

Any Other Holiday Resources to Offer?

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"We can learn to work and speak when we are afraid in the same way we have learned to work and speak when we are tired. But we have been socialized to respect fear ~~of~~ more than our own needs for language, in definition, and while we wait and silence for that final luxury of fearlessness, the weight of that silence will choke us." — Audrey Lorde

"Plate sin with gold, And the strong lance of justice hurtless breaks. Arm it in rags, a pigmy's straw does pierce it." King Lear, Act 4

"Future shock is the shattering stress and disorientation that we induce in individuals by subjecting them to too much change in too short a time" ~ Alvin Toffler

"It's a challenge when the official policy is harassment and misery." — Rob Huff

Late-breaking Holiday Resources:

- Food pantries and holiday gift giveaways for enrolled college students including HS + GED students and families - contact Keishawna A. Smith, Pierce County Navigator, (Cell) 253.328.3870
- <https://www.familyjusticecenter.us/107/Grocery-Wish-List>
- Apple health program has \$50 gas/uber card and other resources.
- 6th Ave Salvation Army has food pantry open on 21st and 22nd for holiday items. Also has some hats, coats, scarves, etc.
- CCS at 550 S. Tacoma Way has donations and food for families of all sorts that have minor children. on 24th and 25th.
- Note that Eloise's kitchen is likely to be moving to Tacoma Dome and offers some opportunities to outreach to dome about other ways to provide resources.
- Socks available from Tim Fairle and perhaps beanies and socks from Jeffrey Boyce.

Other Ideas:

- Coalition tabling at community events to make others aware of how dire the situation is and what they could do to help
- Kit making parties, such as foot care, first aid, wound care, etc.

Notes and Resources List

New and Notable

Homeless Memorial Service at Shiloh, Dec 21, 5 pm, Please attend one of the services to bear witness to this terrible loss of life among our unhoused neighbors.

If you would like a tour of the Court Resource Center, reach out to CRC Program Coordinator Ginnava.hooft@piercecountywa.gov

FOB Hope fundraiser is January 20th, 5pm-9:30 pm at the Puyallup Elks Lodge. Theresa Power-Drutis is coordinating a coalition table. tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

Link for public comment on the Affordable Housing Tax Plan.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/PierceCounty2/PublicCommentOnTheDraftAffordableHousingTaxPlan>

AMI Income limits by family size

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/112316/Pierce-County-Home-CDBG-Program-Income-Limits>

Blog about flu death and how to protect yourself/others:

<https://www.tpchd.org/Home/Components/Blog/Blog/32768/333>

Flyer with free vaccine for adults:

<https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/1715/638163732748330000>

99 stockings still needs gift cards

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SSfVWP7BA_0Kijza_95IL-UrSeJ4xq466dPiNdHne20/edit?usp=sharing

Interested in spearheading a local Laundry Love?

Contact Theresa Power-Drutis. <https://laundrylove.org>

If anyone has need or share items to add to the outreach supply list, please drop them in the chat, or in this form:

<https://forms.gle/2zfK8Y5JvC1K5eXLA>

Community Spotlight Opportunity: Tell the coalition about your organization's good work. Contact tpdrutis@nctacoma.org to schedule a brief presentation. 🙏

Ongoing Resources and Needs

SVdP is willing to store any items for sharing- including massive amounts of socks. We have systems in place so outreach workers can pick up supplies every day between 10am-5pm. Just text Dionne. 253-355-5868

Link for the Coalition's cold weather resources page: www.craft.me/s/f0GVFmAubX8YUg

Outreach and Supply Need/Share Form:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing

Free Food & Resources Market, Saturdays, 10-12 AM, 4819 S 12th Tacoma WA. everyone welcome. You can pick up food for others.

Free wound care clinic every Friday afternoon, TNE clinic at the STD room at T-PCHD on S 37th & Pacific. Spread the word.

Safe Sites

<https://ss4a.pchomeless.org>

Outreach Supply Need and Share form: <https://forms.gle/2zfK8Y5JvC1K5eXLA>

Please sign up to the inclement weather listserv at

<https://www.pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness can be found here:

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness>