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## Chelan PUD approves two years of rate increases, average bills to rise \$2-4 monthly

NCW News  
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WENATCHEE — The Chelan Public Utility District Board of Commissioners has approved a two-year extension of rate increases following three months of discussion. The commission voted unanimously to implement annual rate increases of 3-4% for both 2025 and 2026, with the changes taking effect each June. Under the approved plan, average residential customers will

see their monthly electricity bills increase by approximately \$2. Water and wastewater customers will experience increases of \$3 to \$4 per month based on average usage.

Between 2018 and 2024, the cost to generate and deliver electricity increased from \$100 to \$153 per month per customer. During this same period, average monthly electricity bills rose from \$55 to \$66.

The approved rate plan extends the 2020-2024 strategic plan. According to a survey, customers

indicated a preference for small rate adjustments over time, rather than large increases.

Chelan PUD maintains lower residential electricity rates through revenue from selling surplus energy produced at its dams. As the gap widens between the cost to produce electricity and what customers pay, it puts more pressure on power sales. This reliance on power sales creates a higher risk of larger rate increases in the future to cover costs.

The utility held three public

meetings around the county and a public hearing on September 16. Commissioners studied details of the proposal and discussed the rate structure of each utility service -- electricity, water, wastewater and wholesale fiber.

The 2025 annual budget, which includes the rates adopted on Monday, November 18, will be considered for approval December 2.

The commission also approved funding for the Southwest Power Pool's Markets+ effort to develop

a day-ahead and real-time energy market in the Northwest. The PUD's share is estimated to be \$1-2 million depending on the total number and size of other participants.

Additionally, Dan Koch was introduced as Chelan PUD's new chief operating officer. Koch has over 30 years of experience in engineering, project and construction management, and utility management. He previously served as vice president of energy delivery at Puget Sound Energy.

## Chelan rodeo queen attends Moses Lake Queen Pageant



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The new 2025 County Fair and Rodeo Queen Jorja Davenport (right) attends the Moses Lake Rodeo Queen Pageant to support the newly crowned 2025 Miss Moses Lake Rodeo Roundup Kaylee Stump (left).

## Cashmere welcomes the holiday season with annual celebration

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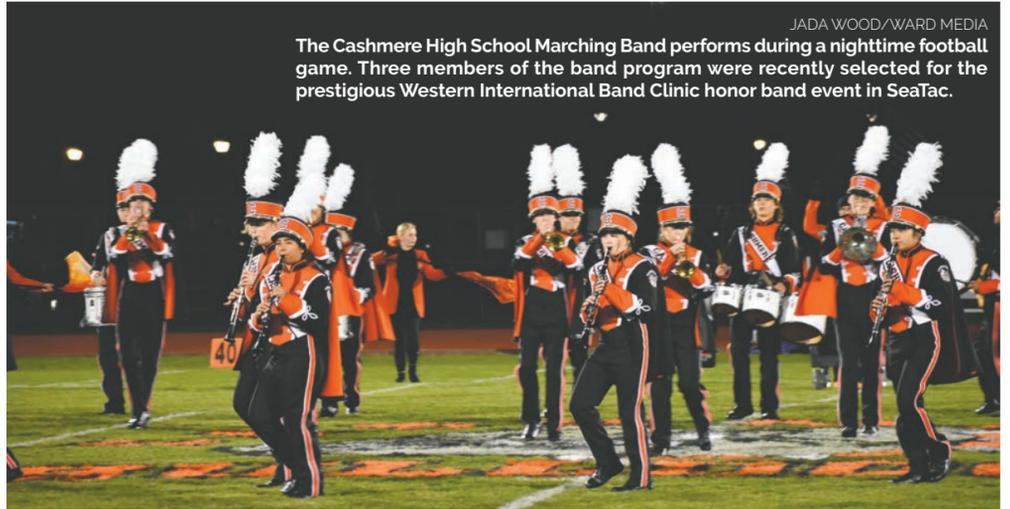
CASHMERE— Cashmere will kick off the holiday season at the annual Christmas in Cashmere event on Saturday, December 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The festivities will feature Santa Claus arriving at 11 a.m. to greet families and spread holiday cheer as he makes his way through downtown Cashmere. Cottage Avenue will host the main event, with a vibrant artisan fair showcasing over 35 local vendors

inside Brick and Rafters and The Henry Building.

In addition to shopping and holiday fun, attendees are encouraged to give back to the community by bringing non-perishable food donations for the Cashmere Food Bank. Donations can be dropped off at the Cashmere Chamber's booth during the event.

Celebrate the spirit of the season while supporting local businesses and neighbors in need. For more details, visit the Cashmere Chamber of Commerce website at [cashmerechamber.org](http://cashmerechamber.org).



JADA WOOD/WARD MEDIA  
 The Cashmere High School Marching Band performs during a nighttime football game. Three members of the band program were recently selected for the prestigious Western International Band Clinic honor band event in SeaTac.

## Cashmere High School band members selected for WIBC honor band event

By JADA WOOD  
 Ward Media Intern

CASHMERE— The arts at Cashmere High Schools are vibrant and strong in their band, choir and drama departments. Taking its moment in the spotlight this November is the band program, out of which three students were selected to attend the Western International Band Clinic (WIBC) in SeaTac. Brooke Chalmers, Liam Hill, and Ashur Yearous were picked, an opportunity that comes with high honor. Out of the record number of auditions, the staff at WIBC sorted through thousands of entries to select the most skilled high school and college students to attend the event.

WIBC is an organization in SeaTac that hosts students from the western United States, Canada, and Australia for its annual concerts and rehearsals. Students apply in the fall with their audition material, which stretches over a variety of tasks that showcase their talent with their instrument. Students playing brass and woodwind instruments must record a video of themselves performing "three different musical selections to demonstrate their proficiency", said Kent Chalmers, CHS band director. Each shows that the student is able to understand advanced

musical techniques.

"Once students have practiced their audition music, they record themselves playing using a handheld recorder or their phone. I usually listen to the recordings with the student so we can figure out if anything needs to be improved before submitting the recording," Chalmers said. As the band director and instructor of band classes, his main goal is to help students become more skilled at playing their instruments.

For 46 years, WIBC has amassed professional composers and instructors each year in order to give the attendees the best possible experience during their time at the event. For most of their time at the event, CHS students will be at rehearsals. In the evenings they will be able to attend concerts performed by some of the top high schools and universities in the country, Chalmers said. On the final day, the students will demonstrate their proficiency by performing in a concert with their designated honor band.

"WIBC is a great event for the student musicians who are selected. They come back to Cashmere as better performers and better leaders for our band," Chalmers said.

More information about the WIBC Honor band event can be found at [www.bandworld.org/](http://www.bandworld.org/)

wibc/. This event, as well as other Northwest U.S. band events, are helping CHS students learn new techniques that will continue to improve their skills and artistry in music.

Jada Wood is an intern for Ward Media and a junior (Class of 2026) at Cashmere High School.

## Former student arrested after threats to Cashmere School District

NCW News  
 Ward Media

CASHMERE — Law enforcement officials acted swiftly to apprehend a former student who allegedly made threats of violence against the Cashmere School District, authorities said.

The 14-year-old male suspect, who was not identified due to his age, was arrested off campus before school hours on November 19, according to a statement from Chelan County Sheriff Morrison's office.

Cashmere School Resource Officer Deputy Mutch received information about the threats early Tuesday morning. Although described as general in nature, the threats were serious enough to constitute a felony-level offense.

The suspect had not been physically attending classes following recent charges in an unrelated sex offense case from approximately one year ago, according to the sheriff's office.

The rapid response by law enforcement prevented any disruption to school operations. According to the sheriff's office statement, "Due to the quick response of Deputy Mutch and detectives, they were able to arrest the suspect prior to the students arriving at school. That alleviated the need to lock down any school district buildings."

The incident remains under investigation by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office.



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Cashmere High School students (from left) Ashur Yearous (percussion), Brooke Chalmers (French horn), and Liam Hill (clarinet) have been selected to participate in the 2024 Western International Band Clinic honor band event in SeaTac. The students were chosen from thousands of applicants across the western United States, Canada, and Australia.

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### Santa Photos

Pybus Market will host Santa Photos on Saturday, November 30, from 12-5 p.m.

For more information, visit pybuspublicmarket.org.

### Flights and Bites

Brick and Rafters in Cashmere will host their first Flights and Bites event, featuring Lenny and Tate Candle Co. and Szmanias Catering, on Saturday, November 30, from 4 to 6 p.m.

"Join us for a creative and relaxing evening where you can craft your very own candles, enjoy delicious food, and sip on fine wine and festive drinks," the event page states. "We can't wait to see you there for a night of fun, creativity,

and indulgence." For more information and to reserve tickets, visit brickandrafters.com.

### Christmas Cookie Showdown

Pybus Market will host the Taprooms' 4th Annual Christmas Cookie Showdown on Saturday, November 30, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the LocalTel Event Center.

"This event is a gift drive sponsoring kids in need in the Wenatchee School District," the event page states. "This is our way of doing that in a fun way and spread holiday cheer."

"The event features a hot cocoa bar, photo booth, and interactive games," the event page states. "You can donate

by choosing a student off the giving tree or put in a donation the day of to receive a cookie decorating kit."

For more information, visit hellbentbrewingcompany.com.

### Repair Cafe

Waste Loop will host the December Repair Cafe on Wednesday, December 4, from 6-8:00 p.m.

"Repair Cafes are a community space which brings together skilled volunteer fixers and items that need repair," the event page states. "These events foster community, reduce waste, and build up the



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circular economy in NCW."

For more information, visit wasteloop.org.

### Snow globe craft

The Cashmere Library will host a Snow Globe Craft time

on Thursday, December 5, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

"Make and take home this winter wonderland snow globe at the Cashmere Library," the event page states.

For more information, visit ncwlibraries.org.

# Gratitude in action, making thanks count

As Thanksgiving approaches, I've been thinking about what gratitude truly means—not just as words shared around a dinner table, but as an active force capable of transforming our communities.

Drive through any North Central Washington town this week and you'll see it unfolding. Food banks extending their holiday hours. Community centers coordinating meal deliveries. Local businesses with donation bins collecting canned goods. These everyday scenes remind us that gratitude isn't just a feeling—it's a responsibility and an

opportunity to act.

The numbers tell an urgent story. Across the nation, food banks report their shelves emptying faster than they can stock them, while rising costs force families to make painful choices at grocery store checkouts. In our own neighborhoods, small businesses—the shops and services that give our communities their character—work harder than ever to keep their doors open. These challenges remind us that behind the festive decorations and holiday music,



From the Publisher

**TERRY WARD**

many of our neighbors are quietly struggling to make ends meet.

This reality check isn't meant to dampen the holiday spirit. Instead, it highlights how Thanksgiving can be more than a single day of celebration—it's a chance to strengthen the networks of support that sustain our communities year-round.

Real gratitude shows up in simple but powerful ways: choosing local shops over big chains, checking on elderly neighbors as winter approaches, or spending a

few hours at a food pantry. It's through these acts of engagement that communities become more than places we live—they become places we actively shape and nurture.

This holiday season, consider turning Thanksgiving into "thanks-doing." Our communities thrive on more than good intentions—they're built by neighbors who step up, pitch in, and make things happen.

After all, the strength of any community isn't measured by grand gestures, but by small acts of consideration repeated day after day. By showing up and pitching in, we not only express thanks for the support

we've received but ensure others have reasons to give thanks as well.

Sometimes the best way to say "thank you" is by making our communities a little better than we found them. Because in the end, the truest expression of gratitude is found not in what we say, but in what we do.

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## Chelan County Sheriff's Report



This report is compiled from records provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office and RiverCom. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

### Nov 15

- 11:01:01 Court Order Vio, 302 Fisher St# 108
- 12:19:15 Suspicious, 111 Elberta Ave; Webb Acco
- 15:27:03 Traffic Offense, Flowery Divide Rd & Stine
- 16:47:14 Accident Unk, Ruby St & Goodwin Rd
- 21:29:23 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 Mp 114 Wb

- 17:21:07 Hazard, 5400blk Mount Stuart Dr
- 21:24:12 Harass/Threat, 5135 Mission Creek Rd

### Nov 19

- 3:38:17 Stab/Gunshot, 117 Aplets Way; Cashmere V Ca
- 15:57:01 Riverfront Dr & Emission

### Nov 20

- 5:26:44 Hazard, 7851 Brender Rd, Cashmere,
- 8:20:22 Alarm, 5183 Mission Creek Rd, Cas
- 12:00:39 Vehicle Prowl, 100blk River St, Cashmere, Ca
- 13:31:56 Court Order Vio, 302 Fisher St# 108, Cashm Ca
- 13:49:08 Animal Problem, 7743 Stine Hill Rd, Dryden 5
- 15:53:45 Parking/Abandon, Kinney Rd & Stine Hill Rd, 5

### Nov 16

- 12:51:42 Property, 241 Independence Way
- 19:39:32 Weapons Violati, 400blk Norman Ave

### Nov 17

- 8:02:12 Theft, 702 Pioneer Ave; Pioneer Mca

### Nov 18

- 8:45:32 Parking/Abandon, 655 Sand Creek Rd
- 11:13:13 Parking/Abandon, 715 Pioneer Ave
- 11:15:21 Parking/Abandon, 308 Elberta Ave
- 14:58:12 Graffiti, 402 Pioneer Ave; Simpson Mca
- 15:15:32 Trespass, 117 Aplets Way; Cashmere V

### Nov 21

- 12:26:28 Theft, 106 Titchenal Way; Cashmer Ca
- 13:06:59 Welfare Check, 426 Cottage Ave, Cashmere, Ca
- 15:34:05 Trespass, 305 Woodring St# 5, Cashm Ca
- 19:42:39 Suspicious, W Prospect St & Aplets Way Ca

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## Cashmere artist to showcase musical portraits at Leavenworth Library

LEAVENWORTH — The Leavenworth Library will host a winter exhibition in its Fireside Room, featuring works by Cashmere-based artist Jeff Justice, from November 26 through January 3.

