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Cascade Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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Packing Friendship Team Charter

Purpose

Packing Friendship is intended to provide food for children who are at risk of going hungry. The students served by the Packing Friendship typically rely on the free and reduced lunch program to provide both their breakfast and lunch during the school week. In essence the program seeks to bridge the gap between the food provided by the school through the free and reduced lunch program and the students' needs while away from school on the weekend and during vacations.

Membership

Three-five CUUF volunteers that rotate on an annual basis.

Commitment

Membership on the Pastoral Care Team consists of a 1-year commitment and can be renewed annually.

Responsibilities

In order to ensure uniformity of services provided by Packing Friendship all participating organizations agree to keep their activities within the scope of the following guidelines:

Churches (or other organizations implementing the program) are responsible for:

- Working closely with the family advocate and administration at Rock Island Elementary School.
- Determining (with the school) how many bags of food will be delivered each week.
- Collecting monetary and or food donations to fill the bags each week through the school year.
- Providing food each week that is easily prepared by students, shelf stable, is as healthy as possible and provides for a well-balanced diet – see attached list for recommendations.
- Delivering bags prior to the end of the week.
- Evangelism, while an important part of any church's mission, is **NOT** to be conducted through this program. Therefore, participating groups will **NOT** place any literature in the bags.
- **May** provide other items for the advocate to distribute if the need arises. For example, non-food items such as toilet paper, laundry detergent, and shampoo. This is at the discretion of the participating program. These additional services need to align with the scope of this program and should not be markedly different from services provided by other participating programs.

Schools are responsible for:

- Identifying the students who have the greatest need.
- Contacting the families of these students to explain the program and **obtaining a signed permission slip for each participating child.**



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- Working with the participating organization to determine the number of bags that can be provided **and** distributed each week.
- Providing a method for the students to receive their bags each week while maintaining their confidentiality.
- Ensuring that the food is delivered to students on a weekly basis and not used for snacks, etc.
- Maintaining a relationship with the organization providing the food, communicating any change in needs, etc.

Reporting and Review

The CUUF Packing Friendship Team will work with the other participating organizations to evaluate the program as needed.

2021-2022 Members: Teresa Gelb (lead)

2021-2011 Participating organizations:

Grace Lutheran – 1408 Washington, Wenatchee
First United Methodist – 941 Washington
St. Paul's Episcopal – 312 Palouse, Wenatchee
St. Joseph's Catholic – 625 Elliott, Wenatchee
First Assembly of God – 1520 McKittrick, Wenatchee
Nazarene – 1011 S Miller, Wenatchee
Sunnyslope – 3330 School, Wenatchee
Foothills Foursquare – 315 S Mission, Wenatchee
Wenatchee Valley Christian Center – 1621 Methow, Wenatchee
Latter Day Saints – 1621 Maiden Lane, Wenatchee
Trinity United Methodist – 850 N James, E Wenatchee
Faith Presbyterian – 200 S. Kentucky, E Wenatchee
Cascade Unitarian/BAHAI – 1550 Sunset Hwy, E Wenatchee
Breath of Life – 65 23rd St. NE, E Wenatchee
New Song – 11 N. Iowa, E Wenatchee
Seventh Day Adventist – 1201 10th St. NE, E Wenatchee
Columbia Grove Covenant – 19 McElmurry Lane, E Wenatchee
Eastmont Baptist – 400 S Kentucky, E Wenatchee
East Wenatchee Rotary Club