

Conversation

Welcome Home Community Co-op
Location: The Mt. Vernon SDA Church
4520 East College Way, Mt. Vernon, WA 98283
November 15, 2019

Started at 8:30 am - closed at 9:30
Sarah Vogt - Facilitator

Late Addition - Rent Assistance Request: We have received a request through a case manager at Compass Health. One of their clients has received an eviction notice for November 28 - yes, that's right, Thanksgiving Day. Larry has posted separately to the Group about the request, but the Client needs \$600 in extra assistance to clear up some back rent issues beyond the regular rent assistance the Client already receives from Community Action.

PLEASE MAKE DONATIONS THROUGH OUR DONATE BUTTON:

www.welcomehomeskagit.com/donate-now

Send email to office@welcomehomeskagit.com or to

larrypaise@welcomehomeskagit.com to let us know you are donating specifically to "rental assistance."

Watch the Group messages for more posts on this topic.

Care Kits: We are still working on putting more care kits together as there is an obvious need for these kits. They consist of a lightweight but sturdy duffel bag, a 72 by 80" moving blanket, a 7'x9' tarp, a pair of wool socks, and a warm hat. The Eddie Bauer Outlet Stores in Burlington & Marysville have been very helpful. Twenty blankets were recently donated by an individual. We are tracking who is receiving these kits. Several members of the Mt. Vernon United Methodist church are knitting hats for these kits.

Temporary Four Month Shelter: The Shelter opening for this Winter season at the Seventh Day Adventist Church will still, hopefully, be on Nov. 28. The foundation will get poured next week for the small storage shed that must be placed in the back of the church due to an expected line installment by PUD.

Safe Parking: The field trip to visit other successful Safe Parking sites is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 18th, at 9 am. Participants will meet at 9 a.m. at Mt. V. United Methodist Church. The churches represented at that field trip will be First United Methodist, Mt. Vernon's Unitarian Church, Faith Community Fellowship, and Central United Methodist Church. Ellen reached out to discuss the consideration of Safe Parking to Emmanuel Baptist in MV, Immaculate Conception, and Salem Lutheran but hasn't yet received a response. Sensitive to internal politics.

No Friday a.m. Meeting on Nov. 29. The day after Thanksgiving, there will be NO Meeting.

Concrete Shelter Possibility: A few members of Welcome Home Skagit met with Pastor Keven Riley of the Mt. Baker Presbyterian Church in Concrete. This church is willing to work to attempt to set up an extreme cold weather Shelter. They did an unofficial survey and thought that there might be a need for at least 20 people. If they did find a way to provide this Shelter for extreme weather conditions, they would want people to be pre-approved for this by signing up and getting screened ahead of time at a location other than the church itself. There is a Community Resource office in Concrete overseen by Community Action, and Community Action sponsors a lunch meal there every weekday. Perhaps people in dire need of shelter can get pre-screened somehow through that resource.

Breakfast: Friendship House will be providing breakfast for the Temporary Four-month shelter guests.