Justice, who transitioned to full-time artistry in 2020 following a 31-year career with a utility company, specializes in colored pencil portraits of popular musicians from the 1960s through the 1990s. While his current work focuses on colored pencil techniques, his portfolio also includes pieces executed in gouache and watercolor.

The exhibition, accessible

during regular library hours, represents a milestone for Justice, whose interest in art goes back as far as he can remember. Before his utility company career, he worked as a freelance artist after completing his college education.

The showcase at the Fireside Room offers visitors an opportunity to experience Justice's detailed portraiture work, particularly his interpretations of iconic musical figures spanning four decades of popular culture.

The exhibition is open to the public and can be viewed during the library's standard operating hours.

## Stocking Stuffers

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# Community Calendar

## Wednesday

**Cashmere Rotary Club**, meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. President Mark Shorb, 509-885-0676.  
**Mission Creek Community Club**, meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).  
**Cashmere Food Bank**, open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam, 509-245-6464  
**Ukulele Circle**, Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

## Thursday

**Caregiver Support Group**, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)  
**Cashmere Sportsman Assoc., (Cashmere Gun Club)**, open to the public for trapshooting 7-10 p.m. Private rentals by appointment. Call Brian James, 509-782-3099.  
**Cashmere American Legion Post #64**, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Commander Ken Komro, 509-782-4973. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).  
**Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64**, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. President Linda Ingraham, 509-679-0243. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).

## Sunday

**CHURCH:** See the church page for local service times & events.

## Monday

**Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club**, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. (4th Mon.)  
**Tillicum Riders**, 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. (1st Mon.)  
**Cashmere City Council**, 6 p.m., City Hall (2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.))  
**Planning Committee Meeting**, 5 p.m. at City Hall (1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.)  
**Cashmere Fire Department**, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)  
**Cashmere Fire Department**, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)  
**Cashmere School Board Work Session**, Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info. Visit [www.cashmere.wednet.edu](http://www.cashmere.wednet.edu)  
**Cashmere School Regular Board Meetings**, are typically held towards the end of the month at 7 p.m. with action taken. The schedule for meetings is subject to change to accommodate conflicts in schedule or special circumstances. Visit [www.cashmere.wednet.edu](http://www.cashmere.wednet.edu) for the most up to date info.  
**Chelan Douglas Republican Women**, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21 for lunch, \$8 for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

## Tuesday

**Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts**, Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or [levi.lpid@nwi.net](mailto:levi.lpid@nwi.net) (2nd Tues.)  
**Peshastin Water District**, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)  
**Cashmere Chamber of Commerce**, Noon, everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Call Executive Director, for meeting location. 509-782-7404. (3rd Tues.)  
**The Chelan County Cemetery District #2**, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

## NCW Libraries

**Cashmere Public Library: 509-782-3314**  
 You can order your books online at [ncwlibraries.org](http://ncwlibraries.org) or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).  
 Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 9-6, Wed. 1-6 and Sat., 10-2.  
 Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at [cashmere@ncwlibraries.org](mailto:cashmere@ncwlibraries.org)  
**Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village**  
 Call for more information 509-782-3230  
**Chelan County Historical Society Board meets**, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cottlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)  
**Note:** Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

# Mount Rainier National Park announces 2025 construction projects

**Construction will temporarily close a section of State Route 123 along the park's eastern boundary and the Ohanapeosh Campground in the southeast corner of the park**

NCW NEWS  
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ASHFORD – Two major Mount Rainier National Park construction projects starting in 2025 will replace decades-old crumbling infrastructure in the park's popular Ohanapeosh Campground and improve travel through the park on State Route 123. Both projects address important deficiencies and will improve the visitor experience once completed. However, construction activities will cause temporary roadway and/or facilities closures.

The Ohanapeosh Campground rehabilitation project will provide significant upgrades to the popular campground located in the southeast corner of the park. This effort will rehabilitate the campground's 185 campsites and nine bathrooms, replace the aging wastewater collection system, upgrade electrical and water systems, and support improvements to campground accessibility.

The project will be completed during the 2025 visitor season. The Ohanapeosh Campground and all associated structures including the visitor center, bathrooms, picnic area and

auditorium will remain closed to visitors for the duration of construction. However, the improved campground will reopen to visitors in time for the 2026 camping season.

Visitors who wish to camp in the park during the summer 2025 camping season will still have access to both the White River Campground and Cougar Rock Campground.

The Ohanapeosh Campground project is partly funded through the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA), Recreation Fee revenue and the National Park Foundation. GAOA is historic bipartisan legislation that expands equitable and accessible recreational opportunities and addresses long overdue infrastructure improvement and modernization needs on public lands managed by the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Education schools. The funding is reducing the maintenance and repair backlog, protecting critical resources, expanding recreational opportunities, and promoting long-term sustainable operations. The State Route 123 construction

project is a two-year effort that will rehabilitate a 2.8-mile section of roadway between Laughingwater Creek and Panther Creek along the park's eastern boundary. This project is funded through the Federal Highways Administration.

**Construction impacts are projected to be as follows:**

- Construction Year One (2025)
- A 2.8-mile section of roadway will be under construction April-October 2025. Travelers will experience delays of up to 30 minutes.
- A full road closure of a portion of the roadway between Stevens Canyon Road and Panther Creek will take place September 2-30, 2025. The roadway will be bisected to install two large box culverts which will be more resilient during high flows and flooding reducing risk of road washouts and costly repairs and also annual maintenance needs. They should also improve habitat for amphibians and fish.
- There will be no vehicle,

pedestrian or bicycling access through the construction zone during this one-month culvert replacement project.

- Construction Year Two (2026)
- A 2.8-mile section of roadway will be under construction April-October 2026. Travelers will experience delays of up to 30 minutes.
- There will be no full closures of the roadway during the 2026 construction season. "We are grateful to have the opportunity to make much-needed improvements to the Ohanapeosh Campground and State Route 123," stated Superintendent Greg Dudgeon. "There will be some temporary inconveniences next year, but we know that this critical investment in our facilities will help ensure recreational opportunities for visitors for decades to come."

*Information about both construction projects will be posted on the park's website in spring 2025 prior to the start of construction. For general information about Mount Rainier National Park, please visit [www.nps.gov/mora](http://www.nps.gov/mora).*

# Wenatchee Valley Museum honors volunteers at annual recognition dinner

NCW News  
 Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center honored its volunteers during an appreciation dinner that highlighted the essential role they play in the institution's daily operations and community outreach programs.

The recognition event, held Friday, November 8, featured local entertainment and catering from area restaurants. Musicians Elaine

Eagle performed piano ballads and Thomas Kozina played selections from the Star Wars soundtrack on the museum's historic 1919 Wurlitzer pipe organ.

The museum presented multiple awards to volunteers who served in various capacities throughout the year, including front desk operations, exhibits management, archives and collections maintenance, children's programming, and special events coordination.

Among the highest honors, Penny and Larry Tobiska

received the Volunteer Award for Excellence in Service. The Long-term Service Award recognized multiple recipients, including Bob and Sherry Doolittle, Bob Straub, Carol Hofmann, Sandy Schuster, and Chris Rader.

Other notable recognitions included the Leadership Award presented to Bob Otis, while Mark Vanhorne earned the Go the Extra Mile Award. The museum acknowledged its marketing team with a special recognition for Denise Figlewicz, Kristi Mahre, Karen Mackey, and Jan Romey.

The dinner featured catering from Plaza Wenatchee, which provided a taco and salsa bar, complemented by pasta selections from Garlini's Napoletana.

The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with support from the cities of Wenatchee and East Wenatchee. The institution focuses on preserving and celebrating the region's history, arts, sciences, and cultural diversity.

*For more information about volunteer opportunities, interested parties can contact the museum's front desk at (509)-888-6240.*

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Fri, Dec 13	7:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Connell	Home
Sat, Dec 14	5:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	College Place	Away
Tue, Dec 17	7:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Kiona Benton City	Home
Fri, Dec 20	7:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Naches Valley	Home
Sat, Dec 21	5:14 PM	Cashmere vs.	Royal	Home
Wed, Jan 3	7:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Cascade	Home
Thu, Jan 4	5:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Wapato	Home
Wed, Jan 10	7:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Wahluke	Away
Thu, Jan 11	5:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Chelan	Home
Sun, Jan 14	7:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Zillah	Home
Wed, Jan 17	7:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Connell	Away
Thu, Jan 18	5:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Wahluke	Home
Sun, Jan 21	5:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Cle Elum-Roslyn	Away
Wed, Jan 24	7:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	College Place	Home
Thu, Jan 25	5:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Kiona Benton City	Away
Sun, Jan 28	7:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Naches Valley	Away
Wed, Jan 31	7:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Royal	Away
Thu, Feb 1	5:15 PM	Cashmere vs.	Wapato	Away
Girls Basketball				
Tue, Nov 26	4:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Ephrata	Away
Tue, Dec 10	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Zillah	Away
Fri, Dec 13	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Connell	Home
Sat, Dec 14	3:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	College Place	Away
Tue, Dec 17	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Kiona Benton City	Home
Fri, Dec 20	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Naches Valley	Home
Sat, Dec 21	3:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Royal	Home
Fri, Dec 27	11:00 AM	Cashmere vs.	Selah	Away
Sat, Dec 28	10:30 AM	Cashmere vs.	Brewster	Away
Wed, Jan 3	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Cascade	Home
Thu, Jan 4	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Wapato	Home
Wed, Jan 10	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Wahluke	Away
Thu, Jan 11	3:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Chelan	Home
Sun, Jan 14	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Zillah	Home
Wed, Jan 17	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Connell	Away
Thu, Jan 18	3:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Wahluke	Home
Sun, Jan 21	7:00 PM	Cashmere vs.	Cle Elum-Roslyn	Away
Wed, Jan 24	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	College Place	Home
Thu, Jan 25	3:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Kiona Benton City	Away
Sun, Jan 28	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Naches Valley	Away
Wed, Jan 31	5:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Royal	Away
Thu, Feb 1	3:45 PM	Cashmere vs.	Wapato	Away
Boys Wrestling				
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# Manson company brings high-tech solutions to local agriculture

By QUINN PROPST  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

MANSON – A new approach to crop management is taking root in Central Washington as AgHawk Dynamics brings drone technology to local farms, vineyards, and orchards.

AgHawk was created on the premise of trying to help turn agriculture upside down in a positive way, owner Chris Dandridge said.

The Manson-based company offers aerial application services designed to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and minimize human exposure to chemicals.

“We’re so excited to transform how trees, vineyards and fields are managed today to help preserve agricultural legacy in our local community,” said Chris Dandridge, owner of AgHawk Dynamics. “Our goal is to empower farmers with better data and insights to make informed decisions about crop performance compared to the traditional methods.”

When Dandridge and his family moved to Manson about seven years ago, they set to

work to revive an old orchard, creating an oasis for their family. On the other side of the orchard, they are working to grow a small vineyard.

“And as we’ve been going through the process, we’ve always been kind of thinking, well, there has to be a better way of doing things, you know, a better way of managing the land, the crops, if it were, and a safer way of being able to handle chemicals or types of fertilizer, whatever it is that we’re trying to apply, and try to remove some of that human component,” he said.

Dandridge has a passion for technology and has worked in the industry for a long time. Observing the challenges of traditional farming methods and inspired by drone technology being used out east, he saw an opportunity to integrate his passion for technology with agriculture.

“Our services empower growers and farmers to apply such things as pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, fertilizers and seed in a fraction of the time plus track these applications digitally down to the product, parcel,

wind and temperature readings,” he said. “This data driven approach and precise and rapid application is what differentiates us from the traditional methods.”

The company uses a customer-centric approach since every farm is different.

“We map out the blocks of property that require various product applications and schedules,” Dandridge said. “We then leverage our proprietary technology to build out the entire season.”

“Customers are always in the know as we deliver these services to avoid any surprises,” he said. “We regularly meet with the growers and managers to make sure we meet their expectations and adjust for unforeseen circumstances.”

With a focus on improving sustainability and providing reliable data, AgHawk Dynamics aims to support local farmers as they adapt to evolving agricultural needs.

For more information, visit [aghawkdynamics.com](http://aghawkdynamics.com).

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AgHawk Dynamics utilizes drone technology to apply things such as pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, fertilizers and seed in a fraction of the time for farmers in Central Washington.

# Link Transit ridership on record-setting pace

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Link Transit has surpassed one million passenger boardings for the second straight year, reaching the milestone two months earlier than in 2023.

The public transportation system recorded 1,031,139 fixed route boardings through October, already exceeding 2023’s year-end total of

1,011,391. Officials project ridership will approach 1.2 million by year’s end. The last time Link Transit topped one million riders before 2023 was in 2015.

October’s weekday ridership averaged 4,360 passengers, marking a 17% increase from October 2023. Weekend numbers also showed significant growth, with Saturday boardings averaging 2,508, up 18%, and Sunday

ridership reaching 1,690, a 20% increase from the previous year. The overall year-over-year comparison shows October 2024 ridership jumped 20.7% from October 2023.

The transit system has experienced substantial growth since 2022, with weekday ridership climbing 40% and Saturday service up 36%. Sunday service, introduced in 2020, has seen the most dramatic increase at 60%,

evolving from initial averages of 600 daily boardings during its first six months.

“Over the past several years, Link has added a significant amount of service throughout the region. This additional service provides more options for our guests, and it is paying off in increased ridership,” said Nick Covey, Link’s CEO. “Along with the increase in service, the alignment of many routes has improved so it is

easier and more convenient for people to use transit now. People are recognizing the quality of our service, and the ease with which they can make the switch to riding transit.”

The system now operates 413 hours of service each weekday, connecting communities throughout the Wenatchee/East Wenatchee area and extending to Chelan/Manson, Waterville, and communities along the Wenatchee River to Leavenworth. Weekend operations run at reduced levels, with 206 hours on

Saturdays and 162 hours on Sundays. Overall service hours have increased approximately 18% since 2023.

