

Holiday Stockings News



Holiday Stockings 2021

Last year was a tough year. The world turned upside down and we here at Holiday Stockings were stuck in a lockdown and unable to help. But, there were some bright spots. One of the bright spots is that we had 4 volunteer groups that felt really moved to give. As the holidays approached, these 4 groups raised money to provide for shelters they've delivered to before and asked to serve additional shelters in their area. We connected them with shelters and provided them with a few toys, stockings, and other items we could assemble. Because of the efforts of these groups, almost 500 street youth and over 275 sheltered youth received holiday stockings last year. We have some really awesome volunteers and we'd like to say, THANKS!

Looking ahead to this year, we are pleased to announce that reservations have been made at the Coast Guard base for December 10 & 11. The Holiday Stocking's storage cage was reorganized so there is more room and we are going full steam ahead in our buying.

We added 50 children to each age group in anticipation that there will be a surge in homelessness from last year. This increase, along with getting everyone back into the groove after a year off, may take some extra effort, so we may need to be a little sharper and a little better prepared than usual. The board for Holiday Stockings would like to thank all who gave last year and this year through GiveBig. We are so lucky to have you all.

After 26 years of operations, we are excited to again have the opportunity to give back to the community by providing this ray of hope, love and sunshine to the homeless children in our area.

Table Captains Needed

This past year has seen many changes in the world and our organization is no different. We need to fill four essential roles: those of Table Captain for ages 4-5 and 6-8, as well as 9-12 Boys and 13-17 Girls

Table captains are essential volunteers for the successful delivery of useful and quality gifts to homeless children. Responsibilities include purchasing age-appropriate gifts, tracking the inventory of the supplies and overseeing the table during the two-day event.

Interested in learning more? Please contact Bobette Scheid at: bobette@holidaystockings.org or 206-232-9854.

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Our Mission

A Coast Guard family and community friend's organization that provides handmade stockings filled with small basic and educational needs, with new useful essentials, gifts and toys for homeless children ages' infant through teens living in or reached through the Puget Sound shelters.

Information about Volunteering Dec 10 & 11

Open registration begins September 1 and ends December 6, 2021 for this year's event. You can register to volunteer to sort items on Friday, December 10th from 2:00 – 6:00pm, and/or to stuff stockings on Saturday, December 11th from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Register with Bobette Scheid, bobette@holidaystockings.org or (206) 232-9854 and specify the Friday and/or Saturday event. As space fills quickly, we recommend groups sign up early. Give us the approximate number attending and then you may add group member names up until the Dec. 6 deadline. We suggest a 1:3 adult/child ratio for all children under age 12.

Because this is held at a military installation base security requires **all volunteer names 16 years and up** to be submitted as they appear on their photo ID by **Dec. 6th**.

All Non-US Citizens must register by November 20 with passport information to enter the base. ***Volunteers must be registered by name and meet vehicle insurance, registration, and ID requirements to be allowed on the site.***

All adults will need a valid Driver's License, Passport or Military ID to enter the base.

We Will Miss Her

There is no way around the fact that we will miss our good friend and founder of Holiday Stockings, Jan Maxson as she tends to her new place in heaven. Sadly, cancer took Jan from us on June 17. But, with Jan's passing, I'm reminded of her tender heart, all the good she has done, the impact she made and the people she touched. It all started over 26 years ago when she came face to face with the fact that there were so many homeless children who would miss out on so much during the holiday season that the rest of us just take for granted. After crying for an entire day, she started the first effort to deliver Holiday stockings to homeless children in New York. Soon after, her family was transferred to Seattle where she started her second effort. The stockings were filled with necessities, gifts and other small treasures to help children feel normal and accepted during a traumatic time of their life. From stuffing 100 stockings in New York for two years her efforts led to stuffing 215 stockings for 8 shelters in 1996 for the Puget Sound area. 24 years later Holiday Stocking for Homeless Children has grown to over 4700 stockings and 115 shelters. Jan's enthusiasm and persistence kept us going to achieve the stuffing and delivery over the years of over 62,000 stockings.



Take the volunteer hat off Jan, you've made your place within our hearts and we will cherish every moment you were with us. You've been a good and faithful servant to us all.

Our prayers go with you and your family, especially during this Holiday Season.

Many Ways of Giving

Hold A Fundraising Event or Collection

Organize a Fun Run/Walk, Bake Sale, or Sock Drive with scouts, school or friends. Help raise funds and awareness for homeless children. Or host a donation box at a business near you. Contact Bobette at Bobette@holidaystockings.org 206- 232-9854



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Fred Meyer Rewards Program

Join with our other donors who already support Holiday Stockings by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to us. It's easy! Just go to <https://www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards> #TH613. Link your card with the "Coast Guard Family..." in Bellevue and you should be set. Every time you use your rewards card Holiday Stockings will get a portion of your sale at no cost to you.



97% of Every Dollar Goes to the Children

Gifts may be made by check (payable to "Holiday Stockings") and mailed to: PO Box 6392, Bellevue WA 98008. Or you can donate by credit card via PayPal, at <http://www.holidaystockings.org/> We also accept employee-matching gifts. Check with your company's human resource department. For information: Bobette Scheid 206-232-9854. Each stocking costs approx. \$25 to produce and fill.

Thank you for your generosity!

We owe a special thanks to all those who donated time, talent, and money to help make Holiday Stockings an enormous success. Although we'd love to list all the generous donors the list is simply too long. Listed are the donors who contributed \$250 and over from March 2020 to February 2021. Please know that your help made a tremendous difference in the lives of homeless children.

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Steer Your Course

All of us at Holiday Stockings for Homeless Children (HSHC) want to give a shout-out to the Women's Group and their husbands at the Seattle Yacht Club (SYC) for their exceptional contribution to Holiday Stockings. Led by Mary Ann Liebert, who is not only a table captain and board member for Holiday Stockings but also an SYC member, the Women's group delivered stockings to 6 shelters ranging from Everett to Auburn. This was not an easy task during the Covid shut-down and required some innovation and creative thought. In addition to donating over \$8,000 in cash and in-kind gifts, the members filled the stockings in the safety of their homes after picking up the supplies at SYC. Using this approach, they were able to assemble and deliver almost 500 stockings tailored with necessities to meet the needs of 12-18-year-old sheltered and unsheltered homeless children.

HSHC would like to thank everyone involved. These efforts helped put a smile on the face of many homeless children.

