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Ah! on Thanksgiving day,
when from East and from
West,
From North and from South
comes the pilgrim and guest;
When the gray-haired
householder sees round his
board
The old broken links of
affection restored;
When the care-wearied man
seeks his mother once more,
And the worn matron smiles
where the girl smiled before;
What moistens the lip and
what brightens the eye,
What calls back the past, like
the rich Pumpkin pie?

*John Greenleaf
Whittier*

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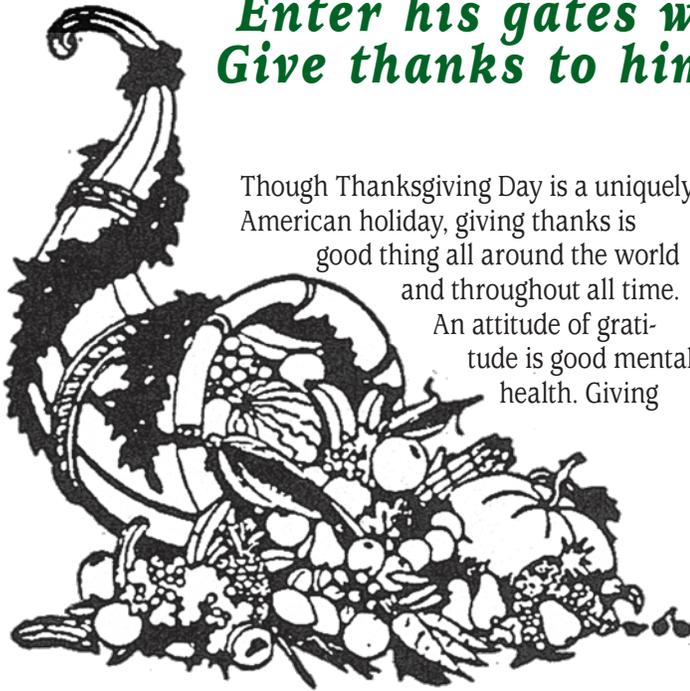
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SNOWCAP IS A PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION CREATED TO PROVIDE FOOD, CLOTHES, ADVOCACY, AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE POOR.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving . . . Give thanks to him and praise his name

Psalm 100:4



Though Thanksgiving Day is a uniquely American holiday, giving thanks is good thing all around the world and throughout all time. An attitude of gratitude is good mental health. Giving

thanks to others spreads good will to all.

We don't even need a new toy to offer up thanks. We have so much in our everyday lives to be thank for. Do you have good health? A warm jacket? Food enough for the whole family? Many of the folks who turn to SnowCap are missing these basics and yet they will honor Thanksgiving Day by giving thanks for what they do have.

We give thanks to live in such a compassionate community. SnowCap volunteers are working hard to see that there is turkey enough for all. Even if you read this after Thanksgiving, know that we will be looking for turkeys and hams to make Christmas a happy holiday too. We hope to get 1500 turkeys or hams to their place of honor on holiday tables throughout East County.

A Tale of Two Thanksgiving Days

Imagine your Thanksgiving Day – putting the turkey in the oven early, the whole family on the way to celebrate with you. Maybe you're most looking forward to your sister Deb coming over with her family-famous broccoli casserole or Aunt Bess' signature candied yams. The green beans, mashed potatoes, stuffing, homemade pumpkin pie and all your loved ones enjoying the time together and the meal all helped to prepare.

