Greater Seattle Cares

Uniting Communities to serve the homeless

Greater Seattle Cares ("GSC") envisions a world without homelessness in which communities come together to promote a better quality of life for those in need.

Annual Report 2012

Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

This past year, with your kind support and that of the community, we have seen wonderful gains in the assistance lent to the residents of Tent City 3. Campers often find that once they land on the street, they become generally forgotten. With you they have new advocates; people who have taken the time to invest in them, to help them to their feet. The reality is that it is easier to succeed in society if a person is well fed, healthy and has a full set of teeth. It may not be a guarantee; but without those things, one is almost guaranteed to fail. With that in mind, we have seen amazing successes in 2012, one resident at a time.

For instance, we made a significant investment in updating our website. It is now more user friendly and allows visitors to do such things as reserve dates directly on our meal calendar or to earmark their gifting to specific campaigns. This has translated into a 21% increase in hot meals provided to the camp over the previous year. In addition, with your contributions we were able to provide life-changing dentures for 13 patients, as well as basic dental service for another 76 people. Our gleaning program grew as well. Through the generous donations by people and businesses within the community, we were able to route literally thousands of food and toiletry items to the camp. With such bounty we were able to support other shelters and encampments in the area as well.

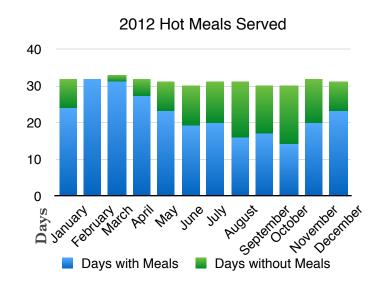
When reviewing this, it is overwhelming. Together we are objectively making a difference. On behalf of the entire board of Greater Seattle Cares, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and compassion; without which, none of this would have been possible.

Leslie Nodtvedt President Greater Seattle Cares

We Care, We Serve Through ...

Hot Meals for Tent City 3





GSC maintains an online, user friendly calendar for volunteers to sign up for hot meals. When needed, we help volunteer groups with food cost and finding kitchens where they can cook. amazing 76% of all the days in 2012 were covered by a hot meal!





Mobile Dental Clinic

Greater Seattle Cares sponsored four dental clinics at the camp in the past year. Medical Teams International (MTI) brought their mobile dental van to Tent City 3 where a total of 76 patients received cleaning, fillings, extractions and other care. Because the dentists, hygienists, and coordinators are all volunteers, and the van itself was subsidized by a grant, the cost for this care was only \$2000, or c. \$26 per patient visit. In addition to the dental clinics, GSC is funding dentures for 13 patients at a total estimated cost of \$10,150. What a huge difference this is making in the lives of the patients! Read about the success stories here. http://greaterseattlecares.org/

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Gleaning and Sharing

We are so proud of our "Glean Team"! By building long term working relationships with businesses in the community, our team regularly picks up from these businesses all kinds of goods

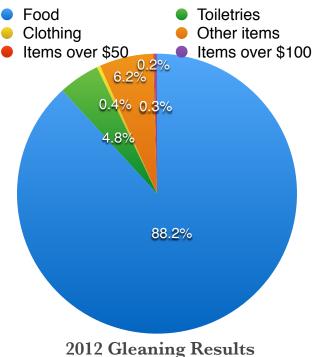
— brand new and in perfect condition — that are bound for the landfill. The GSC Glean Team is doing pick-ups 7 days a week from a variety of businesses and sharing those proceeds with Tent City 3 and, when items cannot be used at camp, with a host of other non-profits in the Puget Sound area. The statistics related to these donations are amazing:

- Over 91,400 for items
- 4, 931 toiletries
- over 400 pieces of new clothing
- 465 "big ticket" items such as bicycles, tents, tables, etc.



Saxx Underwear Co. donated 200 pairs of mens' high-end underwear to Tent City 3 - a most welcome gift!

• 6,448 other items (anything not included above) Recipients include Tent City 3, Tent City 4, Home2Home, North Shore Senior Center, Hopelink, Olive Crest, Ryther House, and King County Foodbanks, and Food Lifeline.



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Move Day Support

In 2012 Tent City 3 was hosted by five different groups. The moves from one location to the next are quite an undertaking: breaking down the approximately 35 resident tents plus the community tents, pulling apart the pallets and plywood that get those tents off the cold ground, plus packing up all the personal belongings and community larder and supplies. Then, of course, everything has to be put together again at the new site. All this requires garbage bags, duct tape, plastic ties, twine, nails, and a host of other supplies. GSC provides Move Day supplies for each move. This amounted to a total of \$1332 for the year. We also help recruit volunteers and vehicles to help with the move, and we make sure we have all three meals provided on those days to fuel a group of hard working people.

Website Access and Communication

Keeping people up to date with the needs, the news, and the happenings and issues with the homeless community is one of the key services of GSC. To better provide



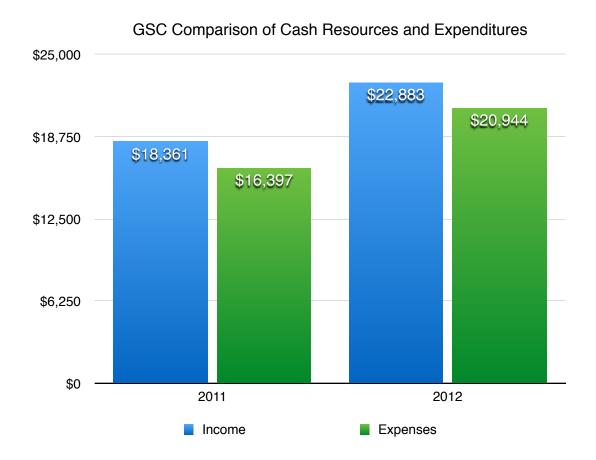
opportunities

timely information, we invested in a significant update of the GSC website. Now people have an easy way to:

- •understand how the Tent City works
- •sign up for hot meals
- •make donations
- •locate Tent City 3
- •learn about volunteer

We care we serve through Stewardship...

Funding for Tent City 3



Giving in 2012 was up almost 25% over 2011 donations with almost half of the money earmarked for the denture/dental program. With the remaining cash donations we fund Move Day support, replacement of tents and tarps, non-perishable food for the TC3 larder, as well as the administrative costs of GSC. GSC returned 91% of the donations to the homeless community through these programs while maintaining a small reserve each year for emergent needs.

In Appreciation

Greater Seattle Cares has an incredible group of supporters that partner in reaching out to the homeless in our community. Thanks to your support, many receive food, shelter, and warm clothing as well as hope for the future.

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