

Holiday season opportunities to help an Everett Public Schools “Kid in Transition”

DID YOU KNOW ...

... there are **over 800 students** currently enrolled in Everett Public Schools who qualify as a “[Kid in Transition](#)” (KIT)? This means they are either unsheltered (they don’t know where they will sleep tonight), doubled-up with another family because they have nowhere else to go, in a temporary shelter, living in a car, or in another unstable home situation. The holidays and cold winter months can be particularly rough on these youth and their families, even more so this year.

Some of these students experiencing homelessness are also “unaccompanied” -- not in the care of a parent or legal guardian. These young people often miss out on community holiday gift or food basket opportunities because they do not have an adult to go shopping for them at Christmas House, or to fill out the required applications for a food basket. They do not have “proof” they live in the required zip codes, as they do not typically have a lease or any identification ... *these are the youth who are really “hidden” in homelessness.*

Currently, we have identified over 100 students in our high schools here in Everett Public Schools who are unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY).

In the past, we have had generous donations during the holiday season to help send our Unaccompanied Homeless Youth off to winter break feeling a little better about their holidays. This year, *our partners are impacted due to safety precautions and lack of volunteers.*

Thankfully, Washington Kids in Transition, is still able to partner to support our UHY KIT students in the UHY holiday backpack project but we **need your help**. Donated funds will help purchase backpacks, gift cards, hygiene items, and other basic needs like warm socks and gloves. Additional donations are always welcomed and are used throughout the year to help families and students with other needs to remove barriers and to prevent homelessness in our area.

WHAT YOU CAN DO ...

DONATE to [Washington Kids in Transition](#), indicating on your check “**EPS-KIT HOLIDAYS**” by December 8, 2021 or through the secure [PayPal donation page](#), where your generous donations may be one-time or recurring. Be sure to **click the Everett button** if you want to directly impact those in the Everett school district area. Recurring donations help to better plan and budget for student needs throughout the year.

To learn more about Washington Kids in Transition, [check out the website](#), [Facebook page](#), or email at washingtonkidsintransition@gmail.com.

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