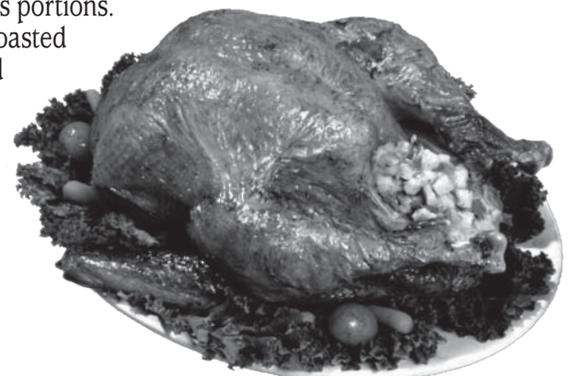
Now think about Thanksgiving Day for a family in transition. We met James, a single father working hard to make ends meet for himself and his two small children, Jeffrey and Margot, last year. Having moved to the Northwest so James could look for work, he and the children were missing the large extended family they were accustomed to spending the holidays with. He'd been working on his cooking skills, but this was his first Thanksgiving on his own and the money was tight. So tight in fact, that he had recently come to visit the food pantry at SnowCap for the first time. New to the neighborhood and

wanting to make his children's Thanksgiving a special one, he was so happy to learn that there would be a Thanksgiving Day meal hosted, free for all in the community.

Served on Thanksgiving with care by Bruce Montgomery and his volunteers, the very traditional meal is served hot and in generous portions. There will be roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, hearty vegetables and even pie for desert! But according to James and his

kids, the best part is being able spend the day with family and to make new friends. This little family doesn't have much, but they do have a lot that they're thankful for!

We are accepting pies for the Thanksgiving Dinner at our donation door, 17788 SE Pine on weekdays from 9 to 3.



Good News from David

Some time back you may have read about David. We wrote to let you know that David suffered a work place injury and ultimately lost his job. As a result of this life altering event and a delay of his disability benefits, David also lost his home and vehicle. David was forced to live on the streets.

These unfortunate circumstances led David to Snow-Cap. For several months he used our shower 2-3 times a week. In mid-August David got good news. His disability had been approved which meant that he could get off the streets and into a small apartment. In September David came in to thank us and said we probably wouldn't be seeing him again as he was preparing to set up his new home. It was nearing the end of the month and David did not come back. We all hoped that he had made it off the streets.

Early in November we had a pleasant surprise. David stopped in to say hello and let us know that life is looking up for him. He said that he has a lot to celebrate this Thanksgiving. He is happily settled into a warm apartment and appreciating the simple pleasures of a clean bed, and sitting down to a table to eat his meals. Seeing the peacefulness on his face, we are all proud to have been a help in his time of need.

As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by them.

-- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Gratitude List

Several people have asked that we write up the reason that we are especially grateful for the people, groups, companies, churches that we list in this column. That would fill another newsletter. The reasons are in our hearts. Each of these people have gone above and beyond what anyone could expect. They are all exceptional people, but each in a different way. This is not just a list of big donors.

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GRESHAM OUTLOOK
ALYSON HUNTTING
GRESHAM FORD
PEACE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
ERIN KALMBACH
LES SCHWAB TIRES
NW PAPER BOX
PURE FLOORS
FRANCIS XAVIER'S

We wish to apologize for the inaccurate listing of the Pleasant Valley Community Baptist Church. They are providing all the volunteers to keep SnowCap open on the first Wednesday of each month. And, more than likely, they will provide many volunteers for the Thanksgiving Dinner as well.

Wish List

Two free standing gas heaters like those used by restaurants for sidewalk seating. This is for the Good Neighbor Days and Community Basket when they must be done outside under the canopy. We are grateful for the canopy, but realize that the gas heaters would make a difficult task so much easier for both volunteers and clients.

Warm pajamas for all, but especially for children. As temperatures dip low warm pajamas help many to have a good night's sleep. New children's pajamas can make a nice Christmas present too.

Clip boards for clients to complete their paperwork on their laps in the lobby. We are constantly replacing these clip boards as they are used to prop open the door, given to the

children to hold paper for coloring and drawing, and sometimes forgotten and taken home.

Dessert and baking mixes for the holiday food boxes. We like to see that every family has something sweet to celebrate the holidays.

