Things are hard for everyone right now. As the pandemic continues to spread we are all starting to think about what the holidays might bring, and how everything will be different this year. But for about a third of the families in our state, things are much more worrisome. Throughout the pandemic, 33% of Washington households have sometimes experienced hunger, and don’t always know where their next meal is coming from. All the extras we associate with the holidays will be beyond their reach. But with your help, the struggling families who live in our community will be able to celebrate with holiday meals and toys for their children.

We will be distributing holiday food boxes for Thanksgiving on November 23rd, and Christmas food boxes on December 21st. We will be providing toys to all the families who need them on December 12th. We need your help to fill the boxes! Look inside this newsletter to read about our Giving Trees and our Virtual Stuff-the-Truck campaign. You can donate money, food, and/or gifts—all the info is inside!

However you celebrate this year, we want you to know that WE are celebrating YOU! Your kindness and caring throughout the course of this pandemic has meant that families in the Sky Valley have not had to go hungry! Thanks to your generosity, we have always had food on our shelves, and we are truly grateful! We wish you and your loved ones a healthy and happy holiday!

* May you be happy * May you be well * May you be safe * May you be peaceful, and at ease *
Sky Valley Food Bank’s Virtual Stuff-the-Truck

You may have already seen pictures of our new refrigerated truck show up on our Facebook page, thanks to a generous grant from Kroger/Fred Meyer. We are so excited to have this addition to our fleet! This will allow us to pick up more grocery store donations, and transport all our food in a single trip.

We were hoping to christen the new truck with a big splash before the holidays, holding a Stuff-the-Truck event at the local Fred Meyer parking lot. But once again, COVID had other plans! Since we can’t be there in person, we are going to do it virtually instead. We normally receive hundreds of toys through our community-wide giving trees and door events. None of that is possible this year, so we’re depending on you more than ever!

You can bring hope for the holidays by providing food and toys for a struggling family. Read on for all the different ways you can help stuff our Virtual Truck! Working together, we can make sure that ALL of the families in the Sky Valley will have something to celebrate this year!
How YOU can help...

Visit one of our Giving Trees to “adopt” a local child.

Visit Johansen Mechanical and Speedway Chevrolet between November 23rd through December 8th. These Giving Trees will be filled with wishes of local children hoping to receive something from Santa under their Christmas tree come Christmas morning.

Help fill our Virtual Truck by making an online donation via our website.

Make a donation from the comfort of your own home by visiting our website: www.svfoodbank.org, and click the green “Donate Today” button. It is really that simple. You can direct your donation to “Holiday Toys,” and this will help fill our Virtual Truck! We will follow up by sending a thank you letter and receipt shortly after your donation is received.

Stop by the Food Bank during our current donation hours: Monday–Thursday 9-11:30am

We love seeing all of our donors when you visit us here at the Food Bank. Even during this pandemic, we still want to see you! We do require a mask and social distancing, but we would love to see you and take a photo! You could end up in our next newsletter like these beautiful humans below. We look forward to seeing you!

You can clip the back of this newsletter

We really enjoy getting your notes of encouragement that you send with your donations. They give us that extra push on the hard days!

You can shop from our Amazon Wish List!

Who doesn’t like to shop from the comfort of their own home? This year we have made that a little bit easier to help get toys for our Winter Toyland. Since many are continuing to stay home and shop online, we have made an Amazon Wish List of toys which are always in high demand each and every year. All you have to do is choose which toy you want to donate, click add to cart, enter your payment info, and Amazon ships it directly to the Food Bank. How easy is that?

Visit our Amazon Wish List here: https://a.co/5wOOkOa
YES, I want to Bring Hope for the Holidays!

Enclosed is a tax-deductible donation of:

___ $50
___ $100
___ $250
___ Other________

Make checks payable to Sky Valley Food Bank and mail to:
PO Box 724, Monroe WA 98272

Donation is from:

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