

## What are you thankful for? And who do you need to thank?

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“At the banquet table of nature, there are no reserved seats. You get what you can take, and you keep what you can hold. If you can't take anything, you won't get anything, and if you can't hold anything, you won't keep anything. And you can't take anything without organization.”

— *A. Philip Randolph*

Our actions are working, and they are not enough  
Nothing we do is sufficient, and everything we do matters.  
We must be strategic, and we must operate on multiple fronts simultaneously.  
Time is of the essence, and we have to act for the long haul.  
This is how change happens.”

— *Dan Berger @dnbrgr*

### Gratitudes

- Family and giving season.
- Grateful for passage of Initiative One.
- Grateful whenever we are able to get people inside.
- Rob is a bright, shining star in all of this. Huge thanks to Rob!
- We shared some of our "non-traditional" experiences around holidays, shared some tears around family trauma and holidays, but also the value of coming together and sharing meals and time and tears - even with food allergies and heart scars.
- Thankful for the Coalition, and the number of people who show up and follow through, including organizations, individuals, professionals, and people who have lived experience and for whom continued work on this could be triggering and exhausting.
- Thanks to the unnamed people who use their own personal resources to get things for people and meet others' needs.
- People who are doing things to help people instead of degrading and attacking them, treating them with disgust and disdain.
- Thank you for the advocacy and support that helped get HOPE team started. Very appreciative for the opportunity to get alternative solutions started.
- I'm thankful for the non-turkey elected (those are the only ones I vote for). Get out the vote and make sure people know who and what they are voting for - we can do better!
- Grateful to the legislature for passing some consequences for jurisdictions that do not take seriously the requirement to develop housing options for every income group.

- Thankful for many partnerships that have been formed between county and veteran's organizations and services.
- Grateful for Place Called Home discussion with Mayor last week and the anti-child poverty message.
- Thankful for the individual people who devote their time to the coalition.
- Grateful for all the organizations and people doing such great work everyday.
- Clubhouse International, those who use clubhouse programs that encourage individuals to find and express their talents and passions to others, building their confidence.
- Catholic Community Services Community resolution partnership – Add coordinated entry piece every day, so grateful to have a home, pray peace
- Thankful for initiative 1 passing not on the goodness of the policy but on who that success could empower in Olympia so that renter's rights folks have more power. The policy may not be the best, but we can learn more from those who will have more voice.
- Thanks for work of the coalition in addressing immediate needs, and for state-wide low-income housing coalition determining policy priorities that can help us as citizens speak out forcefully about next steps.
- Thankful for the energy Maureen Howarad brought to this work. "When I feel I'm slipping, I try to channel my inner Maureen. Maureen wouldn't have cared about having her name on a building or a piece of legislation, but having her force behind those continues to inspire."

## **And Turkeys**

- Blaming folks for being homeless deserves a big turkey.
- Every super model gets a turkey, they clearly need one.
- Would give turkeys to Pauli (city manager) and Woodards (mayor), for support of and perpetuation of the sweeps and the camping ban.
- There should be a chicken in every pot, and there are many politicians who are turkeys.
- Frustrated that so few get into housing and so much of our work is about bandaids.

## **Notes and Resources List**

### ***New and Notable***

**Kenneth Moultry, Where Do They Go Foundation** kenny.wdtg@gmail.com 253-981-5832

**Join the Housing Alliance for our annual meeting** on Nov. 30 at 4pm on Zoom and the unveiling of the Roadmap to Housing Justice: <https://bit.ly/roadmaprelease>.

**For Comprehensive Plan Info:**

[https://lwvtpc.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=843000&module\\_id=652044](https://lwvtpc.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=843000&module_id=652044) for comp plan info

**I have posted a Holiday Resources list** on the Coalition website. Please email me with additions or changes that need to be made. Here is the direct link:

<https://www.craft.me/s/6e5XXbbHre1xss>

**Information about MDC Community Focus Group**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tacoma-pierce-county-community-focus-group-puyallup-library-tickets-751328984217?aff=oddtcreator>

**Department of Commerce grant opportunity to improve facility security:**

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/contracting-with-commerce/request-for-application-nonprofit-and-religious-nonprofits-security-grant-program/>

**Kaiser Permanente in downtown Tacoma has a Flu Shot and Covid Vaccine** walk in clinic throughout the week and on Saturdays. I went and it was 6 minutes in and out, no appointment needed. age 5 and up.

**You can find Narcan vending machine info** on our webpage also:

<https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/provider-resources/homelessness-providers-toolkit>

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**New Book. When We Walk By:** Forgiven Humanity, Broken Systems, and the role each of us play in ending homelessness in America

<https://www.whenwewalkby.com/>

**99 Stocking info** Thanks to all who are helping to make this happen. Check out the link on the flyer to see our wish list and how far we've already come.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SSfVWP7BA\\_0Kijza\\_95IL-UrSeJ4xq466dPiNdHne20/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SSfVWP7BA_0Kijza_95IL-UrSeJ4xq466dPiNdHne20/edit?usp=sharing)

**Community Spotlight Opportunity:** Tell the coalition about your organization's good work. Contact [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org) to schedule a brief presentation. 😊

***Ongoing Resources and Needs***

**SVdP is willing to store any** items for sharing- including massive amounts of socks. We have systems in place so outreach workers can pick up supplies every day between 10am-5pm. Just text Dionne. 253-355-5868

**Link for the Coalition's cold weather resources page:** [www.craft.me/s/f0GVFmAubX8YUg](http://www.craft.me/s/f0GVFmAubX8YUg)

**Outreach and Supply Need/Share Form:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv\\_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing)

**Free Food & Resources Market**, Saturdays, 10-12 AM, 4819 S 12th Tacoma WA. everyone welcome. You can pick up food for others.

**Free wound care clinic every Friday afternoon**, TNE clinic at the STD room at T-PCHD on S 37th & Pacific. Spread the word.

**Safe Sites**

<https://ss4a.pchomeless.org>

**Outreach Supply Need and Share form:** <https://forms.gle/2zfK8Y5JvC1K5eXLA>

**Please sign up to the inclement weather listserv at**

<https://www.pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

**Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness** can be found here:

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness>