



The Market Newsletter

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

Now thru December 31st, 2025

We have another fantastic opportunity to double your dollars! Storage Court has pledged up to \$7,000 for this match which means dollar for dollar up to \$7,000 for every dollar you donate, that donation will be doubled! This match is live through December 31st so don't hesitate. Whether you donate online or with a check just make a note this is for the matching campaign so we can take advantage of this offer to make a huge difference in our community.



Go BEARCATS



Each October, Monroe High School demonstrates remarkable community spirit. During Homecoming week, students compete for homecoming court by collecting monetary and non-perishable donations, all benefiting our food bank. This year's efforts yielded a staggering result, more than doubling the previous year's donation. We collected an impressive 10,760 pounds of food. Our gratitude goes out to the students, their families, MHS faculty, and the community for their unwavering support, not only homecoming week, but throughout the year. Go Bearcats!

A message from our Executive Director: Matthew

At the Sky Valley Food Bank, a normal week might see us welcome 3-4 new households who haven't used our services before. The past two months have been far from normal. In October and November we saw a total of 183 new households, an astonishing average of 22 households per week. The government shutdown and the temporary suspension of SNAP benefits were a large reason for that, but it goes beyond that. With inflation on the rise, foods costs increasing and uncertainty surrounding tariffs, people are hurting and in need of help.

Our community is so incredibly generous and supportive every single month. Through every challenge our community steps up to ensure no one goes hungry. We've seen a record number of requests to host food drives. We're getting an unprecedented number of volunteer applications. While I don't see the drastic increase in new households continuing, I don't see the number dropping either, which means this new number of households is our new normal. And that means we will continue to need your support.

We're incredibly thankful for every school, business, house of worship and family who has supported us with financial support, time and energy. We've set a huge financial fundraising goal for December to meet this increased need, a goal higher than any single month before. To help us achieve this goal we have another incredible match opportunity. Storage Court has generously offered a \$7,000 match, which means dollar for dollar up to \$7,000 of every dollar you donate will be doubled!

I continue to be humbled by how you all stand beside us every step of the way, every single day. Thank you for your support.



Save the Date

MAY 15, 2027

50th Anniversary Celebration

We're gearing up for our 50-year celebration in 2027! Planning is underway for a groovy event benefiting The Market @ Sky Valley Food Bank. We're now seeking event sponsors to help us reach our goal and support families in Snohomish County. If your business would like to get involved, please reach out.

One night. One goal.

Sponsorship Contact: Matthew Campbell: Matt@svfoodbank.org



WE ARE
GOING
THROUGH
CHANGES

We are sad to report that our sweet Owen is moving onto new things at the end of this year. Owen joined our team 14 months ago and has brought some fun energy to the team during his time with us. He wears a lot of hats here: he delivers school bags every week, he unloads our weekly food shipments and he keeps our facility clean. We will miss him and wish him well in his journey.



Carla started as a volunteer more than 20 years ago, and now she heads off into her well-deserved retirement. Carla has been the steadying force here. She has worked with four different Executive Directors, kept us on task and on budget, been through several remodels, overseen many best practice changes and helped us keep the doors open during COVID. But what Carla does best is make everyone feel important and heard. She genuinely cares and listens to everyone, be it a \$10 donor or a \$10,000 donor. Her door is always open and she welcomes all with a big smile. While her work ethic will be missed, her caring and passion for everyone (customers, donors, volunteers and staff!) will be what I remember most. As Carla heads off into retirement to spend more time with her family, including her wonderful grandchildren, we are thankful for her 20 years of service and wish her all the happiness in the world.



As we say goodbye to Carla, we would like to introduce you to, Maria. She is taking over Carla's position and has been working closely with her since she started back in October. Maria has lived in Monroe since 2015. She comes with previous accounting and customer service experience and loves interacting with customers, donors and volunteers. In her spare time, she loves to go hiking with her two dogs, work on her garden, or learn a new language! Maria fits in with our team so well, and we can't wait to see what she brings to our organization.

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Can you help us this holiday season?



Your donation can provide these needed items:

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- \$72 - 2 boxes of fresh oranges.
- \$195 - 95 gallons of milk.
- \$360 - 90 1lb. chubs of ground beef.
- \$1520 - 26 boxes of holiday hams.
- Other _____

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