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SNOHOMISH COUNTY EMPLOYEES BREAK RECORD IN THE MARCH AGAINST HUNGER

Everett, WA– During the month of March, Snohomish County Employees raised funds and collected food for their community in partnership with Volunteers of America. This year the dollars raised were over **\$49,600 for a new record**. Additionally, **over 5,870 pounds of food was collected** to donate to local food banks.

“I am extraordinarily proud of the generosity of my fellow Snohomish County employees,” said Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive. “When they see someone in need, they want to help. We are a community that looks out for each other. When our neighbors fall on hard times, we work to get them back on their feet. We appreciate the partnership between the Volunteers of America and our hard-working county employees.”

This is the nineteenth year the County’s Employees have worked together to raise awareness, food and funds for their neighbors in need. Each department competes to raise the most donations and their fundraising efforts are both creative and fun. By hosting bake sales, auctions, pet contests, and even a “Fire Noodle Challenge”, the employees spend a lot of time and hard work to rally for the cause.

The department with the highest dollar raised per employee was the Human Resources Department with the Treasurer’s Office a close second. The Department of Emergency Management led the way with food donations of 2,356 pounds.

The total funds raised translate to over 198,400 meals and the food collected will contribute towards another 4,892 meals to help feed the nearly 87,000 residents of Snohomish County who are food insecure.

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About Volunteers of America Western Washington

Volunteers of America has been serving the most vulnerable in Washington State since 1898. Services are delivered through a partnership made up of over 400 professional staff; 1,500+ volunteers; and community; religious; and local government officials. VOAWW creates safe, stable, healthy communities by helping the most vulnerable thrive.

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