



Maple Valley Food Bank and Emergency Services

*Serving Black Diamond, Covington, Hobart, Maple Valley, Ravensdale and
within the boundaries of the Tahoma School District*

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Dear Rick Zeleznik, and the Covington Kiwanis Club,

On behalf of Maple Valley Food Bank and Emergency Services' staff, Board of Directors, and the clients we serve, **thank you** for your support of our Children's Christmas Gift Program, again, this season. We are so grateful to have received the **\$1000** monetary donation and about **30** wonderful bicycles and bike helmet certificates! Rick, you were a joy to work with and we so appreciate the carefully timed bike delivery.

Again this year, generous donations from our local community stocked our festive gift center with *new* toys and gifts. Grateful parents of **1074** of our young neighbors, were able to choose about 4 gifts per child, for children up to age 15. The bikes were received with delight and deep gratitude.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, additional food for **1222** traditional, family dinners was also provided for the tables of our clients.

Year around, we serve 250 – 300 households each week, distributing 70,000 – 80,000 pounds of food per month. Fifty-two percent of the individuals we serve are children or senior citizens. In addition to nutritious food, we provide financial aid for utility disconnects, eviction notices, medical expenses and other emergencies. We are an outreach site for Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Washington Basic Food (food stamps), Affordable Care Act programs, and other vital services.

Please share our heartfelt thanks with the Covington Kiwanis Club, for helping make the holidays brighter for local families in need. Your gifts have touched many lives!

Gratefully,

Angela Wilhelm
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Our Mission: To provide food and emergency services to residents in our service area and to educate, empower and engage our community in solving issues of hunger and nutrition.

Our Vision: Building a healthy community free of hunger.