



# Pro Visions

Winter 2020

*The Quarterly Newsletter of the Auburn Food Bank*

## *Mission Statement*

The Auburn Food Bank provides food, referrals and emergency assistance to those in need within The Auburn School District

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## Introducing Our new board members

Our names are Antonio Mendoza and Jose Manuel Cervantes. We are the owners of Mane Photography in Kent WA and we are the directors of Miss Teen Washington Latina, Teen Universe Washington, and Miss Quinceañera Washington also. We have our own nonprofit organization called "La Reina Rosa" (The Pink Queen) an organization that wants to empower human beings to be a better part of our society. With this organization we want to help young girls who have different struggles in life, such as bullying, depression, sexual abuse and others. Since Covid-19 has stopped all our activities, we are using our organization to collect food and distribute it with different families in need. Right now we are providing food for 160 families. We are excited to be part of the food Bank of Auburn with the main purpose of giving back to our community, as well to inspire others to help people that need it the most. We feel blessed and want to share those blessings with as many people as we can.



## *Director's Report*



Blessed!

For a year filled with huge challenges and difficulties for us as a business and for our friends that we serve...there are still thousands of blessings that we shared!

We are especially blessed that you didn't forget the need....and even in your own challenges, you still stepped up and found ways to make donations that sustained us!

One blessing that was unusual...I came in to work on a Saturday and saw in the security camera, someone with a shovel and a stack of pavers, and a pathway that had been dug. I watched a minute to see if I could figure out what was going on. This "path" was always muddy, and often the only way to get in the building so our hand trucks and pallet jacks would get stuck. When I went out to thank the person, they really were hoping to get in and out without being noticed - but I'm so glad I caught my long time friend, Dean Godfrey, fixing this problem for us! Daily, as we travel over this added 24 inches, we are so blessed for this solid walkway!

Just a phone call away...came a huge change for a single mom that had to make a move away from a job that was "just across the street!" Now she needed a car to get to work. That phone call ..... asking if we knew of someone who needed a car...came just as we were talking with this mom and trying to brainstorm ways to help. Grateful to the Herren's and Valley GMC for their work to make that blessing happen!

Losing so many events this year that either gave us money or food, we were very worried about how to have enough as we knew our numbers would grow as the pandemic hit. Our first lose was our All School Food Drive. This food drive would sustain us through June!

Now what? In steps Dr Alan Spiciatti who asked each school staff to try to give one days pay to help cover the lose of the event....and they did! \$88,000 helped us make the purchases that we desperately needed!

Especially blessed by a staff that follow the dreams and board that help make dreams happen. After 40 some years in a building that we outgrew 20 years ago, we will be in a place 3 1/2 times larger by mid year. (COVID stopped our start...but can't stop us!)

Blessed....blessed...blessed! Thank you for blessing us!

*Debbie Christian, Executive Director*

## Letter from the President

Good tidings to all in the Auburn community,

I think we can all agree that getting 2020 into the rearview mirror will be a welcome thing. Many people I have spoken with are saying they are going to stay up on New Year's Eve not to see in the new year, but to make sure that 2020 leaves!

As we wind down this year, I want to thank this community for being here for us during this global pandemic. When crisis hits the disparities become even more dire for those that are most vulnerable. If you were not supporting us, there are so many in our service area that would be much worse off but with your help we are able to continue to serve. We have all been stretched in ways we never could have possibly imagined. There is no faction of our lives that has gone unaffected – we have had to learn new ways to do things we never had to think about before – and that includes the services we provide at The Auburn Food Bank.



There are not enough words of appreciation that I can muster about the unselfishness of the leadership from Debbie Christian. At no time has she even flinched when it came down to making sure that our services would go uninterrupted. At no time would anyone be left out or left behind as our lives became uncertain because of an invisible enemy. She has shepherded the staff and volunteers safely through and I have no doubt that her leadership will keep us all safe – that is the one thing that we can all be certain about.

As we enter the season of giving, if you have it in your heart to consider The Auburn Food Bank as part of your plans we would be eternally grateful for your steadfast support. Happy Holidays to all in whatever way you celebrate the season. You are always welcome here!

Dana Hinman

## Year-End Giving!

*The Auburn Food Bank knows you have many options when it comes to your end-of-year giving. Year-end gifts are made for several reasons including tax purposes (last chance for a tax deduction, anyone?), as charitable Christmas or holiday gifts in tribute or in the name of a loved one. Your much appreciated donations are used to provide services and food to families in the Auburn School District. Due to the covid-19 crisis we are in need of more donations than usual. Thank you for your support and have a wonderful holiday season.*



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## WISH LIST

**CANNED FOODS:** soups,  
meals, meats

**BOXED MEALS:** “Helpers”,  
“Roni’s”

**ALL HYGIENE SUPPLIES**

**WINTER ITEMS:** boots, warm  
socks, gloves, hand/toe  
warmers

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