tacoma Community Foundation) named Katrina Miller. Katrina has accomplished much in the three months she's been with us. Besides getting to know our regular volunteers she has brought in about five more volunteers each week. She talks to the volunteers to learn of their interests and talents so she can assign them to a task they will enjoy. Some of her other duties include giving tours of our facility, manning the TRM table at local fairs, and inviting civic groups to refurbish toys in our workshop. Katrina's idea of offering our excess stuffed toys and ditty bags filled with toiletries for a

donation at our summer fairs has brought in several dollars. She also promotes 'Simple Fundraiser' which has added \$300 to our funds. Beyond that, she convinced a Master Gardener to landscape our distribution site, and two boy scouts to organize a toy drive. We hired Katrina to work 20 hours a week but her enthusiasm has spilled over to an additional 15 hours a week (as a volunteer)! A "labor of love" she calls it.

Come in and meet Katrina. She'll find a special way for you to serve the underprivileged children in our county. ★

Special Thanks to:

- Sharon Burman for affixing address labels on several issues of our newsletter.
- Eastern Star, Tacoma Chapter #38 for participating in a Work Party to refurbish toys. The event was led by Past Matron Sharon Holley who says they plan to come once a month. That would be great!
- Stephanie Davis for her continued support.



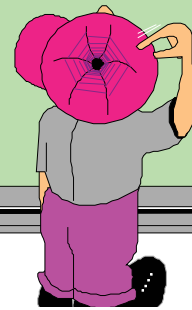
2009 Entertainment® Books for Sale

Toy Rescue Mission will be selling the very popular Entertainment Books in October. They are filled with hundreds of discount coupons for businesses in the South Sound plus other nationwide corporations. The sale of these books will raise much-needed funds for us. You may purchase each book for \$20 with cash or check by calling 460-6711.

Buy one for yourself and more as gifts for friends and family.

Thank you to those who made
donations at the three summer
fairs we attended.

$$\$239 + \$169 + \$113 = \$521$$



Amazing Tacoma! Fund Raising Event Needs You NOW!

We attempted to host a fund raising event last year called "Amazing Tacoma!" but had to postpone it until the summer of 2009 to be better organized. We are looking for 25 enthusiastic, reliable volunteers to be on the planning committee. This event, patterned after the Amazing Race television reality show, will require contestants to race between businesses in downtown Tacoma to win prizes. So we will be seeking the cooperation of downtown businesses through the efforts of the planning committee volunteers.

This event cannot take place if we don't get your support now. The deadline for recruiting volunteers for this event is November 30. Please sign up now. The funds this event brings in could potentially pay our rent for a year.

Bring Your Club or Organization to the Toy Rescue Mission Workshop



We need lots of helping hands to refurbish the donated toys that continue to pour in. Each toy has to be inspected and cleaned; some need repairs or new batteries. If your organization could participate in this fun activity, we would accomplish much in one day!

Help Make Underprivileged Children Happy

Do you belong to any of the following groups?

Police and Fire Departments
Crafting Clubs
Neighborhood Block Watch
Cultural Organizations
Government Agencies
Veteran's Groups
Military Groups
PTA Associations

College Students
High School Service Clubs
Employee Groups
Youth Groups
Senior Citizen Groups
Church Groups
Alumni Associations

Shriners
Elks
Kiwanis
Rotary
Lions
Girl Scouts
Boy Scouts



***“You cannot plow
a field
by turning it
over
in your mind.”***



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.