*The transit system serves multiple communities in north-central Washington state, providing essential transportation links between residential areas and regional destinations. Detailed ridership data and performance metrics are available on the transit system’s website at [www.linktransit.com/kpi](http://www.linktransit.com/kpi).*

# Local schools and community to celebrate Computer Science Education Week

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE -- Schools across North Central Washington are joining a nationwide initiative to promote computer science education through interactive events and community partnerships this December.

Computer Science Education Week, running December 9-14, will feature “Hour of Code” events at Lincoln Elementary, George Elementary, Waterville, Quincy Innovation Academy, Mansfield Elementary and High School, Ancient Lakes Elementary, Columbia Middle School, Cascade High School, Mountain View Elementary, Eastmont Junior High School,

Sterling Junior High School, St. Paul’s Lutheran School, Monument Elementary, Valley Academy, Almira Coulee Hartline High School, and Coulee City Elementary.

Two major community events highlight this year’s celebration. The NCW Tech Alliance is organizing “Code Green: Tech Recycle & Reuse Event” on December 10 at their Moses Lake facility. The event, part of their Computers for Community program, invites participants to help refurbish outdated computers for donation.

“The Apple STEM Network is thrilled to bring together students, families, and community members to celebrate the possibilities

of computer science,” said Holly Bringman, Apple STEM Network Coordinator. “Whether through the Hour of Code or engaging events like Santa’s Little Computer Science Workshop, we’re inspiring the next generation of tech innovators while creating a shared appreciation for the impact of technology.”

The week culminates with “Santa’s Computer Science Workshop” at Pybus Market on December 14. The free event, scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon, offers hands-on activities, including coding, AI prompt engineering, and creating electric circuit Christmas cards.

The initiative brings together several prominent

organizations, including Microsoft, NCW Libraries, the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Hooked on Toys, and the North Central Educational Services District. These partnerships underscore a growing emphasis on technology education in the region.

The Code Green event will take place at 1000 Bolling Street N.E. in Moses Lake, housed in the NCW Tech Alliance Building on the Big Bend Community College Campus. Organizers stress that no prior experience is necessary for participation.

Additional information about these events can be found at [www.applestemnetwork.org](http://www.applestemnetwork.org).



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## North Central Education Foundation receives Wheatland Bank grant to fund teacher programs

NCW News  
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WENATCHEE — The North Central Education Foundation (NCEF) has received a contribution from Wheatland Bank to support its Teacher Classroom Grant Program, expanding its network of community partnerships supporting educational initiatives in North Central Washington.

The donation will help fund classroom innovation projects across four counties as the foundation marks its 15th year of providing grants to teachers in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties.

“It’s exciting to have Wheatland Bank join us in continuing to support creative teachers who are bringing hands-on learning to their classrooms,” said Foundation Treasurer Ray Dobbs.

The foundation’s grant program awarded funding to 225 teachers this year. The grants, averaging \$300, support multiple educational areas including arts and music, literacy, STEM, cultural awareness, history, social studies, social-emotional wellness, environmental education, and financial education.

NCEF Vice-President Jeff Kimbell expressed gratitude for the new partnership: “With much gratitude, we thank Wheatland Bank for their generous support. They have already proven to have a strong sense of caring towards education in our community. We look forward to working with Wheatland to foster



COURTESY OF NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
Josh Stendera, Executive Vice President, Regional Chief Banking Officer from Wheatland Bank presents a \$10,000 check to NCEF President Lois Davies.

innovation in the classroom and support great teachers in NCW.”

The foundation’s community support extends beyond Wheatland Bank, with additional backing from Confluence Health, the Woods Family Music and Arts Fund, the Community Foundation of North Central Washington,

local Rotary organizations, and regional service organizations. Individual donors, including educators and community members, have also increased their contributions to the program.

“We are extremely pleased to support this program knowing that our contribution will help make an impact in

the educational experience of so many local students,” said Erica Mostek, Wheatland SVP/ Director of Marketing.

*The Teacher Classroom Grant Program focuses on funding innovative teaching approaches that can enhance student learning through modest financial support.*

## SkiLink provides free transportation to Mission Ridge

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — A free transportation service for winter sports enthusiasts heading to Mission Ridge Ski and Board Resort launched on November 23, coinciding with the resort’s opening day for the season.

The SkiLink shuttle service will operate six round trips on weekends, departing from Columbia Station at 6:55, 8:15, 9:35, and 11:00 a.m., with afternoon departures at 12:45, 2:15, and 3:45 p.m. The service includes stops at Lincoln Park approximately seven minutes after each Columbia Station departure.

Riders have multiple parking options available. While Columbia Station offers limited parking, additional lots are

located at the intersection of Methow Street and Crawford, across from Lincoln Park Baptist Church on Crawford Street, and at Mission Street and Parkway.

The service will operate weekends only through December 16 before expanding to daily operations from December 17 through December 31, except for Christmas Day. After the holiday break, service will return to weekends and holidays only. Beginning January 3, Friday afternoon and evening service will be added through February.

All skiers and snowboarders may ride SkiLink for no cost.

*Passengers seeking additional information about routes and schedules can contact Link Transit at 509-662-1155 or visit [www.linktransit.com/skilink](http://www.linktransit.com/skilink).*

## Leavenworth's Fowl Play 5k to mark ten years of local Thanksgiving tradition

By CAROLINE MENNA  
Ward Media Intern

Leavenworth’s 10th Annual Turkey Trot, affectionately known as the Fowl Play 5k, will take place on Thanksgiving morning, November 28th, to bring the community together for a decade of fitness, fun, and fundraising.

Every Thanksgiving, people run, walk, or waddle through rain, snow, or sun in a fun community event that also welcomes Leavenworth’s holiday visitors. Costumes, dogs, kids in strollers, and walkers - all are welcome for this lively, untimed 5K.

Participants are encouraged to embrace the festive spirit by donning Thanksgiving-themed costumes.

Started in 2014 by the Cascade High School tennis team and now organized by the cross country team in partnership with the Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation, the Fowl Play 5k has become a hometown Thanksgiving tradition.

“We’re excited to be holding the tenth annual Fowl Play 5k,” said cross country coach Dayle Massey. “This event has become a staple in our community, and it’s a wonderful way to kick off Thanksgiving Day while supporting local kids in sports.”

Over the past decade, the Fowl Play 5k has continued to grow, with almost 300 participants last year. This year, organizers are aiming to continue that trend.

“We’re hoping to see a record number of participants

this year,” added Massey. “Whether you’re a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun way to get active with family and friends, we encourage everyone to join us.”

Did you know? The Turkey Trot has a surprisingly long and rich history, predating even the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. It all began in 1896 with a serious 8k race organized by the YMCA in Buffalo, New York. Over the decades, it evolved from a competitive event into the fun, family-friendly tradition happening in countless cities and towns across the United States. So, when you participate in the Fowl Play 5k, you’re taking part in a piece of American history!

### Event Details:

- Date: Thursday, November 28th, 2024
  - Time: 9:00 AM
  - Location: Front Street Gazebo, downtown Leavenworth
  - Registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Leavenworth/FowlPlay5K>
- Don’t miss your chance to join the fun, celebrate Thanksgiving with your community, support a worthy cause, and burn some calories before the feast! Register today for the 10th Annual Fowl Play 5k and be a part of this Leavenworth tradition.

*Caroline Menna is an intern for Ward Media and a senior at Cascade High School, where she serves as Editor-in-Chief of the school’s Publications Group.*



COURTESY OF AMY MASSEY  
Runners take to the line ahead of the start of the 2023 Thanksgiving morning Fowl Play 5k.

## North Central Education Foundation awards record 225 Teacher Grants

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The North Central Education Foundation announced a record-breaking distribution of classroom grants to 225 teachers across four Washington counties, marking the largest number of awards in the foundation’s 15-year history.

The grants, awarded to educators in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan Counties, span multiple categories including cultural awareness, financial education, social studies, wellness, literacy, arts, and STEM programs. The initiative received support from numerous community organizations, businesses, and private donors.

This year’s program emphasized collaborative projects, with 41 grants awarded to teams of two or more teachers. However, due to limited resources, 49 applications representing 85 teachers went unfunded.

“I believe adopting a teacher grant is a wonderful and cost-effective way to support our region’s students and schools in a more personal manner, by connecting with a specific teacher and grant request,” said NCEF Board member Jeff Kimbell.

The foundation reported that teachers from 23 of the

29 school districts within the North Central Educational Service District region received grants, including educators from private and charter schools.

Major funding partners included Wheatland Bank, North Central ESD, Woods Family Music & Arts Fund, Confluence Health, Community Foundation of NCW, and various local Rotary clubs. The grants aim to address classroom needs that teachers often fund out of pocket.

Unfunded grant applications remain available for adoption through the foundation’s website at [www.loveteachers.org](http://www.loveteachers.org).

The program distributed funds across seven categories, with dedicated support for specific subjects. The Cultural Awareness grants were funded by Lake Chelan Rotary and Confluence Rotary, while the Consumer Jungle supported Financial Education initiatives. Environmental and geology projects received backing from Friends of Lower Grand Coulee, and various community organizations funded wellness, literacy, arts, and STEM programs.

Among the recipients from area schools were:

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ID: **jhenri**  
Password: **LSH1024pc** (I suggest you copy and paste the password)  
There will be a **NON-Mandatory pre-bid Site Walk** for this bid package on **Tuesday, November 26, 2024**, at the site at 11:00 am. Bids will be received until **2:00 PM on Thursday December 6, 2024**, by Leavenworth Winter Sports Club. All bids shall be binding for 30 days thereafter.  
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# Stuffing, pie and family oh my!

## WSDOT's online tools are key to stress-free Thanksgiving travel

### Holiday weekend travel requires preparation and patience

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OLYMPIA – Cloves and cinnamon spice aren't the only seasonal ingredients necessary for a holiday weekend. People headed everywhere from Friday Harbor to Walla Walla for Thanksgiving will want to plan now for winter weather and additional holiday traffic.

The Washington State Department of Transportation recommends people expect heavy traffic and delays on major routes like Interstate 90, US 2 and I-5 – as well as long ferry lines. Consult the agency's holiday travel charts at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/travel/holiday-weekend-travel/thanksgiving-weekend-travel-times](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/travel/holiday-weekend-travel/thanksgiving-weekend-travel-times) before heading out. The charts help determine the best times to travel, including times to avoid if possible.

Most construction will be paused over the four-

day weekend to help reduce congestion. WSDOT recommends people travel early or late and give themselves plenty of extra time. Crashes or emergency road repairs also can add to travel times.

WSDOT has a varietal cornucopia of resources to help plan travel this autumn:

- Stay informed using WSDOT's online tools, including the free WSDOT mobile app, traffic cameras and email alerts.
- Visit online traveler information for traffic, weather, ferry schedules and a real-time travel map.
- Follow WSDOT on various social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, Threads and X/Twitter.
- Identify potential safety rest areas for breaks to avoid drowsy driving.
- Carry chains and other winter travel essentials.
- Check the WSDOT mountain passes webpage for information on pass

updates or the latest chain or traction tire requirements.

- Leave extra time for holiday and winter travel. Slow down and leave extra space between vehicles and for people walking or rolling.

### Cross-mountain travel

Weather conditions over mountain passes can change rapidly. It's important for travelers to plan ahead and follow posted chain requirements. Most pass closures are because of drivers traveling too fast or without proper traction tires or chains. Practice installing chains before heading out the door – to avoid learning on the side of highway during a winter storm.

No construction is planned on I-90 Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29. However, the increased holiday travel means people should expect delays, especially eastbound on Wednesday and Thursday and westbound on Friday

and Saturday ( see the I-90 travel charts for more detail ). Receive text message alerts about closures and delays by texting "Start" to 85107. To unsubscribe text "Stop." The holiday weekend is also the start to festive lighting events in Leavenworth. People traveling US 2 Stevens Pass should expect increased congestion through Wenatchee and go early or late to avoid delays.

### Seasonal pass closures

State Routes 410 and 123, including Chinook and Cayuse passes within Mount Rainier National Park, are closed for the season due to heavy snowfall and avalanche danger. The SR 20/North Cascades Highway closed for the season between Ross Dam trailhead (milepost 134) and Silver Star gate (milepost 171) on Monday, Nov. 18 due to avalanche risk.

### Tolls

In the Puget Sound region, weekend toll rates will be in effect Thursday, Nov. 28, on the

SR 520 bridge and SR 99 tunnel. The I-405 express toll lanes will be free and open to all drivers on Thanksgiving. Out-of-town travelers, including those using rental cars, can learn about toll roads and temporary account payment options on the Good To Go! visitors page.

### Ferry travel

People boarding a state ferry by vehicle should prepare for long waits. Peak travel times on most routes are expected to be westbound (or onto an island) Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 27-28, then eastbound (or off an island), Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29-30. Customers also can bypass vehicle lines by traveling as a walk-on passenger.

Visit the Washington State Ferries website for more details on sailings schedules, vehicle reservations, ferry alerts and terminal conditions.

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Travelers making a trip by train, personal aircraft or bus also should plan ahead to avoid holiday delays:  
• Amtrak Cascades pas-

sengers are encouraged to purchase tickets early and plan to arrive at the station one hour before departure. Trains are running between Vancouver, British Columbia and Eugene, Oregon, stopping at 18 stations along the way. Buses also are available for travel between Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia and between Seattle and Bellingham. Visit [www.AmtrakCascades.com](http://www.AmtrakCascades.com) or call 800-USA-RAIL for tickets and schedules.

- Pilots traveling via state-sponsored airports can find information at [wsdot.wa.gov/travel/aviation/airports-list](http://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/aviation/airports-list). Select "WSDOT sponsored" under "Airport collections" and click "Apply."
- Check with local public transit agencies for any holiday schedule or service changes, including some Dial-A-Ride and fixed-route service that may not run on holidays.

