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KINSHIP
NEWSLETTER

December 2022

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Family Education
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Kinship Zoom Group Meetings

Wednesdays:
6:30-8:00pm

Contact

Trista@familyess.org

for signup information

Tuesday afternoon groups
have been cancelled until
further notice



2022 Jubilee Christmas Giving Tree Program

Email Coming Soon

Details of Pick-up Times and
Locations will be emailed ASAP

Questions?

Contact: Trista@familyess.org



SAVE THE DATE
DECEMBER 10, 2022
6 PM

HISTORIC
DOWNTOWN
CENTRALIA



Oly LIGHT STRAVA GANZA

Oly Lightstravaganza has over **100,000 lights** on thousands of strings that come in at least 40 types, sizes, and colors, powered by nearly 100 extension cords.

Oly Lightstravaganza is free and open to all.

Visit olylights.com for a list of **FREE Community Events!**

Thurston County Toys for Tots
Registration for Toys open through
Dec. 16
[Olympia-wa.toysfortots.org](http://olympia-wa.toysfortots.org)



Holiday Assistance Guide

- **DSHS Toys for Tots**
 - Address: 6860 Capitol Blvd SE Tumwater, WA 98501
 - Phone Number: Thurston County (877) 501-2233
 - Website: <https://olympia-wa.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?nPageID=100&nPreviewInd=200&nRedirectInd=3>
- **Olympic Cards and Comics**
 - Address: 4230 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503
 - Phone Number: (360) 459-7721
 - Website: <https://olympiccardsandcomics.com/gabis-kids/>
 - Due to the overwhelming amount of people to help, we will be doing our holiday programs differently this year. ~ November 17th we will begin accepting Gabi's Kids Adopt a Family request. We will be limiting our adopt a family program to 100 families, so we can focus on our holiday give away event, and ultimately help more families. To make sure the needs of all our families are met, we will have an event on December 18th at the store from 7PM to 10PM. Each child (or parent) will be able to pick something you want, something you need, something to wear, something to read.
- **City Gates Ministries**
 - Phone Number: 360-705-0291
 - Website: www.citygatesministries.org
 - Please call or go to the website to request assistance.
- **Church of living water**
 - Address: 1615 Chambers ST SE Olympia, WA 98501
 - Phone Number: (360) 459-7721
 - Website: <https://www.livingwater.com/>
 - This year for the holidays, we are partnering with City Gates Ministries to provide meals & gifts to those in our community. City Gates has been serving Thurston County for over 25 years providing food, clothing, and filling, and filling so many other needs to thousands of people in our area. In addition we are also coming alongside families within our church community to provide holiday help with meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- **Hidden Creek church**
 - Address: 1807 9th Ave SW Olympia WA 98502
 - Phone Number: (360)357-3739
 - Website: <http://www.hiddencreek.org/site/Welcom.html>
 - Holiday Food assistance sign up every Wednesday 10am-1pm
 - Some form of Identification is required
- **School District (Thurston, Olympia, Yelm)**
 - Website: <http://www.k12.wa.us/homelessEd/concatlist.aspx>
 - Please contact the McKinney-Vento homeless liaison for more information on support for the holidays.



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CHRISTMAS

in Chehalis

FREE!

11 AM 72nd Annual Santa Parade

NOON - 2PM Christmas Classics at the Chehalis Theater

2 - 4 PM Find the Elf on the Shelf in Downtown Chehalis

4 PM Community Tree Lighting at the Lewis County Historical Museum

Join us for the 2nd annual Gingerbread Bash! This family holiday event is open to foster, adoptive and kinship families from any county! No membership required to attend. Learn more and register at <https://www.compelledtocare.com/events>

Gingerbread Bash

DECEMBER 9TH

THURSTON

THURSTON COUNTY

SAVE THE DATE

COOKIES AND COCOA
WITH SANTA AND THE
DOGS OF MONARCH

JOIN US FOR A CHILD
LED SANTA EVENT
HOSTED BY MONARCH
DECEMBER 07
2:00PM-4:00PM

Visit <https://caclmtcookies.funraise.org/> for more information or to register for tickets!



75th TOYS FOR TOTS ANNIVERSARY 1947-2022

Mason County is proud to present our Annual Toys for Tots Drive

Deadline to Register is December 7th

Where to Register:
 Online at: <http://shelton-wa.toysfortots.org>
 Click Apply for Toys
 In-Person at: DSHS 2505 Olympic Highway N. Ste 440

Monetary Donations Accepted:
<http://shelton-wa.toysfortots.org>
 Click Donate Online



Current information available on our Facebook page Toys for Tots Mason County

LACEY Lighted Parade



MONDAY, DEC. 5 2022 | 6:30 PM

HUNTAMER PARK

Lacey Lighted Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting

<https://cityoflacey.org/news/community-events/>

New Food Bank!



TUMWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION

Tumwater UMC is a pop-up location for the Thurston County Food Bank.

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
 5PM to 7PM
 1401 Lake Park Dr. SW
 Tumwater 98512
<https://www.tumwaterumc.org/food-bank>

Question Persuade Refer

Three steps anyone can learn to prevent suicide

Tuesday, December 6 3:30 - 5:00pm
 Tuesday, December 20 3:30 - 5:00pm

Register NOW for FREE:
www.familyess.org/QPR
 or call (360) 754-7629



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