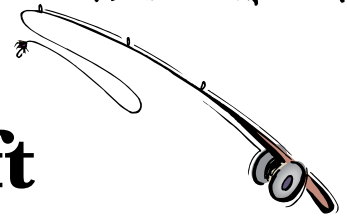




Toy Rescue Mission NEWSLETTER



An Excellent Birthday Gift



Toy Rescue Mission provides birthday gifts for underprivileged children all year long. And we recently had a mother come in to look for a birthday gift for her 6 year old son. She chose a fishing rod, reel and tackle box then took it out to the car. Her husband was waiting in the car and when he saw the fishing gear, he jumped out of the car and cried, "No way! No way!" He was so excited we think the boy would get two gifts—a fishing rod and a fishing trip with his dad!

Another family came in with several summer birthdays. They also chose fishing equipment. It was heartwarming to see the happy faces on those kids as they ran out the door on a summer afternoon. Surely that family had a fun outing together. Thanks to the efforts and generosity of William Solberg, John Fox and others, we had lots of fishing equipment on hand.

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Christmas Preparations



We are already thinking ahead to our annual Christmas gift distribution when thousands of seniors and underprivileged children will be served. And we need lots of 'elves' to accomplish this task. The months of October and November will be filled with preparation activities. Please consider contributing your time or money.

Donate through 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.



Opportunities to help:

- Christmas Distribution Planning Committee
- Sorting, cleaning, staging and distributing gifts
- Donate Christmas-theme items for the sleigh drawing, such as Christmas decorations, candles, gourmet cookies and gift certificates (all due in mid-October)

Monthly Volunteer Recognition Program

Jamie & Jacob Hutchinson

We are pleased to recognize Jamie and Jacob as our special volunteers for the month of August. They met in high school then married two years ago and now they jointly volunteer at Toy Rescue Mission. Jamie learned about us in the Key Club at her high school in 2004. So she continues to come for our Work Parties because she finds it "rewarding to see the toys that the volunteers (including myself) have worked on, placed on the shelf in the toy store and picked out by the parents." It is very fulfilling for her to be in a position to help underprivileged families provide toys for their children on birthdays and at Christmas. Jamie is currently attending TCC with a goal of receiving a nursing degree. She loves to learn about anything and everything which keeps her coming back to TRM to discover more opportunities to learn. She's training to be one of our grant writers and we're glad to have her. Jamie finds it encouraging to return week after week because the fellow volunteers are helpful and nice.

Her husband Jacob also likes the caring people at TRM and the fact that there are so many different tasks to perform. He says "it's not so boring" and it's fun to play with toys. Jacob finds volunteering here rewarding because he can contribute to a smaller, more community-based organization instead of a larger one. He currently works at Spanaway Veterinary Clinic while attending Clover Park Technical College. He enjoys playing guitar and skateboarding.

Thank you to both Jamie and Jacob for their dedicated service and enthusiasm!



Volunteer Positions Available

We need two to three **Project Coordinators** to help guide volunteers in the toy refurbishing process. And we need a **Volunteer Recruiter** who will be required to speak to clubs and organizations, among other duties. Call 253-460-6711 if you would like to serve your community with TRM.

Monthly Volunteer Service Drawing

Congratulations to these volunteers who won our monthly drawing after donating several hours of their time at TRM:

Katrina Parks for June
Melissa Dennis for July
Kenny Heisen for August



Volunteer's Birthdays

Ryan Antilla Sept 1
David Gates Sept 4
Xena Condon Sept 5
Carrie Carr Sept 10
Kathleen Ezell Sept 10
Karen Westeen Sept 11
Ashley Youngblood Sept 12
Christina Williams Sept 22
Emily Haworth Sept 28
Tania O'Rourke Oct 2
Samantha Hutchinson Oct 3
Karen Ebeling Oct 6
David Honsberger Oct 13
KC Chesney Oct 15
Marissa Purcell Oct 16
Lauren Bernard Oct 18
Marlene Pearson Oct 20
Andrew Hagan Oct 25

Find the hidden **Christmas ball ornament** in this newsletter and be the first to call (253)460-6711 to win a great prize. Congratulations to Diane Pederson who found the drum in the last newsletter on the back page in the cannon.

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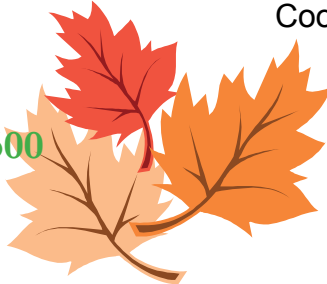
We are thankful for the GRANTS recently awarded:

Dimmer Family Foundation \$3500
June and Julian Foss Foundation \$5000



and for these generous contributions:

Fife Chiropractic \$600
Exchange Club of Tacoma \$500
Cheney Foundation \$1000
Taco Time on 6th Ave. \$576



Volunteers Needed this Fall

- Please consider helping us in one of these capacities:
- Write grants to bring in funds.
- Help Barb, Literacy Coordinator, to refurbish books for Christmas.
- Put together doll and clothing sets for Christmas gift distribution.
- Assist with our 'Fall Dinner' in November.
- Coordinate a read-a-thon.

Special Thanks

...goes out to **Spectra Contract Flooring** for replacing the flooring in our kitchen area -- free of charge!



We want to recognize those caring individuals who hosted a fund raising event for Toy Rescue Mission—

The youth minister and the youth of Real Life Family Center Church held a read-a-thon for TRM.

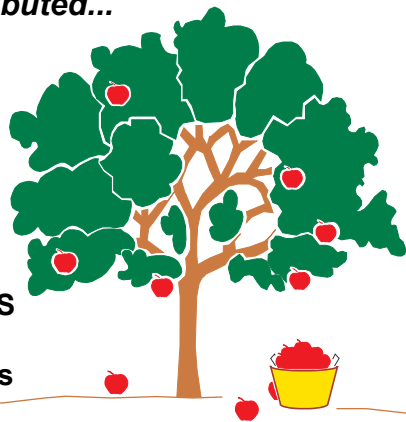
Beth Parker hosted her second scrapbooking event, which is always fun to attend.



Thank You

to those who also contributed...

Batteries Plus
Lori Davis
Carrie Carr
Stephanie Davis
Daylene Joiner
Stephanie Ramsey
Renee Wallace
Sara McDaniel and her LDS church group
Verna and the senior ladies of Lakewood Baptist



Ongoing Supply Needs:

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Hand soap
- Soda for volunteers
- Super glue
- Glue for plastics

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.

Garage Sale

Due to planning conflicts, our previously advertised Parking Lot Sale became a garage sale. We gathered items and put up signs. The event brought in \$360.



Summer Cooler Drawing



We recently had a drawing for a cooler filled with summertime goodies. And the lucky winner was Karen DeGraw. Thank you to all who entered our contest; we made \$116.



Join Us for a Work Party

Help us refurbish the donated toys during a Work Party on Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm or on Saturday from 8:30 -10:30am. Or schedule a special time for your work or church group to come into our 'workshop'.



*We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a **drop** in the ocean.*

But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.

~ Mother Theresa