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## WA agency seeks funding for new juvenile detention center as overcrowding persists

By LAUREL DEMKOVICH  
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - With overcrowding at Washington's two juvenile detention centers, the Department of Children, Youth and Families is asking state lawmakers for money to open a new facility.

The department wants to add a smaller, minimum and medium security site to help alleviate pressure on the other two centers, which had to pause admissions earlier this year because they were over capacity. The goal is for the new facility to also help with providing a more rehabilitative environment and mental health services for young people convicted of crimes.

"This is critical for the safety of our staff," said Allison Krutsinger, spokesperson for the department. "It's critical for the safety of the young

people that reside there."

Green Hill School, located in Chehalis, currently houses about 240 people. Its safe operational capacity is 180. The overcrowding is unsustainable, according to the department's budget request, and young people are not able to get the range of programming and support they need.

"Green Hill is unsafe," Krutsinger said.

The department submitted a placeholder request to the governor for between \$4.8 million and \$9 million to secure a new facility and prepare it for operation. The exact location isn't confirmed yet so the amount of money the department will officially request is still being finalized.

On Monday, Gov. Jay Inslee will hold a press conference to discuss steps to reduce overcrowding at juvenile rehabilitation facilities,

including previewing policy and budget proposals aimed at "ensuring the state can sustainably and safely serve the changing JR population," according to his office.

The funding sought by the Department of Children, Youth and Families would go toward expenses like leasing costs, maintenance, equipment and staff. Krutsinger said the department has been looking at a number of possible sites and would have more specifics in the coming week.

In their budget request, the department points to an increased caseload and a bigger need for mental health support as two main reasons for needing this new facility.

Recent legislation extended the juvenile age to 25 for some offenses and allowed young people convicted of crimes to remain at juvenile detention centers — as opposed to going

to prison — until their 25th birthday. That extension has led to a "significant rise in population" at the centers, according to the department's budget request.

Krutsinger said the state cannot just build a new wing at Green Hill or Echo Glen Children's Center, located in Snoqualmie. Even with more beds, parts of the centers like dining halls and common spaces would still be too small.

The freeze on admissions at the two existing centers lasted about a month over the summer and sparked a lawsuit from the Washington Association of Counties against the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. An agreement in August between the two sides ended the pause.

In addition to the counties' lawsuit, the department faced backlash for its decision

to transfer 43 young men between the ages of 21 to 25 from Green Hill School to state prison. A state judge ordered the reversal of that move.

Along with additional capacity, the new facility is supposed to help the department move toward a more therapeutic approach to serving young people experiencing mental health challenges in their facilities. The state needs to increase capacity for this type of care for people with medium-security classifications, according to the department.

Smaller facilities with fewer people provide a different type of rehabilitation, Krutsinger said.

"Over time, you will see us moving away from growing the footprint of the larger campuses and moving towards more capacity for smaller, community-based settings,"

she said.

The Legislature is looking at a multi-billion dollar deficit over the next four years, which could make funding for new programs and services difficult to get through.

But Krutsinger said this request should be a priority and shouldn't be a surprise to lawmakers — some of whom voiced frustration over the summer that crowding at the centers was allowed to get to such high levels.

"We've been very clear and transparent," Krutsinger said. "The solution is more capacity."

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**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
RCW 11.40.030

The personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representatives' or the personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
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In the Matter of the Estate of **JANICE G. KAESTNER Deceased.**  
No. 24-4-00226-04  
**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
RCW 11.40.030

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In the Matter of the Estate of **JEAN GUNDERSON Deceased.**  
No. 24-4-00305-04  
**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
RCW 11.40.030

The personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representatives' or the personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
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## SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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4	2	1	9	5	8	5	3	7
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2	3	6	5	8	9	4	1	7
1	8	9	7	4	3	6	2	5

ANSWER:

## Moving?

### Are you a Snowbird?

Don't forget to call Laura in Circulation so you don't miss a single issue of your Local Weekly Community Newspaper or your Monthly Wenatchee Business Journal!  
email: [laura@ward.media](mailto:laura@ward.media) or call 509-293-6780



# Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

Get puzzle answers, recipes and more at [www.kidscoop.com](http://www.kidscoop.com)

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## After Dinner Bingo

After dinner, take a stroll around your neighborhood with friends or family members. On this walk, each of you take one of the cards below and cross out items as you see them. First one to black out the card wins!



Standards Links: Investigation: Record information about the living world.

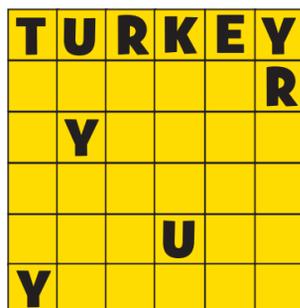
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## Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **TURKEY** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



**DON'T DO THIS PAGE ALONE:** This special *Kid Scoop* Thanksgiving page is designed for you to do with a friend or family member. So find someone to share the fun!

# Thanksgiving Together!

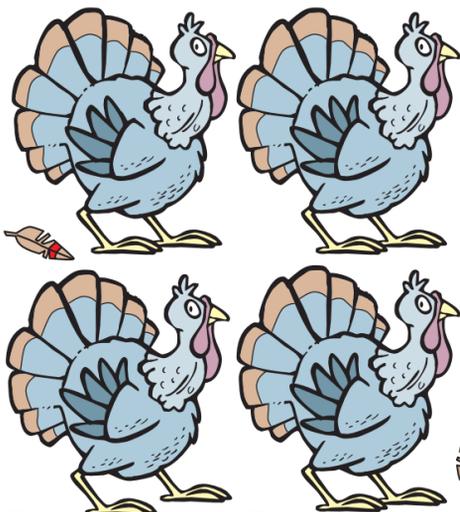


## Turkey Tracks

Have your partner use a RED crayon and you use a BLUE one. Which turkey will reach the finish line first? On your mark, get set ... GOBBLE!

Who can find the most turkey feathers on this page in 60 seconds?

Find the turkey that is different.



## A Slice of PI

All of these words start with the letters P-I. Read the clues and work together to fill in the missing letters.

1.      O
2.    K
3.   C
4.     T
5.

1. A heavy musical instrument with keys.
2. A small cucumber preserved in brine.
3. A meal packed to eat outdoors.
4. A person who robs ships at sea.
5. A platform over water that starts at the shore.

## Your Riddle, My Riddle

You circle every other third letter to reveal the punch line to your riddle. Your partner circles every third letter to reveal his or her punch line.

What's the best thing to put in a pumpkin pie?

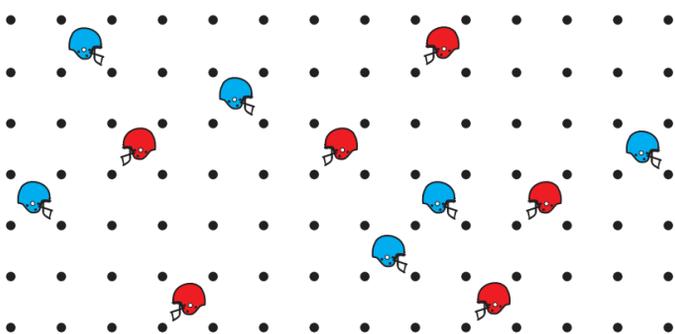
**ACYTBONMUSQRP  
BTJSENBKWTGZH**

What smells the best at Thanksgiving?

**ACYTBONMUSQR  
VWNJSOCWSUTE**

Standards Links: Life Skills: Share a task with others.

**Football Fun** You use a BLUE crayon and your opponent uses a RED crayon. Take turns connecting two dots each time. The person who completes a square gets one point. A square with a football helmet in it is worth three points!



FINISH

## Extra! Extra! Rhyme Time

Browse the newspaper for 10 words that would make good halves of a rhyming pair. Then have your partner scour the newspaper for words that rhyme with each of the ones you chose. Switch roles and try it again.

Standards Links: Vocabulary: Identify rhyming patterns and words.

FINISH

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Practice saying **Thank you** in seven different languages! Match the **Thank you** to the country from which it comes.

- Tak** (tak)
- Gracias** (gra-see-us)
- Merci** (mehr-see)
- Kiitos** (kee-toas)
- Danke** (dahn-kah)
- Arigato** (ahree-gah-tow)
- Dziekuje** (dsyne-koo-yeh)

- FRANCE**
- DENMARK**
- JAPAN**
- POLAND**
- FINLAND**
- MEXICO**
- GERMANY**

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

- TOGETHER
- CUCUMBER
- PUMPKIN
- PARTNER
- MUSICAL
- FAMILY
- TURKEY
- BRINE
- SHORE
- WATER
- SHARE
- HOUSE
- CLUES
- PIE

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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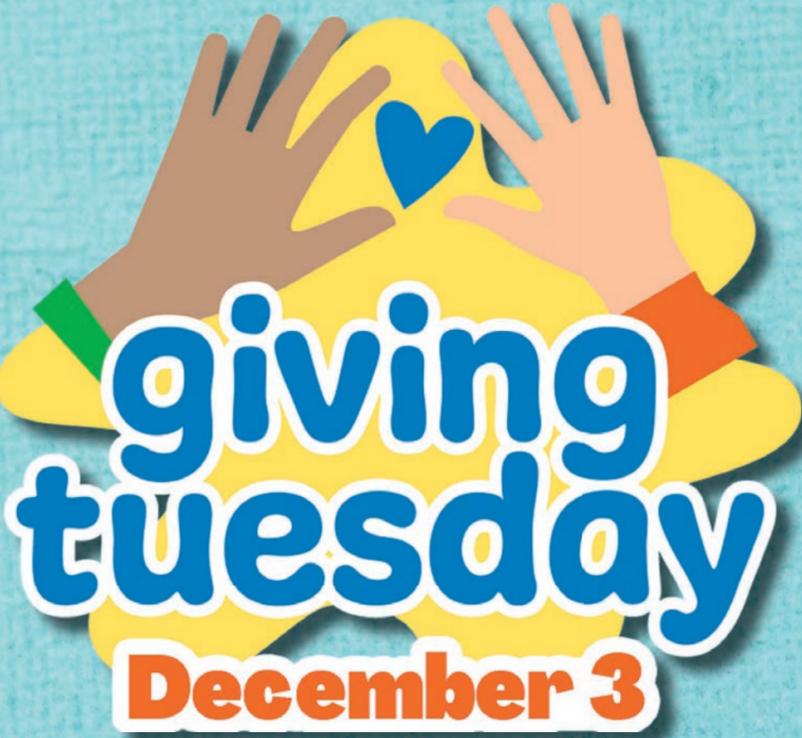
AT YOUR LIBRARY

- Storytimes
- After school events & activities
- Check out books, comics, movies, & more



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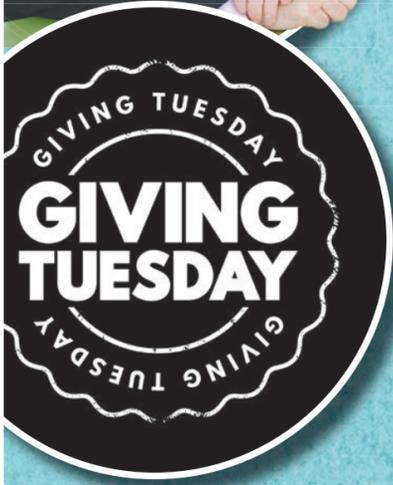
- Free homework help
- Britannica Library
- Stream books, comics, movies, & more



# A global movement spreading hope and generosity



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# Give to Local Nonprofits!



Give NCW is an online fundraising campaign supporting nonprofits in North Central Washington during the holiday season. Just \$10 or more will support the arts, environment, youth, education, and vital human services that improve the quality of life for all across the region.

You can donate to one or several nonprofits on the list or "Give to All" and your donation will be matched and shared among participating nonprofits!

Scan the QR code to learn more and give!

Scan to Give!



GiveNCW.org

## Make Giving Tuesday count for our communities



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As we approach Giving Tuesday on December 3, I'm reminded of the vital role nonprofits play across North Central Washington, weaving together the fabric of our communities through support, compassion, and progress. From food banks that nourish the hungry to shelters that offer refuge, from crisis counselors who lend an ear to arts programs that inspire – these organizations form an essential safety net and enrichment system that neither government nor private enterprise can fully provide.

Giving Tuesday presents a powerful opportunity to strengthen these indispensable institutions. These vital organizations stretch every dollar to serve our community, yet consistently face tough choices about which urgent needs they can meet with limited funds. While dedicated staff and volunteers power their daily operations, the stark reality is that financial constraints often prevent them from helping everyone who needs their services. Giving Tuesday is our chance to change that equation – to give these essential organizations the resources they need to say "yes" more often to our neighbors in need.

To view our Giving Tuesday contributions merely as acts of charity is to underestimate their

true impact. In reality, every dollar donated, every hour volunteered, is an investment in the health and vibrancy of our shared community. When we support a local food bank, we help children focus in school rather than on their hunger, and we help parents keep food on the table while keeping up with rising costs. When we fund mental health services, we ensure crisis support is available 24/7 for our neighbors, friends and family members during their darkest moments, creating a community where everyone knows help is just a phone call away.

The dividends of this investment are far-reaching. Our local nonprofits are economic engines that employ our neighbors, purchase from local businesses, and multiply every dollar donated into direct community impact. When disaster strikes – whether it's a wildfire threatening homes or families facing sudden hardship – these organizations are already on the ground, knowing exactly who needs help and how to provide it.

While Giving Tuesday offers a powerful moment

to open our hearts and wallets, lasting community change needs sustained commitment. Whether it's setting up a monthly donation that nonprofits can count on, lending your professional expertise to a board of directors, spending Saturday mornings sorting food bank donations, or simply following and sharing local nonprofit stories on social media – every consistent action builds momentum. Let this Giving Tuesday be the day you discover how good it feels to be part of something bigger – the beginning of a deeper connection with the organizations working tirelessly to make our community stronger.

