

Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering is a Presbyterian Church offering that is divided into two important categories. One half of this offering goes to support past and present church workers and their families in times of critical need. The second half is dedicated to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges serving communities of color, offering students enhanced opportunities to develop their talents and skills. (pcusa.org/christmasjoy)

Seattle Public Schools Backpack Brigade

Backpack Brigade was founded in 2014 when it became known that a significant number of Seattle school children faced hunger each weekend. Today, the Backpack Brigade regularly feeds kids in over 60 elementary schools from North Seattle to Renton. Every Thursday volunteers deliver backpacks with weekend meals to hundreds of kids in need.

Teen Feed

The Teen Feed program serves a hot, nutritious meal at various University District meal sites seven days a week. Young people from shelters and the street are welcomed into a safe, non-judgmental environment where they can eat in a community or alone, have access to support staff if they desire, and, we hope, leave feeling respected, valued and hopeful.

Treehouse

Since its founding in 1988 by a group of concerned social workers, Treehouse has become Washington's leading organization addressing the needs of more than 7,800 youth per year in foster care. In the past five years, students in Washington foster care have doubled their high school graduation rate, benefitting from individual academic and social support. Treehouse takes pride in the "fierce optimism" with which they help children take on the challenges of growing up to be successful in school and in life. Sometimes that means paying for a tutor, or team membership, or rental of a band instrument. That's where our donations come in!

Duwamish Real Rent

Money donated to Real Rent goes to the non-profit Duwamish Tribal Services, Inc., run by the Duwamish Tribe. The mission of the Duwamish Tribal Services, Inc. is to promote the social, cultural, political and economic survival of the Duwamish Tribe. The United States government (so far) refuses to acknowledge the Duwamish Tribe and the tribe is thus not eligible for federal benefits or the land compensation provided for in the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliot, signed by Chief Si'ahl (Seattle) of the Duwamish. The Duwamish Tribe continues to pursue federal acknowledgement through legal action.



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Giving Gathering Wedgwood Presbyterian Church

In this season of light we invite you to our Giving Gathering on Sunday, December 5th, from 11 o'clock until noon on our church patio.

We will be collecting donations for specific local organizations which we have supported and endorsed over the years. If you would like to give a donation in someone's name or memory, we will provide a special certificate for you to acknowledge that person.



Sound View Campfire Worship

North Helpline

North Helpline is a food bank and emergency services center located in two facilities in the Lake City and Bitter Lake neighborhoods. The food bank provides groceries to approximately 1,500 individuals over three weekly distributions. In addition to food, they provide hygiene products, household supplies, hats, jackets and gloves, pet food, help with eviction notices and water and heat shut-offs. They are able to help with referrals to other agencies as well.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is an international non-profit organization that builds and repairs homes in partnership with low-income families. It was founded in 1976 by Linda and Millard Fuller with the goal of eliminating poverty housing and homelessness throughout the world, and to make securing a decent shelter for all a matter of conscience and action. Habitat for Humanity of Seattle-King County is one of over 2,500 affiliates in the United States. Habitat Seattle-King County works to eliminate substandard housing by constructing, renovating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

Boys and Girls Club of King County

Serving King County for 75 years, the boys and Girls Club of King County has provided safe, positive environments for school-age children through 34 different club locations. Serving 19,900 youth annually, these clubs provide academic support, supervised physical activities, meals, mentoring and community. In a recent survey, the organization found that “54% of our alumni said the Club saved their life.” Although there is a \$50 fee for annual membership, financial aid makes it possible for that fee to be waived for families in need.

Fair Trade Sales

At our Giving Gathering, you will see a display of fair trade coffees, teas, hot chocolate and chocolate bars. These items are sourced through Equal Exchange, one of the largest worker-owned farming cooperatives in the United States. Their fair trade model cuts out the middleman and focuses on direct, transparent trade with farmers and farmer cooperatives. They use organic farms and products, solar panels on their roasting facilities, and provide direct grants to farming cooperatives for coffee tree nurseries and beekeeping collectives. Equal Exchange donates 10% of their annual profit to organizations that align with their mission.

Note: Wedgwood Presbyterian Church retains 10% of the sales of these fair trade items and uses it for our Peace and Justice fund, used to promote important causes in our community.

Mary's Place

Mary's Place is a non-profit organization in Seattle that provides safe, inclusive shelter and services for women, children and families experiencing housing crisis. In 2020, they provided 141,412 overnight stays, moved 573 families into stable housing including 300 directly from their cars or tents. Families in their care have access to childcare, child tutoring, job application assistance and mentoring.

Sound View Camp

Beautiful Sound View Camp on the Key Peninsula with 100 acres of forest and sandy shoreline offers camping and retreat space through its family campground, Outdoor Environmental Education program for schools, group retreats, and Christian summer camping. Wedgwood Presbyterian is collecting funds for Sound View's scholarship program so that even more children can enjoy a week of life-giving summer camp

Hagar's Community Church

Hagar's Community Church is located within the Washington Correction center for Women in Gig Harbor, Washington. Hagar's strives “to cultivate trust and understanding in order to create true Christian fellowship that will nurture and sustain women in the most trying of circumstances.” A fairly new church, Hagar's is a congregation of the Olympia Presbytery. The women members who chose the church name stated that they find it healing to know that God is the One who sees them, and that they are indeed blessed. Hagar is the first person in scripture to name God - “She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me, I have now seen the One who sees me.” (Genesis 16:13).