

Partnership

Rebound of Whatcom County

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STEP INTO THE STORM
REBOUND'S 2ND ANNUAL NON-EVENT
COMING NOVEMBER 23, 2009.

It's Time to Start Thinking About the Community Toy Store

Each year families in our community struggle to provide toys and a festive Christmas for their kids. Even though there are a few other options available, there is none as unique as The Community Toy Store. For the past three years Rebound of Whatcom County has been involved in a project called the Community Toy Store. The philosophy behind the Toy Store is to offer a hand up rather than a hand out. It is a model of giving that promotes development by allowing families to be fully engaged in providing gifts for their children. Parents are presented with the chance to experience the joy and dignity of personally providing for their children by being invited to a store that is stocked with brand new toys and clothing gift cards.

This project is possible as we partner with local churches and businesses to collect brand new toys which are sold at the store for 75%-90% off the retail price. All money raised is donated to Rebound of Whatcom County and The Whatcom Dream, organizations which are working to break the cycle of poverty and are providing support to families in need.

The Toy Store needs you! **There are plenty of opportunities to help out this year.** We are in need of brand new toys and gift cards. See if your church, small group or

workplace would like to be involved in collecting items for the store. We also need volunteers to serve the night before (pricing gifts and setting up) and/or the days of the event (setting up, cashiering, wrapping presents, providing childcare, baking Christmas goodies, providing festive music, etc.). For more information visit our website: <http://www.communitytoystore.org/> or email jessica@reboundwc.org.



Kevin Moore and his daughter, Hannah help to wrap presents at last year's toy store.

Community Toy Store Location:

Birchwood Elementary (3200 Pinewood Ave.)

Friday, December 11th, 6:30-8:30 pm

Saturday, December 12th, 9:00am-Noon

Rebound of Whatcom County is committed to equipping, strengthening and empowering children and families facing difficult life circumstances. We do this by working cooperatively with public and private organizations to build community through practical expressions of faith.

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Return Service Requested



You're Invited to "Step Into the Storm"
2nd Annual Non-Event Nov. 23rd

Community Family Partners

Rebound is privileged to be part of a community team that meets monthly to support the Children's Administration, a branch of DSHS (Department of Social and Health Services) as they serve our community.

The Children's Administration mission is to protect abused and neglected children, support families to safely care for their own children, and to promote the healthy growth and development of children in their own homes or in out-of-home placement.

Many of the families Rebound serves are receiving services from Children's Administration (CA).

At Rebound we believe that the faith-based community has both a responsibility and privilege to come along side this agency and the families they serve to offer support and resources.

Our goal with Community Family Partners is to lighten the load of social workers and the families they serve and we need your help. Here are a few of the ways you can be involved. Each month we will provide a list of current needs and opportunities in this newsletter. They include such practical things as furniture and all the essential items to set up a household. Many families are in need of reliable transportation. Several of you have donated older model cars for these families. Bellingham Automotive makes sure they are in good running condition and we help get

them into the hands of people who are working to bring positive, sustained change for their families. We also need partner families who are willing to offer support and friendship to families navigating difficult life challenges.

So watch this column each month to see how you can be part of bringing hope and healing to families in your own community. Make a donation of household items or become a partner family. Together we can make a difference.

Foster Families in Need!

Many local foster families are in need of specific items. If you would like to donate please contact Audrey Swanson at 360-734-6452 or audrey.swanson@q.com

1. Inexpensive van for foster family, who need transportation for 6 to 10 children.
2. Jungle Gym or lawn toys with swings, slide and etc.
3. Single and double beds are needed for foster families and low income families
4. Dressers are also needed and easy chairs, floor lamps and couches
5. School supplies and school clothes needed.
6. Household items: microwaves, coffee pot and kitchen utensils and dishes
7. Nightstands, end tables, bookshelves, coffee tables, floor lamps, table lamps
8. Monetary donations for needed items that enable children to return to their homes.

LIVE UNITED 

Sign up for United Way Charitable Corporate Giving Campaign!

United Way of Whatcom County is helping people right here in our community. If your corporation participates in the annual United Way campaign you can choose **Rebound of Whatcom County as a write-in charity.**

Please write-in Rebound as your charity of choice—it's an easy way to support us directly!

Christmas Shopping Online this Year?



Consider going through Good Shop and enter Rebound as your charity and a percentage will be donated to Rebound.

It costs you nothing!

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