

# Families First Coalition

## Meeting Highlights - October 24, 2016

**Present:** Brianna Goodrich, Logan Parr, Jeanette Schuster, Trisha Summers, Ann Trullinger, Kimberly Caldwell, Leah Haugen, Rachel Joyce, Sue Hart, Eddie Habberkorn, Josh Kolkow, Becki Kulkow, Dora Churchwell, Glorianna Nickolson, Curt Nickolson, Kathy Norbeck, Hugh Flint, Chloe Lopez, Pat Valentine, Monica Robbins, Krista Shafer, Rebecca Morales, Todd Hobart, Angie Riggsby, Jeri Gamblin, Donn Lewis, Jennie Nicolls, Harvey Perez, Carianne Sellers, Monica Gaub

**Let's Make a Deal for Families:** Chloe Lopez reported that the Sr. Center is reaching out to homebound seniors in our area who are in need for the holidays - contact Chloe at 360-829-0190 or Ellen Boyd [eboyd@cityofbuckley.com](mailto:eboyd@cityofbuckley.com). Bob Howie is seeking student and adult tutors at Village Tutors on Mon., Tues. or Wed. from 4:30 to 6:00. Contact Chloe at [clopez@cityofbuckley.com](mailto:clopez@cityofbuckley.com). Building Beyond the Walls needs an office space preferably in-kind for the next 6 to 12 months between Sumner 425-426-4064 or sue @buildingbeyondthewalls.org.

### Knowing our Communities: Holiday Giving Programs & Events

**Angie Riggsby, Buckley Firefighters Assn.,** has been doing the program for a long time in connection with Toys for Tots and BL PD. Barb at BLPD is not doing it this year. All kids in the WRSD, including ECEAP are eligible for the program. This year there is also an opportunity to help seniors. Application is required and the deadline is Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be dropped off during Fire Dept. house. Cash donations appreciated and they will be shopping for needs. Bring unwrapped gifts. 12 – 17 years is the greatest need – gift cards are good for this age. No clothes. Bill Boyle organizes the gifts in the bay. Distribution date is Sat., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> with Santa and crafts and cookies. They not deliver to the schools. Passion Church is helping with the Bonney Lake side of the program. East Pierce Fire & Rescue has been collecting coats for distribution.

**Jeanette Shuster, Logan Parr & Brianna Goodrich, WRHS Winter Wishes,** provides an opportunity to give a student a special treat or fill a need. Last year they granted 423 wishes. About 70 students who received a wish last year donated it to another student. Separated this year by categories of need, want and like. Big need for spirit gear. Using Google forms to coordinate the program. Brianna coordinates the distribution and community contacts. Students can also grant a wish to other students. Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> is the fundraiser. Doing rubber duck grams in the school. Community involvement is needed to fulfill the needs. Jeanette will send out the list electronically at the beginning of November. Need coats and shoes – some gently used clothing can be used. [jschuster@whiteriver.wednet.edu](mailto:jschuster@whiteriver.wednet.edu) 253-380-5304.

**Pat Valentine, Eagles,** Halloween Party on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 2 pm. November 5<sup>th</sup> 10 – 4 craft Fair at the Eagles., Thanksgiving Dinner for community on Wed., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 pm free but they accept donations which goes to the food bank. Usually serve 250 people. December 17<sup>th</sup> kids Christmas party from noon to 2pm. Hot dogs, Santa and activities. Christmas Dinner is on Christmas day from 2 – 5 pm by donation only. Originally set up for people alone on Christmas but now large families come.

The Catholic Church in Enumclaw also has a holiday bazaar on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Kathy Norbeck, Gift of Reading by Friends of the Buckley Library** – children gets two books wrapped and delivered to the school. Community members can pick up a tag and donate books. Also can volunteer to help wrap before the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December to be delivered to the schools. K-12 through Meaghan Rhoades.

Making gingerbread houses on Saturday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at the Library – free – drop in no registration.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Santa and a snowflake project. Library is closed for remodeling until Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> but have a bookmobile.

**Kimberly Caldwell, Prairie Ridge** – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> is the Prairie Ridge Holiday Christmas Party. Looking for volunteers to help make crafts or organizations to sponsor a craft table. Also need set-up and clean-up volunteers. Call Kimberly at 240-274-7306 or [k.caldwellprcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:k.caldwellprcoalition@gmail.com). Need donations of books and stuffed animals.

**Trisha Summers, Wilkeson Eagles,** they have formed an Auxiliary. Doing Holiday bazaar on Sat., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Looking for vendors.

**Lindquist Dental** is drawing names for \$100 gift cards for November and December. Currently offering gas cards to clients.

**Molen Orthodontics** Candy Buy Back is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:30 to 6:30 pm.

**Calvary Community Church** Ghost Bustin' Blowout needs help decorating 9 to noon on Halloween.

**The Summit in Enumclaw** is doing an Under the Sea themed event on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Downtown Buckley** Monday from 4 – 6 pm is doing trick or treating and Library and Youth Center also.

