

# 99 Stockings

a.k.a. 99 Stockings plus 151 Holiday Gift Bags!

## Merry Makers: 2020

The 99 Stockings project creates a little holiday cheer for our neighbors at Tacoma's Stability Site, the Beacon Young Adult Shelter, Guadalupe House, and other nearby shelters.

This year, new locations have been established to provide safe emergency shelter during the pandemic, so we are excited to expand our goal to 250 stockings and bags.

Because our process for assembly and distribution of stockings has been revised due to Covid-19, additional *Merry Makers* are very welcome. We are looking for family or friend groups who are able work together for final assembly. We also welcome individual volunteers. Our Plan for 2020:

1. Gather all items on or before Sunday, December 20th
2. Fill the stockings & bags by December 22nd
3. Deliver to all locations on, or before, December 25th



**Stocking assembly with Stadium High Students**

For more information, visit New Connections [www.nctacoma.org](http://www.nctacoma.org)

**If you can help** with donations, gathering items, assembling stocking and bags, or distribution, please contact Theresa Power-Drutis at 253.534.5402 ([tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org)) or Laura Scott ([lrkscott9@gmail.com](mailto:lrkscott9@gmail.com)). Check our website to view the list of items needed and real-time progress as we work toward our goals.

We are grateful to the elected officials, government employees, non-profit agencies and individuals who offer shelter, provide for basic needs, and address the systemic issues and individual challenges that contribute to homelessness.

Thanks also to the many partners who help make the 99 Stocking project a success:

- Tacoma/Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness
- The Hilltop Madrinas
- Pacific Northwest Insurance Group
- Bombas Socks

A shout-out to Merry Makers from:

- Stadium High School
- Tacoma Community College

**Welcome our new co-sponsors:  
St. Leo's Homelessness Workgroup!**

Single items and swag with logos are welcome; each stocking & gift bag will be unique. If you have ideas for other items to add to the stockings, send those along as well. Every little bit helps! Contact Theresa or Laura to arrange for drop off of donations.

Financial contributions for purchase of supplies can be made to New Connections, a 501c3 non-profit agency in Tacoma (address and website below).

There are no administrative costs for this project; 100% of contributions designated "for holiday stockings" will be used to fill the stockings and bags. Any excess, non-perishable supplies will be saved for 2021; all perishable treats will be added to the stockings and bags as we fill them.

A great way to have fun, build community, and share some joy with neighbors!

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