As December 3 approaches, remember that our community's true strength comes from how we take care of each other. The measure of our success isn't found in spreadsheets or statistics, but in our willingness to reach out and lift up our neighbors in need. Your Giving Tuesday contribution sends a powerful message about who we are and what we stand for here in North Central Washington – that in this corner of the world, no one faces life's challenges alone.

Together, let's make this Giving Tuesday a powerful reminder of what makes our region special – neighbors helping neighbors, today and every day.

Terry Ward, Publisher



### Chelan Douglas Community Action Council

**Non-Profit Name:** Chelan Douglas Community Action Council

**Mission Statement:** To end poverty by empowering people and improving lives.

**Brief Description of Your Nonprofit:** CDCAC strives to reduce barriers leading to poverty, to empower people to build long-term stability and resiliency, and to improve and sustain quality of life for those we serve.

**Year Established:** 1965

**Geographic Area Served:** Chelan and Douglas County, primary, AmeriCorps programs extend to Okanogan, Grant, Adams and Lincoln County

**Key Programs or Services:** Housing and affordable apartment units; regional food bank, Community Market, Mobile Food; English as a Second Language classes; Financial Education classes; energy assistance; weatherization, energy conservation and home health improvements; AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors (RSVP); in addition we provide student and adult internships, work study and on-the-

job learning experiences.

**How Can the Public Support You?:** We accept donations of food and essential needs, volunteer tutors, exercise volunteers, food pantry volunteers, and many more ways to support and give back to your community.

**Contact Information:** Address: 620 Lewis Street, Wenatchee WA 98801

**Phone:** 509-662-6156 **Email:** info@cdcac.org

**Social Media Links:** www.facebook.com/cdcommunityaction

**Contact Person:** Alan Walker



### Lions Club of Leavenworth

**Non-Profit Name:** Leavenworth Lions Club  
**Mission statement:** To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

**Brief description of your non-profit:** Men and women, in all walks of life, serving their community. Initially, Helen Keller challenged us to become "Knights of the Blind"; a strong mission of ours is focused on helping those with vision problems. Keep your eyes open for our eyeglass collection boxes around town! Among our other goals, a cleaner environment, conquering diabetes, feeding the hungry. Our club meets twice a month, for fellowship, fun, and focusing on the question: "What's our next project?" It's exciting and fulfilling to serve others, no other feeling quite like it. In the words of Helen Keller, "The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves."

**Year established:** 1951

**Geographic area served:** Leavenworth and surrounding communities down valley

**Key Programs or Services:**  
• **Vision Assistance:** We collect used eyeglasses, help with exam and eye glass expenses, and do vision exams at local schools.

• **Our Fight Against Diabetes/Helping Those Live with the Disease:** We provide scholarships for youngsters to attend diabetes camps.

• **Addressing Hunger:** Annual food drive with Dan's Food Market and monetary donations to food bank

• **Environment:** Highway 2 cleanup. We are incorporating

recycling/composting methods in the serving of our community breakfasts.

• **Supporting Future Generations:** We provide clothing and supplies for elementary students. We support youth sports programs. For graduating seniors, Lions sponsor scholarships.

• **Sustaining Our Community:** We help Friends of the Library with book sale. We donate financially to Cascade Medical Foundation.

• **Providing Optimism and Fun:** We bake and deliver valentine cookies and cards to Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus. May Day baskets and cards are delivered there too. The Lions sponsor a community Easter Egg Hunt.

**And more.....**

**How can the public support you?** Community Breakfasts in Lions Club Park, May through September, Hot dogs in the park during home swim team meets, Donations

**Contact Information:** Current President Tony Maffey

**Address:** LEAVENWORTH LIONS CLUB PO BOX 113, LEAVENWORTH WA 98826-0113

**Phone:** (509)470-6743

**Email:** snthp@charter.net

**Website:** http://www.leavenworthlions.com/

**Social Media Links:** https://www.facebook.com/LeavenworthLionsWA

**Contact Person:** Current President Tony Maffey

**Additional Materials:** Worldwide, we support the Lions Clubs International Foundation, a charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, that provides relief for disasters. If you want to make a difference in your community, country, and world, we encourage you to check us out. It's an opportunity to give back, make new friends, hone leadership skills, and have fun!



# Giving Tuesday:

## A global movement spreading hope and generosity

Rooted in the spirit of generosity, this global phenomenon, celebrated on the Tuesday following

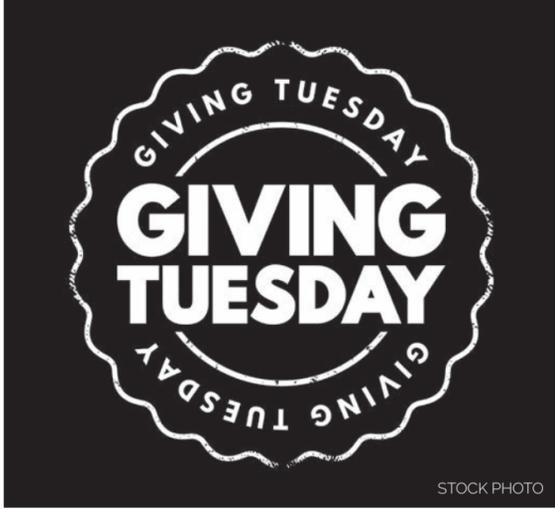
Thanksgiving, encourages individuals and communities worldwide to embrace the act of giving back.

### Origin and History:

Emerging in 2012 as a response to the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the concept of Giving Tuesday was born from a collaboration between the 92nd Street Y, a cultural and community center in New York City, and the United Nations Foundation. Fueled by the power of social media and the collective desire to make a positive impact, this initiative swiftly gained traction, transcending borders and cultures.

### The Purpose and Impact:

Giving Tuesday serves as a beacon of hope, uniting people across the globe to support causes close to their hearts. Whether contributing funds to charitable organizations, volunteering time and expertise, or simply spreading awareness, this day empowers individuals to effect change in their communities and beyond.



### Unwavering Support and Growth:

Over the years, the ethos of Giving Tuesday has reverberated across continents, igniting a spirit of philanthropy that knows no bounds. Organizations, corporations, and individuals join forces, amplifying the impact of their contributions to address diverse issues, from education and healthcare to environmental conservation

and social justice.

### Local Initiatives and Participation:

Communities around the world, including our own in North Central Washington, embrace Giving Tuesday with enthusiasm and passion. From charitable drives and fundraising events to volunteer-led initiatives, the spirit of giving resonates deeply within our neighborhoods, enriching lives and fostering a

culture of compassion.

### Looking Ahead:

As the world faces various challenges, the significance of Giving Tuesday continues to grow, reminding us of the profound impact of altruism. With each passing year, this day serves as a powerful reminder that generosity knows no bounds and that collective action can pave the way for a brighter, more compassionate world.

## Chelan Valley Hope

**Non-Profit Name:** Chelan Valley Hope  
**Mission Statement:** Furthering positive changes in people's lives. We envision a Chelan Valley where all people in need are compassionately and confidentially connected with timely relief and other relevant resources.

**Brief description of your nonprofit:** Chelan Valley Hope offers essentials like food, shelter, hygiene, showers, laundry facilities, and a warm overnight place to stay. At Chelan Valley Hope, we advocate for those who may struggle to be heard, working to foster stability and connect people with essential services. Chelan Valley Hope supports families with basic needs as well as addressing unique challenges like, senior care, healthcare, social security, identification, state assistance, counseling, and much more. This year alone, we served nearly 4,000 summer lunches to children in need. Every service is delivered with dignity and respect. When people seek our support, they leave with a reliable ally who helps them navigate life's challenges. Your gift to Chelan Valley Hope empowers us to continue innovative and daring solutions to lift people out of poverty.

**Year Established:** 2009

**Geographic area served:** Chelan, Chelan Falls, Entiat, Manson, Mansfield, Orondo, Bridgeport, Waterville and Pateros..

**Key programs or services:** Rental assistance, utilities, food, hygiene items.

**How can the public support you?** Donations of food, coats, blankets, monetary support, and time are always appreciated!

**Contact Information:** 417 S. Bradley Street, PO Box 1527, Chelan, WA 98816

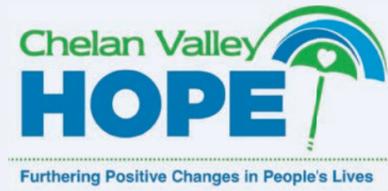
**Phone:** 509-888-2114

**Email:** info@chelanvalleyhope.org

**Website:** chelanvalleyhope.org

**Social Media Links:** @chelanvalleyhope

**Contact Person:** Mikayla Gonzalez



## Chelan Valley Housing Trust

**Non-Profit Name:** Chelan Valley Housing Trust

**Brief description of your nonprofit:** Develop stable and secure housing that is attainable to Manson and Chelan wage earners. We believe that secure housing in which families, young professionals, and seniors can thrive is crucial to a healthy community, and strong economy. Chelan Valley Housing Trust is a 501-c3 non profit housing developer aiming to house local wage earners in Chelan and Manson. The Lake Chelan valley has a housing crisis. Most of our area's wage earners can no longer afford to live here. We want to solve this problem through the community land trust model (CLT) which focuses on home ownership, perpetual affordability and stewardship.

**Year Established:** 2019

**Geographic area served:** We serve people who work and live inside the Manson or Chelan School District boundary.

**Key programs or services:** We build homes that are attainable for local wage earners and after building the initial home it is kept attainable to the next buyer generation after generation ensuring that our one time community

investment can serve this community forever.  
**How can the public support you?** The public can support in several ways, by getting involved and volunteering, or by donating money or other resources including land, and being advocates and influencers.

**Contact Information:** 123 E Johnson Ave. Suite 1, PO Box 674, Chelan WA 98816

**Phone:** 509-508-1183

**Email:** info@chelanvalleyhousing.org

**Website:** www.chelanvalleyhousing.org

**Social Media Links:** www.facebook.com/chelanvalleyhousing

**Contact Person:** Scott Meyers



## Chelan Valley Community Nurse Enfermera de la Comunidad



**For information or to refer yourself, a neighbor or a loved one, please call 509-679-9059 or 509-393-1450. We are here to assist you and those you care about.**

The Chelan Valley Community Nurse is a free, grass roots program dedicated to assisting our Chelan Valley seniors and others who are frail or vulnerable, to keep them safely in their homes. CVCN offers in-home Blood Pressure checks, Medication and Treatment Education, especially post hospital discharge, and Management Assistance with new or chronic conditions. CVCN provides free, bi-weekly blood pressure checks at the Chelan Senior Center. Call the Chelan Senior Center at 509-682-2712 for dates. CVCN also provides referrals to Physicians, Community Resources and Support Services for both Clients and their Families. Our services offer relief and support for family members as well, who live outside our valley and who are unable to physically assess and attend their loved ones. The Chelan Valley Community Nurse Program is FREE to anyone living within the Lake Chelan Valley and is funded entirely by Donations and Grants. We do not require Physician Orders, Insurance or payment. We depend upon the generosity of Donors for revenue and Your Support is Deeply Appreciated!

chelanvalleycommunitynurse@gmail.com | www.chelanvalleycommunitynurse.org

**To Donate:** facebook@ChelanValleyCommunityNurse Donations by Check may be mailed to: Chelan Valley Community Nurse, PO Box 2987, Chelan, WA 98816

## If the Walls Could Talk!

The **Manson Grange** has been a vital part of our Lake Chelan community for well over 100 years! This historic building hosts social gatherings, community events, classes, political forums, and school functions.

Our capital improvement project will assure we meet the needs of our growing community and create easier access into the building with an ADA ramp, enlarged restrooms, and more.

Please help to revitalize the **Manson Grange** with your tax-deductible donation. Your support allows us to offer even more activities, improve our facility and maintain this historic building and its roots.

**Together we can improve the lives of our community members!**

Visit our website at [www.mansongrange.com](http://www.mansongrange.com) for details and information on how you can get involved or donate.

*It's the season to*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*for your neighbors*

**Your gift to Upper Valley MEND provides:**

- Nutritious food for local families in need through the Community Cupboard food pantry
- Safe, affordable housing for working families
- Access to our Free Clinic for someone who can't afford medical or dental costs
- Short-term financial assistance for someone experiencing a crisis.

**GIVE TODAY**  
or visit  
[uvmend.org/donate](http://uvmend.org/donate)

Plus, your gift can be matched!

# How to make a charity a beneficiary

Giving to charity can be a rewarding endeavor that makes a difference in the lives of people in need. Many people donate throughout their lives, and some people may want to impart a more lasting legacy by continuing to support a charity even after they have passed away.

Incorporating a charity into an estate plan is a great way to continue giving after you pass away. Individuals may not know how to make charities beneficiaries in their wills. A financial planner, attorney or accountant can answer the more complex questions individuals have about naming charities as beneficiaries in a will. In the meantime, this general guide can serve as a solid foundation for individuals

who want to give back in their wills.

Most people think of beneficiaries as loved ones, but a beneficiary can be any person or entity one chooses to leave money to, including nonprofit organizations. It's relatively the same process to name a charity as a beneficiary as it is an individual. According to the resource Trust & Will, first identify the charity that will be supported, including getting its Employer Identification Number or Taxpayer Identification Number. Next, determine which type of gift to make, which may be a predetermined financial contribution, a gift of property, or other assets like stocks. For large donations like real estate or cars, it may be best to contact the charity in advance

to ensure they are able to accept such gifts. Finally, be sure to include your wishes in an estate plan. A qualified attorney can help clients draft a will that spells out their wishes in detail.

Keep in mind that charities also can be named as beneficiaries on life insurance policies or individual retirement accounts. They also can be listed on bank accounts. Again, people are urged to discuss all options with estate planners to ensure their plans fully reflect their wishes.

When naming a charity as a beneficiary, it can be wise to inform family members and other beneficiaries so no one is caught off guard upon your death. This way the charitable gift is not held up by delays in executing the will.



