

## Resource Notes

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#### Mother to Son

Well, son, I'll tell you:  
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.  
It's had tacks in it,  
And splinters,  
And boards torn up,  
And places with no carpet on the floor—  
Bare.  
But all the time  
I've been a-climbin' on,  
And reachin' landin's,

And turnin' corners,  
And sometimes goin' in the dark  
Where there ain't been no light.  
So boy, don't you turn back.  
Don't you set down on the steps  
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.  
Don't you fall now—  
For I've still goin', honey,  
I've still climbin',  
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

— Langston Hughes, "Mother to Son" from The Collected Works of Langston Hughes.

"Arise, all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be that of water or of tears! Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies, our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. ...

"Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs." —Julie Ward Howe, 1870

## Notes and Resources List

### *New and Notable*

**Unzipped: An autopsy of American Inequality:** <https://www.unzippedmovie.com/>

### **Enroll in Free Mental Health First Aid Training**

<https://tpchd.org/healthy-people/behavioral-health/mental-health-first-aid/>

### **Housing Development Consortium Affordable Housing Week** in King County

<https://www.housingconsortium.org/affordable-housing-week/>

**Safe Parking line:** 253-346-6482

**Last call for District #2 Participatory Budgeting** ideas so get em in! Voting on top ideas will start in a few weeks. In the lead so far with submissions is Some District skate park under the freeway by Almond Roca

**MDC's Education Opportunity Center** is gearing up for a resource fair in July. If your agency is interested in participating, please contact Paulette Brown at [pbrown@mdc-hope.org](mailto:pbrown@mdc-hope.org) The EOC works with low-income & first-gen college students to access higher education

**Community Spotlight Opportunity:** Please send suggestions for all partner spotlights to Theresa at [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org)

**Common Good Supply Station @ FUMCOT**, First United Methodist Church of Tacoma. Open Tuesday's Noon to 2PM, 621 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98402. Go to the back alley and come to the door between the 2 garages. Call Theresa at 253.617.1405 when you are at the door. The number above is a Line2 number; those who have my personal cell # are welcome to use that instead. Both numbers will ring through.

### ***Ongoing Resources and Needs***

**Sign up to receive Action Alerts:** <https://secure.everyaction.com/-gZPY8k0qkaHQyrUqmpC5g2>

**One pager on Housing Alliance priorities:** <https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/2024-public-policy-priorities>

**SVdP is willing to store any** items for sharing. 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](http://www.craft.me/s/f0GVFmAubX8YUg)

**To be added to the monthly Public Health email newsletter**, please share your email here OR email me at: jschoeppe@tpchd.org

### **Outreach and Supply Need/Share Form:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv\\_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing)

### **TPCHD has a webpage for homeless service providers and advocates**

<https://tpchd.org/healthy-people/provider-resources/homelessness-providers-toolkit/>

**If you are an agency or org that needs COVID test kit support**, we still have kits to distribute. Please reach out directly to our testing team at: epitesting@tpchd.org

**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>

### **Narcan Resources:**

<https://www.tacomaneedleexchange.org/naloxoneWA> DOH Free Mail Order Naloxone

**Free Narcan Vending Machines:** Tacoma Public Library Moore Branch (regular library hours), First United Methodist Church of Tacoma, Recovery Café Orting Valley

**WA DOH Free Mail Order Narcan/Naloxone:**<https://phra.org/naloxone>