

HOLIDAY SEASON OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP AN EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS "KID IN TRANSITION"

DID YOU KNOW ...

... there are **about 800 students** 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 and winter months can be particularly rough on these youth and their families.

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 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, Washington Kids in Transition, Community Transit and Everett DSHS partnered with Everett Public Schools to support our UHY KIT students in the UHY holiday backpack project. Donated funds will purchase gift cards and hygiene items (or other basic needs) to supplement the gifts and backpacks provided by our partners.

WHAT YOU CAN DO ...

DONATE to [Washington Kids in Transition](#), indicating on your check "**EPS-KIT HOLIDAYS**" by *December 3, 2019* or through a [PayPal donation page](#), where your generous donations may be one-time or recurring. Recurring donations of any size help us better plan and budget for student needs throughout the year.

Mail check to:
Washington Kids Transition
3204 NE 198th place
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

Donations are tax-deductible

VOLUNTEER

[Stuff-a-bus!](#) At the [Murphy's Corner Fred Meyer](#)

Help stuff-a-bus for families in need during the holidays. VOAWW partners with Everett Transit, ATU local 883 and the Everett Post Media team to provide food and gifts to families in need, to fill an entire bus full of toys and food for the holidays, and we can't do it without your help. Volunteers often describe this event as one of the most joyful and fun events we do all year!

[Christmas House](#)

Volunteering at Christmas House is fun and rewarding. In order to serve our estimated 8,000 children, we will need help from 50 volunteers during each of our December shopping shifts. Many additional helpers are needed on move-in Saturday, set-up days, pack-up days, and move-out Sunday. Come join us!

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE — ANY AMOUNT HELPS!