

May 16, 2016

Hello to all supporters of Puget Sound's Tent Encampments!

Here's a quick update on the requests and needs from the Tent Encampments supported by Greater Seattle Cares. If you can donate any of these items, please contact the camp directly – thank you!

Tent City 3 (TC3) 206/399-0412

University Congregational United Church of Christ

4515 16th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105

TC3 is currently depending on gasoline-powered generators for power and is periodically in need of gasoline.

Camp Unity Eastside 425/652-9170

Blessed Theresa of Calcutta Catholic Church

17856 NE Woodinville Duvall Rd, Woodinville, WA 98077

CUE's current location does not have power, so they are in need of propane.

United We Stand (UWS) 206/578-7134

Haller Lake UMC

13005 1st Ave NE Seattle WA 98125

The camp has Richmond Beach Congregational lined up as their next host for July – September, but only if they can line up a host for after their stay in Richmond Beach. Do we have any suggestions of churches they could contact regarding a place to stay in the fall?

Camp Second Chance through Grace 206/578-6551

Riverton Park United Methodist Church

3118 S 140th St, Seattle, WA 98168

Camp SCTG needs to find a host soon, as they must leave their current location in mid-June. Their support network is in the south end so a south-end host would be ideal.

GSC Board

Our board recently said good-bye to Jenny Coss and Elizabeth Fenn. We are very grateful to both for their many years of service. Elizabeth Fenn will be focusing on her work with Operation Night Watch and will remain active in GSC as our camp liaison to Camp Unity Eastside. Jenny and her husband are moving back to the Midwest to be near family, and we know that with her big heart, she will remain active working on the issues surrounding homelessness.

Funding

GSC participated in the Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG online fundraising event in May and raised \$2130. Thanks to all who donated!

We are still waiting to hear back from the Fales Foundation on our grant request to fund replacement tents for TC3, CUE, and UWS.

MTI Van.

The MTI mobile dental clinic will be at Tent City 3 on May 14th. We will send the word out as soon as we have the next van scheduled – hopefully in June.

Communication

Check out our website's new page for [Camp Second Chance through Grace!](http://greaterseattlecares.org/encampments/camp-second-chance-through-grace/)

<<http://greaterseattlecares.org/encampments/camp-second-chance-through-grace/meal-calendar/>>

We are active on [Facebook](#) so please like and share our posts.

Other Topics of Interest

- With the closure of the Aloha Motel there is a huge concern about where the camps will be able to wash blankets. Washing blankets every two weeks is a sanitary measure required by the Health Department. Can you think of any facilities that might be willing to assist at little or no cost? Big camps need to wash about 200 blankets per week.
- Tent City 5 apparently has some raised garden beds and asked for assistance with getting vegetable plant starts. We were able to glean some starts from Seattle Tilth, which had many remaining after their spring plant sales.

If you would like more detail on any of these topics please contact us at Info@GreaterSeattleCares.org.

Homelessness continues to grow in our area and there are many challenges, but working together, we can make things better.

Thank you for caring about the residents of Puget Sound's homeless encampments. 😊