

Holiday Stockings News



Holiday Stockings - 2021

We want to update everyone on the latest changes. Due to restrictions, we will not be able to use the Coast Guard Base this year. We have found a new location just a few miles south of the CG Base at a large freight and storage company called SeaTac Marine Services at 6701 Fox Ave S in Seattle.

However, there are additional restrictions and limitations. The facility is an industrial warehouse with machinery present, so there is an age limit and there is a limit of 100-125 volunteers at any time.

To give you a view of the bigger picture, the plan for the stocking stuffing operation follows:

Friday, December 10

9am-12pm Volunteers, 18 yrs. and older will sort gifts on tables for half of the age tables.

1pm-4pm another group, 18 yrs. and older will stuff stockings and then do inventory.

Saturday, December 11

9am-12pm Volunteers, 8 yrs. and older will sort gifts on tables for half the age tables.

1-4pm another group, 8 yrs. and older will stuff stockings and do inventory.

3-4pm Shelter Captains arrive to pick up boxes.

Volunteers must register, wear a mask and sign a waiver before attending

This is a warehouse, it is not heated so it will be very cold and it's not as clean as a gym. Cars should be able to pull into the warehouse to load stockings in a different area from the stocking stuffing activity. Adequate parking and bathroom facilities are available.

Since the numbers of volunteers at any one time are limited, you will need to make reservations for the time you want to volunteer. You can place your reservations for a 3-hour shift with: 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.

Many Ways of Giving

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.



Amazon Smile Supports Holiday Stockings

It's an easy way for you to support HS every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com you will enjoy the same convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com but 0.5% of your purchase price goes to Holiday Stockings. To get started go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> register as Holiday Stockings for Homeless Children with your email address then just remember to go to Amazon Smile for all your purchases.

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

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.



Thanks To Our Sewers

Thank you for sewing over 4800 stockings for this year. If you want to start sewing for 2022 and need fabric and patterns, we can provide them.

Contact: Pearl Grantham at pearl@holidaystockings.org or 425-641-8577 or Bobette Scheid at bobette@holidaystockings.org or 206-232-9854.

Work Party Days

On November 13 & 20 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at Bobette Scheid's home, 6189 92nd Ave SE, Mercer Island we will have a work party to assemble packets and gifts. Activities will include assembling pencil packets, rolling socks, sorting hats and gloves and similar activities. We will do this in the garage with a door open so bring a jacket. This activity is needed to prepare for the stocking stuffing day.

Let me know if you can make it. Bobette Scheid, at bobette@holidaystockings.org or 206-232-9854

Long Tables and Chairs Needed

We need about 25, **8-foot-long tables and 25 folding chairs**. If you, or anyone you know, have any that you are willing to donate or loan, please contact Bobette at bobette@holidaystockings.org 206-232-9854

What We Need for 2021

Thank you for your interest in homeless children. Your donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Gifts must be new, individually wrapped, and safe for children.

Donations need to be delivered by December 9th. For pick up or questions contact: Bobette at bobette@holidaystockings.org 206-232-9854 or Pearl at pearl@holidaystockings.org

For Infants & Toddlers:

Baby rattles
Pacifiers
Baby toothbrushes
Teethers
3" balls
8 oz. bottles
Hats for 1-3 year olds

For Elementary School Age:

Boy & Girl socks
Hats & warm gloves ages 4-8 years
Like new Beanie Babies
Flashcards or game cards such as Uno, Hearts,
Memory or Go Fish

For Teen Age Youth:

Adult size socks
Knit or fleece hats
Playing Cards
4-8 GB Flash Drives
Nail polish
Colored pencils and gel pens

For Street Youths:

\$5 gift cards for groceries, and basic needs at Target, Fred Meyer, Ross, or fast food stores.
Hand & Foot warmers
Warm gloves
Thermal socks
2 Gallon Ziplock bags



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