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### Down at the Car Wash

Sat. Sept. 10



## Olympia Cops Sweeten Kids' Day

### Foundation Members Pass Out School Supplies

Fifty kids at our Evergreen Villages Community Center received school supplies from Olympia Police officers on August 10, through the [Olympia Cops and Kids Foundation](#).

Sgt. John Hutchings, one of our Board members, works for the Olympia Police Department and helped at the event. Here's his reflection:

"It's been said, 'You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving.' This Cops and Kids event was a huge success. Not measured in numbers. Rather, it was a huge success when looking at the faces of the children and the faces of the officers. To see cops and kids hanging out together is heartwarming. One small child was so giddy about getting his school supplies. He said his mother told him he would not have gotten a birthday party because of the cost of school supplies. But she said he was now going to have a birthday party! This made me feel like a kid again. The happiness is contagious."

Jackson, who got to celebrate his birthday with presents and cake because of this event, is only one of many kids who are grateful for the generosity and hard work of the Olympia Cops and Kids Foundation.

Thank you to all the members of the Olympia Police Department



Community Center kids chat with "Hutch" as he tracks supplies.

Three teens, Zach Levan, Jesse Ryder, and Jake Roberts, have teamed up with [Shur-Kleen Car Wash](#) and TOGETHER! to put on a benefit car wash. \$5 from every wash will be donated to TOGETHER!, and they will be accepting additional customer donations. A big thank you to these young men!



Stop by any time between **8 a.m. and 7 p.m.** to the west-side Olympia **Shur-Kleen** (1616 Harrison Ave NW) and get your car washed while helping to advance the health, safety and success of kids!

[Here's the Facebook event if you'd like to respond or comment.](#)



Officer Ryan Hirotaka helps Jackson load up supplies.

who came to help out so many of our kids! As well as John, also helping at the event were Officer Ryan Hirotaka, who was the City of Olympia's Champion at TOGETHER!'s Champions for Kids 2011; Chief of Police Ronnie Roberts; and many others.

In addition, the word about the school supplies got out, and the next day, TOGETHER! gave supplies to another 18 children.

## Together for Kids ... and for Barbecue!



We're having a big, free event at our Community Center on Sept. 14 to benefit our mission and showcase our Community Center at Evergreen Villages apartments. Features include:

- Community barbecue
- Meet the kids from our community center
- Hear from parents of kids at the center, and others who have benefited from it.
- Special guest: former state Representative Brendan Williams, who lived in Evergreen Villages as a child.

[Click here to register](#)

or



- **Location:** Evergreen Villages, 505 Division St NW, West Olympia. Go to community center at rear of complex.
- **Date/time:** Thursday, Sept. 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- **Admission:** Free, but please RSVP. Donations appreciated.
- **Guests:** Please bring others as guests if you'd like. You can register up to 14 people on [your RSVP form](#).

## Celebrate 10 Years of Meth Action Team

### Town Hall Delves into "Past, Present and Future"



Help the Thurston County Meth Action Team celebrate 10 years of very successful work in this community by attending a town hall on **Sept. 29**. Everyone is invited, and current and past team members are especially encouraged to attend. Learn what they've done for the past decade, hear about their triumphs, and find out where their work is taking them in the future. Cake and coffee will be served following the program.

#### Speakers:

- Thurston County Commissioner Cathy Wolfe
- Thurston County Sheriff John Snaza
- Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney Jon Tunheim
- Thurston County Public Information Program Manager John Tennis
- Patty Garside, sharing a personal addiction story

#### Topics:

- Challenges faced 10 years ago: why the team was formed
- Team successes
- Continuing challenges
- Emerging trends, such as prescription drugs
- Drug Court system and success
- Law enforcement challenges: then vs. now
- Prevention strategies

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have questions about the Meth Action Team, [email Program Manager Tamara Clark](#).

## Coloring Contest Winners

### Congratulations, Raven and Christian!

We held a coloring contest at our "Healthy Lungs" activity booth at Sand in the City 2011. We drew winners at random. Here are the winning entries: The duck coloring sheet was drawn by 10 1/2 year old Raven, and Christian's entry was for the "draw a picture of something fun you can do instead of using tobacco" worksheet. Great job, you two!

Name: Raven Age: 10 1/2 Event: \_\_\_\_\_

duck & clown Sand in the city

Name: christian  
 Draw a picture of something fun you can do instead of using tobacco.  
 The possibilities are endless!

Draw a picture



You can find these drawings [on our Facebook page](#) if you'd like to share them. And email us back if you'd like these blank coloring sheets for your kids! We'd be happy to send them along.

TOGETHER! engages and mobilizes families, schools and the community to advance the health, safety and success of our youth. Our vision is for all young people in Thurston County communities to be supported, healthy, safe and valued.

To learn more, [visit us online](#) or call us at 360-493-2230.

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