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# Cyber scams come in many different forms

In a relatively short period of time, the internet has changed the way people live. Things that might have been unimaginable as recently as a quarter century ago are now ingrained in daily life. For instance, few people in the late 1990s might have imagined a day when billions of people across the globe would be walking around with mini-computers capable of taking hi-resolution photos in their pockets. But smartphones have long since become an accepted and vital part of life in the 21st century.

The internet has opened doors to new possibilities, but it's also left other doors open for cybercriminals. Any home with an internet connection is potentially vulnerable to internet scams. Recognition of that fact and awareness of the following scams can reduce the likelihood of being victimized by opportunistic cybercriminals.

- **Disaster relief scams:** Human beings' innate sense of compassion is on full display in the aftermath of natural disasters when people across the globe typically donate hundreds of millions of dollars in an effort to help people whose lives have been turned upside down by hurricanes, wildfires, and other devastating events. But skilled cybercriminals prey on that compassion by setting up bogus relief efforts. Such efforts may involve fake charities with names that are similar but slightly different than well-known, legitimate nonprofit organizations. Operations such as Charity Navigator make it easy to verify if a charitable organization is legitimate, and would-be donors should utilize such resources prior to making any donations.
- **Phishing scams:** Phishing scams are among the oldest cyber scams, but they still nab victims every day. The Federal Trade Commission

warns that many phishing scams are conducted via email or text messages and inform potential victims that there is an issue with their finances. Some may say there are issues with a bank account, credit card or even a tax return. Skeptics may wonder how anyone could fall for a phishing scam in the age of two-factor authentication and other security measures. However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that phishing scams cost victims nearly \$60 million in 2019, indicating they're still a lucrative source of income for cybercriminals.

• **Formjacking:** Formjacking is a retail-based scam in which online shoppers' personal and financial information is stolen. In such instances, a retail website could be hacked without users' knowledge. When it comes time to purchase

items they've placed in their carts, users are redirected to a fraudulent payment page, where they enter personal information, such as their credit card number, that cybercriminals then steal. When buying items online, shoppers should confirm that the URL on the payment page aligns with the retailer they're buying from. If the URL is missing even a single letter (think Amazon.com instead of Amzon.com), then chances are a formjacking scam is being operated.

Tech support scams, in which users are asked to download applications to fix an infected computer, and similar download-based fake antivirus software scams are some additional examples of cyber scams. Users are urged to be on the lookout for each of these types of scams and exercise caution whenever something doesn't seem right or authentic.



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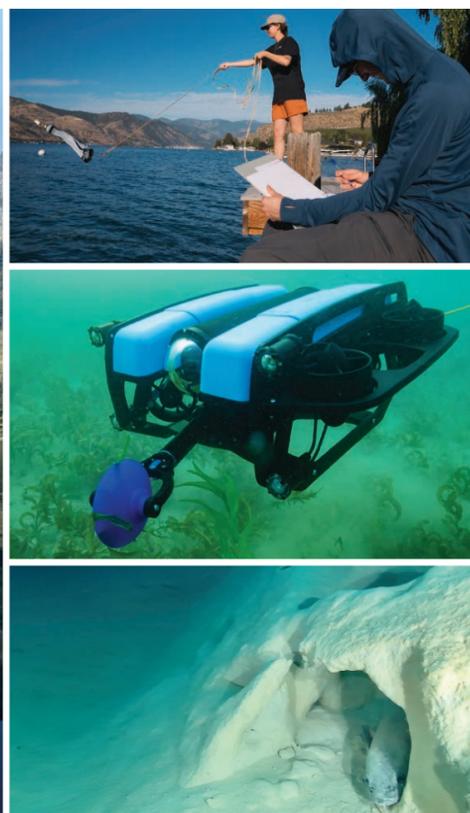
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# Lake Chelan Research Institute and Keep It Blue

## Lake Chelan

Between 2007 and 2016 (9 years!) there were essentially **ZERO** water quality measurements done on Lake Chelan. In 2017 Phil Long (Chelan Resident and Environmental Scientist) and Mike Kaputa (Chelan County Natural Resources Department, CCNRD) decided to 1) Apply for a grant to initiate a long-term monitoring program for Lake Chelan, and 2) Form the **Lake Chelan Research Institute** (LCRI) to create a local entity to conduct monitoring of Lake Chelan in collaboration with CCNRD.

Since then, we have continued monthly monitoring of the lake with support from local and State Agencies: the City of Chelan, Chelan County, Lake Chelan Reclamation District, Cascadia Conservation District, Washington Department of Ecology, and the Chelan County PUD. We also are supported by local businesses and individuals. Special thanks to all the organizations and individuals who have supported our work!

Our monitoring results to date shows that the water quality of Lake Chelan is little changed since 1987 when the first water quality study of the lake was conducted. For the most part, we still enjoy the

crystal-clear waters of Lake Chelan. But many locals and visitors alike are aware that some things have changed for the worse. For example, we have more than 400 acres of invasive aquatic plants in the lake, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil that were not present 20 years ago. We have also learned, thanks to reports from waterfront homeowners, that there is increasing growth of **attached green algae**, also known as periphyton. With the support of the Chelan County PUD Public Power Benefit Program, we are assessing periphyton growth along the shoreline. We are wrapping up year 2 of a 3-year project, so stay tuned!

The Lake Chelan Watershed Planning Unit, led by CCNRD, will be creating a Lake Chelan Watershed Restoration Plan to help us address these issues, among others. Meanwhile, we have near-term funding needs including: 1) Development of an **initial Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) capability** to actively remove aquatic invasive plants, 2) Monitoring of the impacts of the Pioneer Fire to Lake Chelan water quality, 3) **Additional navigation tools** for our underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) to facilitate our exploration of the

bottom of the lake, 4) Assess the **impacts of tire dust** on our land-locked Kokanee and Chinook salmon populations, and 5) **Support for our educational activities** with Chelan and Manson School Districts.

We are starting to see the benefits of involving grade school and middle school kids in monitoring Lake Chelan. This past summer, we had a Chelan High School student working for us. She first learned about our work in grade school on an educational trip on the Sheriff's boat. We need your help to restart our on-the-water student activities. We also need funding to be able to hire students from both Chelan and Manson High Schools every summer!

Both **LCRI** and **Keep It Blue-Lake Chelan**, the public outreach part of our work, are under the fiscal sponsorship of the Lake Chelan Recreation Development Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. We accept private donations from individuals and businesses. Your donation may be tax deductible per IRS rules. We will use your donations to support crucial activities noted above that are not funded by local, state or federal agencies. We will be honored and very grateful to have your support!



### Manson Grange

**Non-Profit Name:** Manson Grange #796  
**Mission Statement:** To be a family-oriented, community service organization with a primary interest in the quality of life of residents in rural, agricultural areas. The Grange strengthens individuals, families, and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agricultural awareness.  
**Brief description of your nonprofit:** The Manson Grande is one of 1,700 local chapters across the nation that serves as the center of rural life in our communities. We offer a range of locally-oriented programs, activities, and community service events. Charitable work is often the focus with members giving many volunteer hours and raising money for important causes. The Grange helps improve the lives of their community members through partnerships with the Manson Parks, the Apple Blossom Festival, the Chamber of Commerce, the Grange Youth Fairs program, etc. While providing many activities and an affordable facility rental.  
**Year established:** 1904  
**Geographic area served:** Local Lake Chelan Valley - State of Washington and National Grange Organization.

**Key Programs or services:** Social gatherings, facility rental, farmers market, exercise classes, community forums, private events, community partnerships (Manson Parks, Apple Blossom, etc.)  
**How can the public support you:** 1. Join our organization 2. DONATE to our Capital Improvement Fund  
**Contact:** P.O. Box 306, Manson, WA 98831, 157 E. Wapato Way, Manson, WA 98831  
**Email:** info@mansongrange.com  
**Website:** www.mansongrange.com  
**Social Media Links:** Manson Grange  
**Contact Person:** Terrie Carleton - riddelltc@gmail.com

### Tender Loving Care for Seniors

**Non-Profit Name:** Tender Loving Care for Seniors  
**Mission Statement:** Tender Loving Care for Seniors provides holistic support free of charge to vulnerable seniors in the Chelan Valley. Brief description of your nonprofit: TLC addresses social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs, serving each senior with respect, compassion and dignity. TLC has provided over 7,000 visits to seniors, and 200,000 miles of transportation since its inception.  
**Year Established:** 2017  
**Geographic area served:** Chelan, Manson and Chelan Falls.  
**Key programs or services:** Our TLC volunteers provide: companionship to the isolated, support to burnt out caregivers, connect seniors to additional services, help with shopping and needed transportation.  
**How can the public support you?** We are always in need of volunteers that are willing to help out a senior in need in our community. We also appreciate any donations to help support our organization financially.  
**Contact Information:**  
**Address:** PO Box 2852, Chelan, WA 98816  
**Phone:** 509-699-9042  
**Email:** tlcprogram4@gmail.com  
**Social Media Links:** https://www.facebook.com/TenderLovingCareChelanValley/  
**Contact Person:** Sandy Zimchek

### Community Foundation of NCW

**Non-Profit Name:** Community Foundation of NCW  
**Mission Statement:** To grow, protect, and connect charitable gifts in support of striving communities.  
**Brief description of your nonprofit:** Established in 1986, CFNCW manages \$163 million in charitable assets through 690 + individual funds and has awarded over \$63 million in grants & scholarships.  
**Year established:** 1986  
**Geographic area served:** Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties  
**Key programs or services:** Grantmaking, scholarships, leadership institute of NCW, Nonprofit Practice Institute, donor service.  
**How can the public support you?** Donate to nonprofits at www.givencw.org

**Contact information:**  
 9 S. Wenatchee Avenue  
 Wenatchee, WA 98801  
**Phone:** 509-663-7716  
**Email:** jennifer@cfncw.org  
**Website:** www.cfncw.org  
**Contact Person:** Jennifer Dolge

### Lake Chelan Historical Society

**Nonprofit name:** Lake Chelan Historical Society  
**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to act as a historical resource and cultural center for the Lake Chelan Valley.  
**Brief description of your nonprofit:** The Lake Chelan Historical Society was started by James Lindston after he retired from Seattle First Bank as the Chelan Branch manager. We publish History Notes annually which presents short articles of historic events in the valley. Our archives include photos, audio recordings, family files and special interest files.  
**Year Established:** 1970  
**Geographic area served:** Chelan Valley, Stehekin, Manson, Lucerne, Holden, Chelan Falls, and Chelan.  
**Key programs or services:** Custom photo sales, reference area available to the public and gift store.

**How can the public support you?** One of the best ways to support the museum is to volunteer. Other ways: become a member or give financial gifts.  
**Contact Information:** PO Box 1948, 204 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan, WA 98816  
**Phone:** 509-682-5644  
**Email:** chelanmuseum@nwi.net  
**Website:** www.chelanmuseum.com  
**Social Media Links:** Facebook Chelan Museum  
**Contact Person:** Ron McGaughey, Manager

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**Vision Assistance:**  
 We collect used eyeglasses, help with exam and eye glass expenses, and do vision exams at local schools. Our Fight Against Diabetes/Helping Those Live with the Disease We provide scholarships for youngsters to attend diabetes camps.

**Addressing Hunger:**  
 We make monetary donations to the local food bank. In conjunction with Dan's Food Market, we hold an annual food drive, benefiting our community.

**Supporting Future Generations**  
 We provide clothing and supplies for elementary students. We support youth sports programs. For graduating seniors, Lions sponsor scholarships.

**Environment**  
 Our club cleans a section of Highway 2. We are incorporating recycling methods in the serving of our community breakfasts.

**Sustaining Our Community**  
 We help Friends of the Library  
 We donate financially to Cascade Medical Foundation.

**Providing Optimism and Fun**  
 We bake and deliver valentine cookies and cards to Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus. May Day baskets and cards are delivered there too. The Lions sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt. And more .....

**To finance our good works:**

- Community Breakfasts in Lions Club Park, May through September
- Hot dogs in the park during home swim team meets
- Chelan County Fair ticket sales
- Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Program
- Scoring Chestnuts for Christmas Lighting weekends
- And more .....

Worldwide, we support the Lions Clubs International Foundation, a charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, that provides relief for disasters.

If you want to make a difference in your community, country, and world, we encourage you to check us out. It's an opportunity to give back, make new friends, hone leadership skills, and have fun!



## Three Rivers Hospital Foundation

**Non-Profit Name:** Three Rivers Hospital Foundation

**Mission Statement:** Three Rivers Hospital Foundations mission is to raise funds and awareness for programs and services that improve the quality of patient care in our hospital district.

**Brief description of your nonprofit:** Our Foundation raises funds through donations and grants. We are governed by a board of directors that works closely with hospital leadership to identify critical needs, such as advanced medical equipment, patient care programs, and facility improvements. We provide funding in all those areas, as well as community outreach sponsorships such as free sports physicals.

**Year Established:** 2014

**Geographic area served:** Hospital District #1: Mazama, Winthrop, Twisp, Carlton, Methow, Pateros, Brewster, Bridgeport and Mansfield.

**Key programs or services:** 24-hour ER, inpatient and extended recovery (swing bed) care, surgical services (general, orthopedic, and gynecological), family practice clinic, outpatient physical therapy, laboratory and radiology services, advanced wound care

**How can the public support you?** The Foundation Board is seeking dedicated

individuals to join us in advancing our mission. While financial contributions are vital, we also need local residents who are passionate about the success of their community hospital to become active members of the Foundation. We are eager to expand with committed volunteers who can help us effectively address the hospital's growing needs. By joining, you'll play a pivotal role in shaping the future of healthcare in our community. Your time, expertise, and perspective can make a meaningful difference.

**Contact Information:** PO Box 455, Brewster, WA 98812

**Phone:** 509-733-1562

**Email:** trhospitalfoundation@gmail.com

**Website:** www.threerivershospitalfoundation.org

**Social Media Links:** Facebook

**Contact Person:** Daniel Webster



## Tierra Learning Center

**Non-Profit Name:** Tierra Learning Center

**Mission Statement:** Tierra Learning Center provides homes and services for people with developmental disabilities in a collaborative and integrated community in which people of all abilities live as equal citizens with full respect for their human rights, freedom and dignity.

