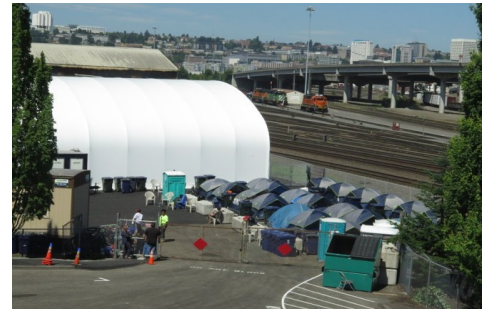


# 99 Stockings

a.k.a. 140 Stockings plus 60 Holiday Gift Bags!

## Merry Makers

In 2018, New Connections, and Shelter 253 (*a workgroup of the Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness*), set out to create a little holiday cheer for the **99 campers** at Tacoma’s Stability Site. Soon the amazing students at Stadium High joined us to make stockings for **41 youth** at the Beacon Young Adult Shelter. Then the Hilltop Madrinas offered to make holiday bags for the **60 guest** at the Guadalupe Christmas meal. Thanks to all who contributed gift cards & other items, and to those who assembled stockings and bags. This year, the PNW Insurance Group is helping us collect items for the stockings too. Please consider joining the 2019 Merry Makers!



The Stability Site on Puyallup Ave. Photo by Steve Dunkelberger used with permission (thank you Steve!).

## The Plan for 2019:

1. Gather all items by Friday, December 13th
2. Fill the stockings & bags on: date to be decided
3. Deliver to all locations on, or before, December 24th

***If you are considering making a purchase to help fill the stockings, please call to check on what is still needed. Thanks!***

We are asking for donations of the following items so that every stocking will contain these things. Items that are listed as “200 needed” will be included in the stockings and also in the Guadalupe gift bags.

Item	number needed	Item (small/travel size)	number needed
holiday stocking to fill	140	toothpaste	200
holiday gift bag to fill	60	soap	200
\$10 gift card (coffee shop)	140	tissues	200
insulated travel mug	140	disposable razor	200
hand warmer (disposable)	140	hand lotion	200
stocking hat	140	shampoo	200
reusable shopping tote	140	conditioner	200
gloves	200	Lip balm	200
Warm neck scarf	200	Band-Aid pack	200
reusable shopping tote	140	hand sanitizer	200
washcloth	200	<b>Treats</b>	
small ornament	200	orange	200
socks	200	candy cane	200
comb	200	chocolate Santa	200
toothbrush	200	snack bar	200
Deck of playing cards	200	other sweets	any

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

**Want to join this effort?**  
Tacoma/Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness:  
[www.pchomeless.org](http://www.pchomeless.org)

Financial contributions for purchase of supplies can be made to New Connections, a 501c3 non-profit agency in Tacoma. There are no administrative costs for this project; 100% of contributions designated “for holiday stockings” will be used to fill the stockings. Any excess (non-perishable) supplies will be saved for 2020; “excess” treats will be added to the stockings and bags as we fill them.

Contact Theresa Power-Drutis (253.534.5402) or Laura Scott (lrkscott9@gmail.com) to arrange for drop off of donations. We are happy to receive single items. Swag with logos is fine too; 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!