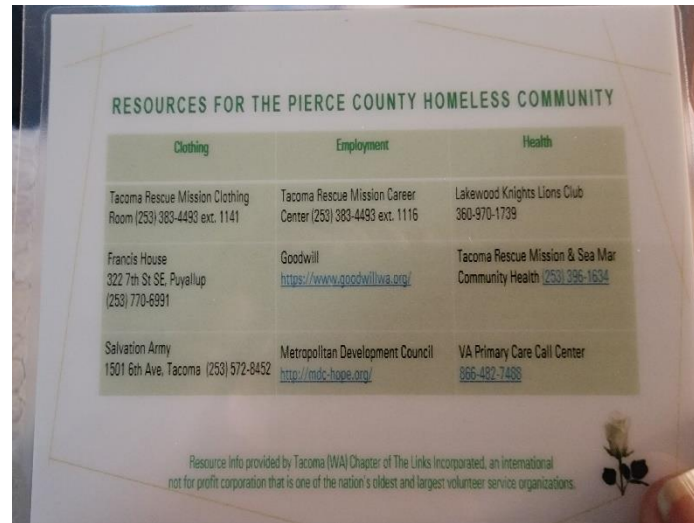


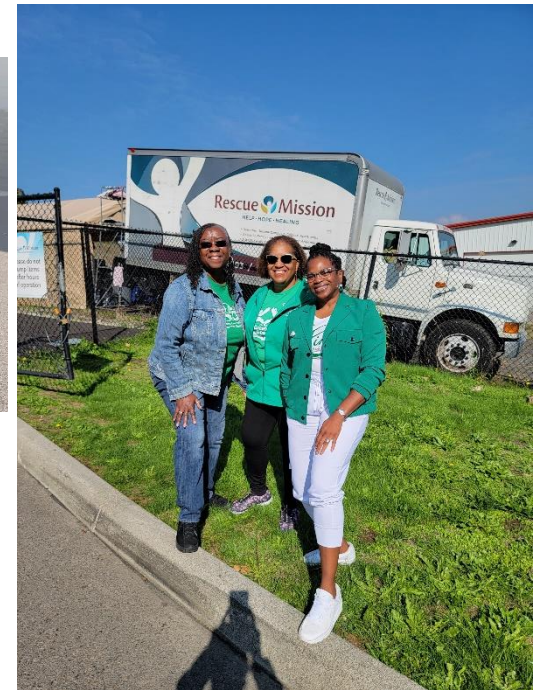
Facet(s): National Trends and Services

Situation: Providing Support to the Tacoma Rescue Mission Homeless Shelter and the shelter at Bethlehem Baptist Church

In support of World Homeless Day on 10 October, the committee designed a laminated pocket-sized card that listed Resources for the Pierce County Homeless Community. On one side were listed resources for clothing, employment, and health. On the other side were resources for food, shelter and clothing. Two hundred cards were printed and distributed to the men’s, women’s and family shelters of Tacoma Rescue Mission and Bethlehem Baptist Church. Additionally, 144 4-oz glass jars filled with laundry detergent were also delivered to the above-mentioned shelters.



Links Gina Hatcher, Kirsten Watts and Pamela Jones Hadley at Tacoma Rescue Mission shelters



Link Sharon Freeman at Bethlehem Baptist Church shelter



Mission/Vision

Supporting one community at a time. The homeless community is an ever-present awareness by the lack of affordable housing, working families without homes, food insecurity and health inequities in black communities. Extending our existing initiatives to include communities identified as having the greatest need increases as these inequities are being exposed in a variety of new circumstances. Covid19 has stretched resources beyond their limits and supporting our communities requires increasing collaboration with partnerships as a focus for NTS.

Goals of the program/activity

To address our problem, we will accomplish the following activities. We will collaborate with an area agency/church to provide hygiene kits for the homeless.

As a partner with the Tacoma Rescue Mission (TRM) we will provide year-round support by donating needed items for the shelters and provide additional support in other services provided by TRM.

Participation: Bethlehem Baptist Church Homeless Shelter- homeless families and individuals. The Tacoma Rescue Mission male shelter currently has a little over 30 residents. The women's shelter has 36 beds for single women. The Bethlehem shelter is for families and with a capacity for 30 and is currently 2/3 full.

Description of the program/activity: NTS supports the Tacoma Rescue Mission as a partner in supporting the homeless with donations and support of their various programs. It also supports the Homeless Initiative in other community programs of which Bethlehem Baptist Church is one of them.

Outcomes: Tacoma Rescue Mission is an established sustainable long-term collaborative relationship with the Tacoma WA Links Chapter

Census data: Five of the 8 committee members were directly involved in this October event. The planning, logistics, design and implementation of the creation of the Resource Card and laundry detergent distribution and delivery of these items to the two shelters. The publicity of this event through social media was through the Public Relations Committee.

Collaborations: N/A

How was the program/activity publicized?

As mentioned above the Tacoma Chapter's participation in World Homeless Day on 10 October was posted in our social media.

Cost:

Projected cost: \$500.00

Actual cost: \$453.18 for bulk detergent, printing & laminating cards and bottle purchase

If a grant or underwriting was obtained for the event provide the following:

Name(s) of in-kind donation/service

Total amount underwritten or grant amount received.

Total monetary value of in-kind donation/service

List any items donated.

Evaluation: 200 Resource cards and 144 bottles of laundry detergent were distributed to the Men and Women's shelters at TRM and the Family shelter at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

(Will work with the new Director of Outreach to get testimonial for the contributions from Tacoma WA Chapter of the Links, Inc or information on the impact of the facet's efforts).

Photos:



Link Stephanie Tisby filled and packed the detergent.