**Bonney Lake Nazarene Church** is doing a Chili Cook-off and Halloween event this Saturday.

**Bonney Lake High School,** Pumpkin Patch Bash sponsored by EastPoint Church.

**Coalition Business** - The NE Pierce Resource Guide is out and Jennie and Carianne is looking for folks to help translate it from English into Spanish. Rebecca Morales and Chloe Lopez are willing to help. Community Champion Award recipients are in an article in the Enumclaw Courier Herald.

### **Updates and Announcements from Organizations**

**Monica Gaub** – Smile for a Lifetime information distributed. Applications being accepted to grant orthodontic scholarships. <http://molenorthodontics.com/about-molen/smile-for-a-lifetime/>

**Rebecca Morales, Lindquist Dental** – Giving away gas cards to offset travel costs for patients. FREE dental for children.

**Todd Hobart, Olive Crest/Safe Families** – Nov, 13<sup>th</sup> is Orphan Sunday. Foster care and Safe Families is a resource. UP Presbyterian Church will have a special program around this topic.

**Jennie Nicolls, WRSD Social Worker** – WRSD Community Truancy Board serves students has 5 unexcused absences in 30 days or 7 in one year to address Becca Law for truancy. The stay petition is used first. Community representatives are needed to work with parent, student, and court representative. Help connect students to volunteer opportunities. Meet once a month, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at high school from 5:30 to 7:30, but another meeting time might be needed if more students are served. Please contact Jennie at [jnicolls@whiteriver.wednet.edu](mailto:jnicolls@whiteriver.wednet.edu). 360-829-5512.

**Buckley Bicycle Co-op** is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays from 9:30 am – 12 noon at Wickersham Portable. Can earn a bike or work on a bike repair. Need bike tech volunteers. In partnership with BYAC and WRSD. Free program. [Byac.bikes@gmail.com](mailto:Byac.bikes@gmail.com) 253-797-0391.

**Eddie Habberkorn, Mom & Me Mobile Medical Clinic** will be at Sumner at Catholic Church, October 29<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 2 pm. Orting Food Bank Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Enumclaw 12<sup>th</sup> at Grocery Outlet. Also do blood tests. No vaccinations.

**Harvey Perez, Rainier School** – Doing a big food drive for the local food bank, pet food drive, and a drive for kids and families. Chamber asked them to take the lead for the Buckley Tree Lighting event. Need bowling balls under 10 pounds to donate call Lynn Reedy at 360-829-3023. Opening an employee wellness center on campus that will have a bulletin board to post community fliers.

**Krista Shafer, Relay for Life** – RFL Buckley has combined with Enumclaw. Glacier field will host next year's event May 19-20, 6pm – 8am. Vendor fair in center and food truck fair in parking lot. WA State PTA last weekend held legislative assembly for next 2 years. Chose top five issues including social/emotional learning. Resolutions include focus on child sex trafficking.

**Chloe Lopez, Senior Center** - having Pierce County Resource Fair on Stretching your Dollars this Wednesday at the senior center. Flu shots are available 10 to 1 on Wednesdays. BYAC has fall/winter flier out. BYAC needs donations healthy snacks, rain ponchos and umbrellas. Fall newsletter was distributed.

**Glorianna Nicholson, Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society** - would like to partner with other Historical societies. Many historical stone markers need protecting and preservation. Need volunteers and are collecting stories of history from the Bonney Lake area. Doing bus tours with the BL Senior Center stopping at each marker.

**Rachel Joyce, Everest College** - located in Downtown Tacoma. Do hands-on medical training in the medical field. Open house on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm. Hands-on activities, financial aid and career services will be presenting. Enroll every month. Willing to do community trainings including interview and resume writing.

**Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls** – Looking for a training location and office staff. Thanks for lunch providers from the community. Volunteer construction training program for free with 50 hours of community Service. 425-346-2064

**Jeri Gamblin, Just Serve** – will be sharing more about this volunteer program at next meeting.

**Donn Lewis, City of Bonney Lake** – Most of the Construction is done. Myers Rd is currently under construction.

**Ann Trullinger, Community Presbyterian Church**– New fliers distributed with contact information. Accepting donations.

**Kimberly Caldwell, Prairie Ridge Comm. Coalition** – Calvary Community Church sent people on Nat'l Make a difference day to do clean up. The new playhouse is 5 weeks into construction.

**Leah Haugen, White River Family Center** – PPP Parenting has 8 families. Community resource navigator at center on Wed. from 9 to 4 by appointment. Dianna Luna 855-289-4503. Energy assistance available now.

**Kathy Norbeck, Buckley Library** – This Wednesday come and decorate a Halloween bag at 4:30 at the Buckley. Thrilogy author signing books at 5:30.

**Next meeting will be Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at the Buckley Fire Station.**