**Brief Description of Your Nonprofit:** Programs for adults with developmental disabilities that include an Adult Family Home, Employment Services and a Recreation/Education Day program.

**Year Established:** 2013

**Geographic Area Served:** Chelan-Douglas Counties

**Key Programs or Services:** Adult Family Home, Employment Services, and a Recreation/

Education Day program.

**How Can the Public Support You?** People are invited to make cash or in-kind donations. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with our recreational programs.

**Contact Information:**

**Address:** 12000 Sunitsch Canyon Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826

**Phone:** 509-548-6880 ext 266

**Email:** Meeche@TierraLearningCenter.org

**Website:** www.TierraLearningCenter.org

**Social Media Links:** Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/TierraLearningCenter;

Instagram: tierralearningcenter

**Contact Person:** Meeche White



## Chelan Valley Community Nurse

**Nonprofit name:** Chelan Valley Community Nurse

**Mission Statement:** Chelan Valley Community Nurse aims to provide compassionate, holistic care to frail and vulnerable seniors in the Chelan Valley. Our client based organization is committed to improving the quality of life for seniors who are home-bound or at risk of becoming so. We offer health screenings and education through our skilled nursing staff and non-medical, social and emotional support from dedicated volunteers. Our goal is to meet the diverse needs of our seniors with dignity and respect. We serve as a crucial link to community resources, providing referrals as needed. All our services are offered free of charge, demonstrating our dedication to ensuring quality care for all seniors in our community.

**Brief Description of your nonprofit:** CVCN provides assistance to the frail and vulnerable adults within the Lake Chelan Valley, particularly those who are homebound or at risk of becoming homebound. This service includes in-home visits by a registered nurse, referrals to other appropriate services and programs within the community, health screenings, medication and blood pressure monitoring and education regarding client medical diagnosis.

**Year Established:** 2017

**Geographic area served:** Lower Lake Chelan Valley, Manson and Chelan Falls.

**Key Programs or services:** The specific objectives and purpose of this organization are:

1. To assist senior and vulnerable persons to continue safely living in their homes.
2. To provide referrals and access to services available in the community, and coordinate care between doctors, volunteers, and other services;
3. To provide assistance with medication management;
4. To evaluate individual needs and perform home safety evaluations;
5. To provide health education and outreach;
6. To offer these services completely FREE of charge.

**How can the public support you?** CVCN provides all of its own funding through fundraisers and donations and does not receive government funds. Clients are never charged for this FREE service. Community support through financial donations is greatly appreciated.

**Contact Information:**

**POBox** 2987, Chelan WA 98816

**Phone:** 509-679-9059 or 509-393-1450.

**Email:** chelanvalleycommunitynurse@gmail.com

**Website:** www.chelanvalleycommunitynurse.org

**Social Media Links:** Facebook

**Contact:** Catharine - 509-679-9059



**Chelan Valley Community Nurse**  
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# Signs of charitable fraud

Giving to charity is a selfless endeavor that's vital to the survival of countless nonprofit organizations across the globe. Without the generosity of donors, many charitable organizations would cease to exist, leaving the people they help vulnerable to illness and financial hardship.

Fraud may be the furthest thing from donors' minds, but it's something charitable individuals must be aware of as they consider donating to charity. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, charity fraud increases during the holiday season, when many people embrace the spirit of giving and seek to make end-of-year tax deductible gifts to their favorite charities.

The FBI also warns that charity scams are common after disasters or tragedies, including pandemics. The Federal Trade Commission noted in September 2020 that Americans had lost more than

\$145 million to charity fraud related to the coronavirus in the first six months of the pandemic.

One measure all prospective donors should take is to learn the signs of charitable fraud. Many charity scams target seniors, but no one is entirely safe from charity fraud. AARP notes that the following are some warning signs of charity fraud.

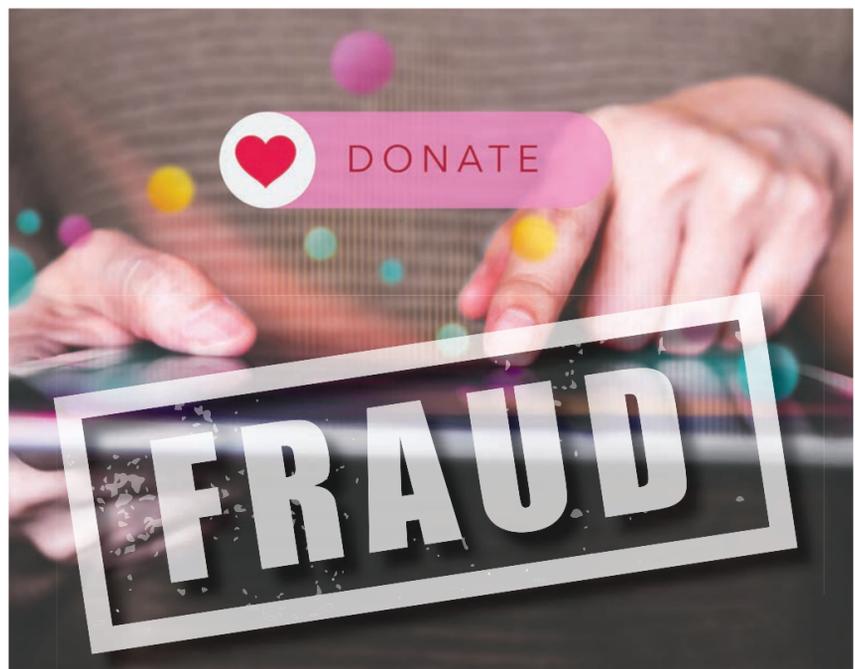
Pressure to give: Reputable charities do not pressure prospective donors into giving. A strong, trustworthy charity will accept donations whenever donors choose to make them. Legitimate operations like the American Red Cross may heighten their solicitations after natural disasters, but such groups still will not try to pressure people into donating.

Thanking donors for donations they don't recall making: AARP notes that some charitable fraud perpetrators will try to convince potential victims they have already

given to a cause. This is done in an effort to lower potential victims' resistance, giving them a false sense of security and the impression that a fraudulent operation is legitimate. If donors don't recall donating to a specific charity, chances are strong they didn't make such a donation and that the message of gratitude is merely a fishing expedition intended to reel in new victims.

Requests for cash, gift cards, or wire transfers: Cash, gifts, and wire transfers are difficult to trace, which makes it easier for perpetrators of fraud to escape the authorities. Reputable charities will welcome donations made by personal check or credit card.

Perpetrators of charitable fraud prey on the vulnerability of well-meaning donors who simply want to support a good cause. Learning to spot signs of charitable fraud can provide an added measure of protection against the criminals behind such operations.



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Originally from Wisconsin, Sue grew up in Chelan. Her Chelan graduation class has met every month since graduation!

Sue had a career for 27 years at PUD's Wells Dam as a parts and materials coordinator. She also worked for the Slaughaupt Agency and for several years at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce.

We are lucky to benefit from all her hard work and winning personality.

*Thank you so much Sue!*

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# Community program transforms lives of seniors through volunteer support



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In the scenic lakeside communities of Chelan and Manson, a grassroots initiative is making a significant impact on the lives of elderly residents, one visit at a time.

Tender Loving Care for Seniors (TLC), established in August 2017, has provided more than 7,000 visits to 173 seniors through its network of 36 active volunteers. The program focuses on enabling seniors to maintain independence in their homes while receiving essential support services.

The program serves a diverse elderly population with an average age of 82.7 years, ranging from 58 to 101 years old. Women comprise 67% of clients, with men making up the remaining 33%. Nearly a quarter of participants — 23% — live in subsidized senior housing. The organization particularly focuses on serving low-income seniors and those with special needs, ensuring they have access to healthcare, social services, and community engagement opportunities.

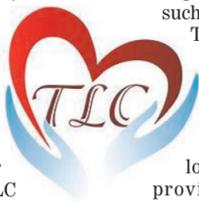
The program takes a holistic approach to senior care, addressing physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being through regular check-ins, social activities, and advocacy. To reach isolated or unaware seniors, TLC

conducts outreach programs in coordination with local organizations and healthcare providers.

Since its inception, volunteers have contributed more than 13,000 hours of service, with visits averaging 1.9 hours each. The program has provided 99,564 miles of transportation service, including over 24,000 miles in both 2022 and 2023.

Data shows the program's friendship visits, representing 60% of all interactions, have yielded measurable improvements in client well-being, including reduced depression scores, better medical appointment attendance, and fewer emergency service calls among socially isolated seniors. The program actively connects seniors with resources such as Med Alert, seniors meals, exercise classes, and various service agencies.

The initiative has garnered robust community support. The Rotary Club has installed ramps and grab bars for clients, while the Lake Chelan High School soccer team has undertaken home improvement projects such as house painting.



The Lions Club contributes holiday gift cards and meals to provide joy to seniors. A local veterinarian provides low-cost

spaying services, and the program has received grants to provide special social events, including Christmas sing-alongs, storytelling sessions, Valentine's Day parties, and Irish Dancers performances.

TLC receives referrals from various sources, including physicians, hospitals, clinics, hospice services, emergency medical services, and the Chelan Valley Community Nurse. Additional referrals come from Chelan Valley Hope, the senior center, Aging and Adults services, as well as family and friends.

The program offers transportation for medical appointments, advocacy at appointments, assistance with personal appointments, shopping support, and help with household chores. Volunteers also provide respite care for family caregivers, allowing them time for errands and self-care to prevent caregiver burnout.

Those wishing to support TLC's mission can send donations to TLC for Seniors at PO Box 2852, Chelan, WA 98816. Donations help fund essential services, including transportation, social activities, and support programs for vulnerable seniors in the Chelan-Manson area.

For more information, contact Sandy Zimchek at 509-699-9042 or write to TLC for Seniors, PO Box 2852, Chelan, WA 98816.



## Upper Valley MEND

**Non-Profit Name:** Upper Valley MEND

**Mission statement:** Our mission is meeting each need with dignity.

**Brief description of your nonprofit:** Upper Valley MEND has served vulnerable residents of the Upper Wenatchee Valley and Cashmere since 1988. Our vision is a community where everyone has equitable access to food, housing, wellness, and economic security. MEND's services include free healthy food through the Community Cupboard food pantry, access to healthcare and affordable housing, plus financial assistance and resources for those in crisis. Through these programs, we empower people to overcome challenges and build sustainable futures while fostering a more diverse and engaged community.

**Year established:** 1988

**Geographic area served:** Upper Wenatchee Valley and Cashmere

**Key programs or services:** Community Cupboard food pantry, Financial Assistance Program, Affordable Housing, Upper Valley Free Clinic, Das Thrift

**How can the public support you?** Volunteers

are the backbone of what we do! Learn more about volunteering at [uvmend.org/volunteer](http://uvmend.org/volunteer). Support our programs with a donation at [uvmend.org/donate](http://uvmend.org/donate). Donate clean, gently used items or shop at Das Thrift, our nonprofit thrift store in Leavenworth. Or visit Jubilee Global Gifts.

**Contact Information:**

**Address:** PO Box 772, Leavenworth, WA 98826

**Phone:** (509) 548-0408

**Email:** [info@uvmend.org](mailto:info@uvmend.org)

**Website:** <https://www.uvmend.org/>

**Social Media Links:** Instagram: @uppervalleymend, Facebook: UVMEND

**Contact Person:** Hillary Clark, [hillary@uvmend.org](mailto:hillary@uvmend.org)

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## Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife

**Non-Profit Name:** Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife, Natural History, and Art

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to increase knowledge and appreciation of the diverse wildlife of the world and to educate the public about the role art and wildlife management play in conserving these valuable resources. The museum provides a place to learn and study the relationship between man, wildlife, and the environment.

**Brief description of your nonprofit:** The museum features about 150 taxidermy animals and birds from North America, Africa, Asia, and New Zealand. The life size animals are displayed in dioramas with native habitats, mounted by highly skilled taxidermists, with murals painted by talented artisans. Viewers can learn about wildlife management and the role artists and hunters play in preserving wild places and wild animals for future generations. Guests can learn about the wonder of wildlife and their habitat with the merger of science, technology, and art. The art gallery features work from local, regional, and international artists showing paintings, photography, and sculptures. An extensive Fire Ecology exhibit with photos documenting the historical fire disturbances common in the Pacific Northwest. The museum has a multi-purpose room for classes, special events, private functions, events for community organizations, and fund

raising events. The education center is used for school field trips, hunter safety classes, sportsmen clubs, art classes, and a future archery range.

**Year Established:** 2023

**Geographic area served:** Pacific Northwest

**Key programs or services:** Site for school field trips, hunter education lessons, wildlife and habitat education, artist workshops. The displays are appropriate for all ages of school children, parents, senior citizens, outdoor enthusiasts, hunters, anglers, biologists, and other scientists. Archery classes will be taught next spring.

**How can the public support you?** Financial donations. Volunteer docents, artist shows of various works for display and sale.

**Contact Information:**

**Address:** 21285 Highway 97Alt., Chelan, WA 98816

**Phone:** 509-670-8081

**Email:** [info@natureswindowmuseum.com](mailto:info@natureswindowmuseum.com)

**Website:** [natureswindowmuseum.com](http://natureswindowmuseum.com)

**Contact Person:** Shannon Koblmeier



## Chelan Basin Conservancy

**Non-Profit Name:** Chelan Basin Conservancy  
**Mission Statement:** Promote and facilitate conservation of, and public access to, Lake Chelan and the surrounding Valley by partnering with private and public organizations to achieve our mutual goals.

**Brief description of your nonprofit:** Chelan Basin Conservancy (CBC) was formed in 2011 to be a permanent organization dedicated to protecting the splendid beauty of Lake Chelan. We are a committed grassroots group with the mission of promoting conservation and public access to Lake Chelan.

