

99 Stockings

a.k.a. 99 Stockings plus 200 Holiday Gift Bags!

Merry Makers: 2021

The 99 Stockings project creates a little holiday cheer for our neighbors at Tacoma's Stability Site, the Beacon Young Adult Shelter, Guadalupe House, and other nearby shelters and campsites.

New emergency shelter beds, safe parking sites, and camping communities have been established this year, so we'll work with others to provide as many stockings and bags as we can. Our goal this year is 99 stockings and 200 gift bags.

Our process was modified due to Covid-19 and additional *Merry Makers* are very welcome. We are looking for family or friend groups who are able work together on collection, distribution or final assembly for each of the locations, e.g. collect enough gloves for 30 or pick up enough supplies from our central location to assemble and deliver holiday bags for 40. We also welcome individual volunteers. Our Plan for 2021:

1. **Gather** all items on or before Sunday, December 19th
2. **Fill** the stockings & bags by December 22nd
3. **Deliver** to all locations on, or before, December 25th

For more information, visit New Connections www.nctacoma.org



If you can help with donations, gathering items, assembling stocking and bags, or distribution, please contact Theresa Power-Drutis at 253.534.5402 (tpdrutis@nctacoma.org) or Laura Scott (lrkscott9@gmail.com). Check our website to view the list of items needed and real-time progress as we work toward our goals.

This Project is co-sponsored by

**New Connections, Tacoma &
The St. Leo's Homelessness Workgroup**

We are grateful to the elected officials, government employees, non-profit agencies, faith communities, and individuals who offer shelter, provide for basic needs, and address the systemic issues and individual challenges that contribute to homelessness.

Thanks also to the many partners who help make the 99 Stocking project a success, including:

- Next Door Neighbors (Team Hellenkamp)
- The Hilltop Madrinias
- PNW Insurance Group
- Tacoma/Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

A shout-out to Merry Makers throughout Tacoma and Pierce County who bring the magic.

Single items and swag with logos are welcome; each stocking & gift bag will be unique. If you have ideas for other items to add to the stockings, send those along as well. Every little bit helps! Contact Theresa or Laura to arrange for drop off of donations.

Financial contributions for purchase of supplies can be made to New Connections, a 501c3 non-profit agency in Tacoma (address and website below).

There are no administrative costs for this project; 100% of contributions designated "for holiday stockings" will be used to fill the stockings and bags. Any excess supplies will be saved for 2022, passed on to similar projects, or donated to agencies that provide services for unhoused people.

A great way to have fun, build community, and share some joy with neighbors!

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