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2019 PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

Each Christmas, for more than 15 years, the members of FJCC have generously supported the Adopt a Family Christmas project sponsored by the YWCA in Bremerton. Through this project, the Y enables donors like us to provide gifts for children in more than 70 families who reside in Kitsap County. The Y's mission, Eliminating Racism and Empowering Women is implemented as they serve survivors of domestic abuse with shelter, housing, counseling, and other types of support. This Christmas Project is just one small arm of their work.

In November, we will receive names of children from 4-5 families with gift suggestions. The committee will prepare gift tags to place on the Giving Tree. You will then select a gift tag or two from the Giving Tree at our meeting. Each of the Y children will have 3 gift tags. In the past, we have had extra money to provide each mom with a gift card for her use.

In addition, three years ago, we added support for the Foster Kids Assn. of Kitsap County to our list. These families gather for a Christmas celebration and each child, foster and biological, receive one gift. We will get ages and gift suggestions for 25 children and will provide gifts for the younger children and gift cards for the older ones. Our support makes a lot of difference to these families. Last year we had enough extra money to purchase 20 duffel bags for the use of the foster kids. These gift tags will be on the Giving Tree too

Helping Hands of Hansville also benefits from our generosity. Martha, our treasurer, will send a check to them for their use – with left over funds.

At the November meeting, you will be able to select gift tags or you will be able to make a tax deductible, cash donation to this project.

Representatives from both organizations will attend our Christmas luncheon as our guests to receive the gifts and cards. That meeting is one not to be missed – it is a joyous occasion.

Participation in this event is of course voluntary, but your philanthropy committee, Anne Johnson, Jill Becker, Melanie Branchflower, Robin Stempien and myself hope you will want to be a part.