**Year Established:** 2011

**Geographic area served:** The Lake Chelan Valley

**Key programs or services:** 1) Increasing public access to Lake Chelan, 2) mitigating aquatic invasive species, 3) addressing lead/arsenic from old orchards, and 4) preserving

Chelan Butte.

**How can the public support you?** By becoming a CBC member and/or providing financial assistance.

**Contact Information:** P.O. Box 1073, Chelan, WA 98816

**Phone:** N/A

**Email:** [chelanbasinconservancy@gmail.com](mailto:chelanbasinconservancy@gmail.com)

**Website:** [chelanbasinconservancy.org](http://chelanbasinconservancy.org)

**Social Media Links:** Facebook

**Contact Person:** Brian Patterson - President



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## Plain Valley Ski Trails

**Non-Profit Name:** Plain Valley Ski Trails  
**Mission Statement:** Plain Valley Ski Trails' mission is to create and sustain a high-quality ski trail system that serves the community and funds barrier-free ski educational programs, motivating individual and team achievement.  
**Brief description of your nonprofit:** Thanks to the collaboration of generous landowners, we maintain 25km of daily groomed ski trails at Plain Valley Ski Trails. The net proceeds from PVST pass sales, alongside donations and grants, directly support PVNT's youth ski education programs.  
 Founded in 2015 with just five kids, PVNT now offers year-round programs for over 120 children, providing equipment, travel, and scholarships for barrier-free access to skiing. Our program includes four levels of learning, catering to ages 2 through 18.  
 We also offer adult programming, including ski clinics, and the Plain Valley Adventure Women (PVAW) program. PVAW features summer and winter activities that bring women together to explore the environment, the arts, and improve outdoor skills in a fun, supportive setting.  
**Year established:** 2011 (trails) 2018 (non-profit public charity)

**Geographic area served:** Chelan County  
**Key programs or services:** Plain Valley Nordic Team  
**How can the public support you?:** SUPPORT the youth ski education program and enjoy winter by buying your 2024-25 Season Pass or Donate [HERE].  
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**Contact Person:** Christie Wilder, Executive Director



## Village Art in the Park

**Non-Profit Name:** Village Art in the Park  
**Mission Statement:** The mission of Village Art in the Park is to produce and manage a quality seasonal art attraction in Leavenworth as a means to support art education and continued development of the arts in our community.  
**Brief description of your nonprofit:** Village Art in the Park is a nonprofit dedicated to supporting the arts and artists in our community. Proceeds from our market fund scholarships and provide vital support for arts programs in the Cascade School District. To date, we've awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships and grants, funded art supplies for every student in the district and even supported an elementary art teacher for many years.  
 Our outdoor market, held May through October in downtown Leavenworth, showcases a vibrant mix of emerging and professional artists. Each weekend you'll find vivid paintings, stunning photography and handcrafted jewelry and metalwork you won't want to miss.  
**Year established:** 1966  
**Geographic area served:** Cascade School District  
**Key Programs or services:** Arts Scholarships: 1-4 awarded annually to students pursuing higher education in the arts up to \$10K each.  
**Enriched Education Fund:** \$2.5K awarded annually to a school in the Cascade School

District  
**Classroom Art Grants:** \$100 per teacher, available to every teacher in the district for art supplies  
**K-8 Art Supplies:** In 2024, Art in the Park funded all art supplies for Peshastin-Dryden Elementary, Alpine Lakes Elementary and Icicle River Middle School.  
**How can the public support you:** By visiting art from May-October or donating directly.  
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# The link between volunteering and academic performance



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There are many reasons for parents to encourage children who express an interest in volunteering. Volunteering is a social activity that can help children develop their social and networking skills, and many parents credit volunteering with instilling a sense of perspective in their children that they might not have gained had they not been exposed to people from different backgrounds. Volunteering also has been linked to stronger academic performance. The Corporation for National and Community Service reports that students

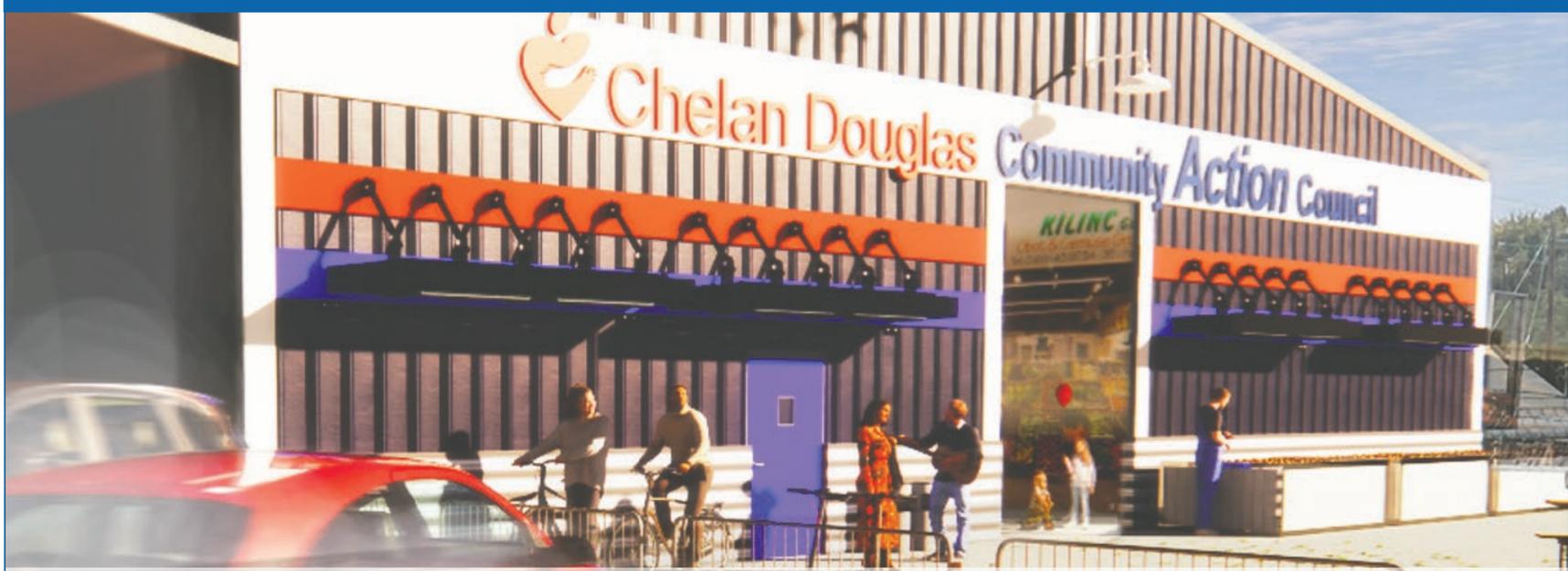
who indicate they're doing better in school are more likely to be volunteers than students who report doing less well. The broadened exposure to people and places that students may otherwise not encounter without volunteering also can benefit them in the classroom, helping them more readily identify with cultures and societies they're studying. College applicants with volunteering experience also may set themselves apart in the increasingly competitive application process. Though a 2019 Pew Research study reported that most schools

admit more than two-thirds of their applicants, that figure is significantly lower at many of the more highly rated institutions in the United States. For example, Stanford University (4.3 percent) and Harvard University (4.9 percent) recently reported acceptance rates below 5 percent. Though volunteering alone won't help applicants gain acceptance to such competitive institutions, it can serve as a strong résumé builder and be even more effective if it also produces the previously noted improvements in academic performance.

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# Chelan Basin Conservancy works to preserve Chelan Butte

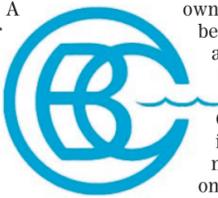
The Chelan Basin Conservancy (CBC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with over 120 members and an active board of directors, works toward their vision “To have ample public open space, public lake access, and a clean, safe environment for future generations of residents and visitors of the Lake Chelan Basin to enjoy.”

The organization pursues four key focus areas through CBC-directed projects and collaborations with other local nonprofits and governmental entities. Their most time-intensive initiative involves preserving up to 900 acres of undeveloped land on the Chelan Butte for public recreational use, such as hiking, mountain biking, and snowshoeing, and for wildlife habitat. A potential developer from western Washington is currently opposing these efforts, seeking instead to develop residential housing

likely intended for tourist accommodations.

The CBC reports that 3,200 members of the public have signed their online petition to protect the land from development, which they cite as evidence that “the vast majority of the local community wishes to see the north face of the Chelan Butte preserved for public use.”

The organization recently completed a comprehensive study examining various aspects of potential land acquisition, including public land use preferences, funding procurement methods, costs associated with land and trail stewardship, and liability considerations. CBC is presenting these findings to the City of Chelan to demonstrate that city ownership would not be burdensome from a financial and labor perspective.



Beyond the Chelan Butte initiative, the nonprofit focuses on three additional

areas: mitigating the impacts of aquatic invasive species on Lake Chelan, improving and increasing public access to Lake Chelan, and addressing the impact of lead and arsenic soil contamination associated with legacy orchard lands.

The CBC has established important and ongoing partnerships with various entities, including the Lake Chelan Research Institute, the Washington State Department of Ecology, Keep It Blue Lake Chelan, and the City of Chelan. The organization has also collaborated on land conservation efforts with the Trust for Public Land, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, and the Lake Chelan Trails Alliance.

The organization continues to seek community support through its website at [chelanbasinconservancy.org](http://chelanbasinconservancy.org), where interested parties can sign the online petition to preserve the Chelan Butte, join their email list for updates about the preservation effort, and make donations to support their cause.



## Wenatchee River Institute

**Non-Profit Name:** Wenatchee River Institute

**Mission statement:** We connect people, communities and the natural world.

**Brief description of your nonprofit:** The Wenatchee River Institute (WRI) believes the greatest hope for the future is through connecting people, communities and the natural world. We engage thousands of learners (of all ages) annually through transformative environmental education on our campus in Leavenworth and across North Central Washington. Each experience is created to help participants understand their environment and discover the impact they can have in the world and their community. Whether it is searching for salmon in the Wenatchee River, spotting a white-headed woodpecker on a nearby Ponderosa Pine, or finding the perfect chanterelle mushroom in the forest, these interactions with nature will create a ripple of care for the natural world. With our Pay What You Can fee structure and our hybrid offerings, these natural experiences and opportunities are open to people of all backgrounds and walks of life.

**Year established:** 2004  
**Geographic area served:** North Central Washington

**Key programs or services:** WRI has a variety of environmental education programs for all ages. In WRI's Youth Programs, educators visit schools around NCW through the Traveling Naturalist in the Classroom Program, After School Program, and Traveling Planetarium. Students also visit our campus for Field Day Programs with schools and day

campus during school breaks. In Community Programs, we offer workshops, field trips, hands-on experiences, nature walks, Red Barn Events, and our E. Lorene Young Community Garden.

**How can the public support?** WRI has several volunteer opportunities year-round helping with youth and community education, campus maintenance, event planning, board service, and more. You can support us this work by attending an event, telling a friend, volunteering with us, or donating towards our mission. Let us know if you want to learn more!

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## Lake Chelan Research Institute

**Non-Profit Name:** Lake Chelan Research Institute, Keep It Blue-Lake Chelan

**Mission Statement:** Establish the long-term trends in the water quality of Lake Chelan in the context of land use and climate change.

**Brief Description of your nonprofit:** Support lake stewardship by collecting of key water quality data regularly. Explore Lake Chelan and its watershed. Understand the underlying hydrodynamic and biological processes that control the lake's water quality.

**Year established:** 2017  
**Geographic area served:** Lake Chelan Watershed

**Key programs or services:** Water quality measurement and data analysis, Environmental education, Assess threats to Lake Chelan's water quality, public outreach.

**How can the public support you:** Volunteering, we have a wide range of volunteer roles.

Donations in any amount. Caring for our lake, no trash, decrease fertilizer use, clean, drain, dry, etc.

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# How to start an employee volunteer program

Passion for volunteering is commendable. Some individuals are so excited about the prospects of giving back that they may want to recruit more people to help. Such individuals may find that their place of employment is a great place to spearhead volunteer recruitment efforts.

Companies are diverse, but they also tend to attract like-minded individuals, which can make it easier to recruit potential volunteers. Business owners or human resources personnel looking to strengthen relationships

among employees and give back to their communities can consider beginning volunteer programs at work. Here are some tips to begin this journey.

### Involve leadership

It's important to get the backing and approval of company leaders before starting a volunteer group. Since you may be using company resources and infringing on some company time, make sure that higher-ups are supportive. They also may be able to let organizers know whether a certain cause is complementary to

the company mission or if it infringes on their mission. For example, a company that produces plastic products may not mesh with volunteer groups that have negative things to say about plastic products.

### Choose a cause to support

While national nonprofits are worthy of support, employees may be more excited about partnering with local initiatives. Human resource departments or the employees who are starting volunteer programs at work can poll workers on which

causes to stand behind. For example, a company that produces outdoor recreation clothing and equipment might want to support local efforts that focus on conservation in nearby parks. If a company has a strong stance on education, gear volunteerism around providing supplies for students or improving technological resources in schools.

### Establish when volunteerism will take place

It's best to have ground rules about how much of

the employer-supported volunteer work will occur after hours. Some companies may be amenable to having a certain pocket of time taken from the work day, such as establishing Early Dismissal Fridays for volunteers. Employees can base their participation on how it will affect their schedules.

Establishing a volunteer program at work can be a great way to get involved and build strong relationships within the community.

### Start recruiting volunteers

Reach out to employees

and spell out the program's mission during your recruitment efforts. This may be a task that the human resources department can help with. If the company has a department that organizes employee engagement activities, then that group would be a valuable resource as well.

It is also important to think about where volunteers may fit in. Assigning jobs and figuring out how many volunteers and man-hours will be required to complete tasks can provide a greater sense of the scope of the venture.



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