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**Cascade Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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## **Packing Friendship Team Charter**

### **Purpose**

Packing Friendship is an initiative aimed at providing meals to children who are at risk of going hungry. The program serves students who depend on free and reduced lunch programs to meet their nutritional needs during the school week. Essentially, Packing Friendship seeks to fill the gap between the food provided by schools and the students' requirements during weekends and vacations.

### **Membership**

Laura Mrachek and Laurie Reigert (Co-Leads)

### **Commitment**

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

### **Responsibilities**

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, the 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.
- 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.

### **Participating organizations:**

- **First United Methodist**  
941 Washington, Wenatchee
- **Grace Lutheran:**  
1408 Washington, Wenatchee
- **St. Joseph's Catholic**  
625 Elliott, Wenatchee
- **St. Paul's Episcopal:**  
312 Palouse, 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:**  
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**