

## Bitter Lake Facebook Post

Thank you to all Northern Seattle communities and supporters for your dedication to the Volunteer of America Western Washington (VOAWW) Bitter Lake Food Pantry. The support that you have provided means that over 5,000 families in Northern Seattle got emergency food this year. You helped us give out fresh produce, dairy, and nutrient rich proteins to families, children and seniors in need of emergency supplemental food.

As a supporters of VOAWW, we wanted you to know about a change to our Hunger Prevention Service program in North Seattle, and opportunities to continue to support our mission. As a lead agency in Hunger Relief, Volunteers of America Western Washington has served North Seattle and has extensive warehouse and food bank operations in Snohomish County. Recently, we approached North Helpline about taking over our current site in North Seattle when we identified the need to focus on our county-wide warehouse and food bank services in Snohomish County.

Our mission is to do what's best for the community. We felt that North Helpline, with their existing array of services in North Seattle, were a better match to meet these needs. North Helpline will take over management of the Bitter Lake Food Pantry starting July 2017, and will retain the partnerships with Senior Housing Association Group (SHAG) and volunteers.

In King County, VOAWW will continue to provide services through our Personal Support Services program which serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program provides in home services to individuals to allow them to live full and independent lives with the needed support. VOAWW will also continue to serve people through our other food banks, and other services such as Dispute Resolution, Early Childhood Education, Care Crisis Hotline, 211 programs and more.

Thank you so much for your support. If you have any questions please email [development@voaww.org](mailto:development@voaww.org) or call 425-259-3191 x2320.

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