Turkeys and hams, the centerpiece of many holiday tables. If your employer gives you a gift card for a turkey and you are vegetarian, going out of town or being entertained in someone else's home for the holiday ---- please consider donating the gift card.

Blankets are really needed now. We have very little utility assistance and the temperatures are dropping. Many people would give thanks for an extra blanket now.

Fresh vegetables like potatoes, carrots, celery and onions. These items are in particular demand in this season and for the holiday table.

Birthdays Celebrations:

Judy Alley: Anonymous

David Everist: Mary Jane Everist

Alyson Huntting: Anonymous

Honors:

Carolyn Croker: Galen & Nancy Harper

Jack Dempsey: Kathleen Shaffer

Margaret Ford: Galen & Nancy Harper

Don Frueh & Robert Barzler: Charlie & Gloria Ross

Janet S Rich: Ralph & Claire Horowitz, Marcella L McGee

Charlie & Gloria Ross: Clifford & Judith Allen

Elizabeth Webber: Galen & Nancy Harper

Memorial:

Evelyn Anderson: Sharon Anderson Johnson

Nadine Aufdengarten: Merlin Aufdengarten

Joseph (Joe) Blaser: Eloise Blaser

Janet Bowen: Mary Morris

Pauline Bryan: Perry Jackman

Cyril Butterfield: Hank Lewis, Pauline F Morrow

Anthony Crumpton: James & Billie Crumpton

Elmer & Emily Dotterer: Nancy Lee Dotterer

Jack Goldenberg: Adrienne Plumb

June Handy: Pauline Morrow

Helen J (Jane) Hoffberger: Chloe Baird, Fred & Donna Dempsey, Glenn Hoffberger, Sally Rolloff

Jim Johnson: Pauline Morrow

Irene Kristofferson: Ervin & Dianne Burton

Beth Satchfield Lewis: June Satchfield

Fern Maish: Lorraine Strauch

Ron Marchek: Pauline Morrow

Colleen Morgan: Timothy A Lanham, Greg Morgan

Marilyn Munger: Blair Loudat, Charles & Gloria Ross, Christy Strong

Mary (Franks) Nelson: Craig & Karen Adelhart, Edward Dery, Joan Dery, Jonnie Franks, McKinney 2009 Rev Trust, Dorothy Test

Janet S Rich: Evelyn Bishop

Paul Satchfield: June L Satchfield

Sam Wolsborn: Eugene & Sandra Bitz, Bogeys, Dragonfly Café, Glendoveer Mens Club, Joe Gomez, Gresham Golf Course, M & M Restaurant and Lounge, Thomas & Virginia Morris, Ronald & Beverly Veach, Charles & Barbara Wolsborn, Mary Lou Wolsborn

Don Yedloutschnig: Perry Jackman

Anniversary:

Richard & Diane Bemrose: Larry Bemrose, Michelle Bemrose, Richard & Diane Bemrose, Gloria Kelsay, Richard McConnell



Volunteer Opportunities

Holiday Helpers. These are volunteers who one time or short term assignments necessary to assure everyone a happy holiday. These are openings available December 15th to 24th. Some are evening and weekend slots too.

Mobile Food Pantry volunteers. These are people who can work as little as one day a month, but must be ready to work hard when they do. They deliver food boxes to senior housing projects and schools. This means lifting and carrying food boxes and doing it outside in all sorts of weather. Hardy souls needed.

Intake workers. These front counter people are in need of big smiles, patient personalities, and endless sympathy. It can be an international experience as non-English speakers may be in need of food boxes too. No lifting required. All the work is indoors. Some basic computer literacy is necessary.

Truck drivers needed. No special licenses, but a good driving record is important. Current need it to help with dropping off barrels and then picking them up when they are full.

Groundskeeper to maintain the landscape. Duties vary. Right now there is kinnikinnick that needs to be planted, but there is always something to do.

For more information on these and other openings contact kari@snowcap.org or 503,674.8785 ext. 37.