



Christmas 2021

Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors®

Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors® Christmas programs are designed to make life just a little happier and brighter for our well deserving wounded Warriors and their families during the Christmas season.

2021 was another hard year for many families in our communities across Washington state. Despite the ongoing challenges, we are happy to report another fully successful Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors® Christmas!! Although community participation has dropped significantly over the past couple of years, many of you still find it in your hearts to reach out and support Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors® with our Christmas programs. Our program's accomplishments would not be possible without the outstanding and unwavering support that we received from all of you.

We do our best to capture most of you who participated. For those whose stories are not in the newsletter, you are no less important! What you did by giving has changed lives and made a difference!

There will never be enough of the right words to convey how extremely grateful we are for your continual generosity, time, compassion, and unwavering financial support you provide, year after year. You make Christmas a little less stressful for those who have served our country. Without you, our mission would not be possible.

Thank you!!

In this issue ...

CHRISTMAS WISH



167 Wounded Warriors and their family members served

OPERATION TOY DROP



Toys provided to 515 Warrior's children

CHRISTMAS GIFT-A-CARD



657 Wounded Warriors and their family member served

CHRISTMAS DINNER



211 dinners provided to the National Guard

CHRISTMAS WISH

Every year, wonderful individuals, businesses, church groups, and organizations generously donate their time and generosity to help ensure Wounded Warriors and their families that sign up through Heartbeat can have a great Christmas. This year, despite the ongoing challenges that many had throughout this and the previous year, you once again stepped up and let your appreciation and gratitude shine through for many of our Wounded Warrior families. We even had several individuals adopt multiple families this Christmas. You continue to have such an outstanding, positive effect on these courageous families every year.

THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU to the following organizations for adopting our special families this year:

- ❄️ *Knights of Columbus Council 6686, Bothell, WA*
- ❄️ *Knights of Columbus Assembly 3123 Bothell, WA*
- ❄️ *Knights of Columbus Assembly 1955, Federal Way, WA*
- ❄️ *PSE (adopted 7 families between the 2 teams!!)*
- ❄️ *US Family Health Plan (PACMED)*
- ❄️ *Criminal Justice Training Center Corrections Officers Academy 475*

Heartbeat is so grateful to a **wonderful couple** who donated to help us be able to adopt **several families** towards the end of the program so no family was left behind.

THANK YOU

CHRISTMAS WISH

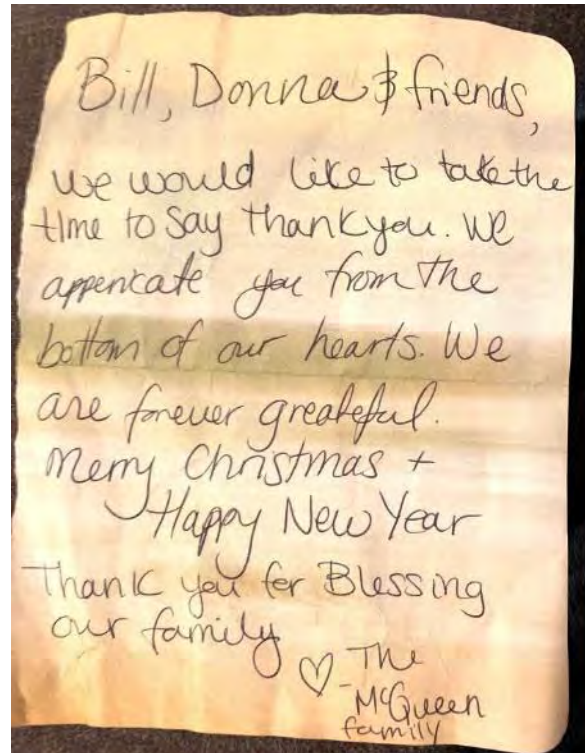
Knights of Columbus

Every Year *Knights of Columbus* Councils give so much for all our Christmas programs.

Knights of Columbus Council 6686 shared the appreciation (pictured) they received from this year's adopted family.

Bill and Donna reported, "Today we delivered a carful of gifts. It was a brief but heartwarming event!" Bill also shared, "Each of my team members went "above and beyond" **again...**"

THANK YOU all so much for your unwavering support over the Christmas season as well as all year long.



Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors® Christmas programs provide me an opportunity to give back to the service men and woman who have sacrificed so much for our country. Each year, my family and I adopt at least one family to help bring joy to their Christmas season. We do our best to make sure each gift is as special as each family member.

This year, we received pictures of the kids with priceless smiles on every face. Mom shared that the kids loved everything and said, "It's like they know us so well!!" It is always a joyful journey with each family we adopt and often leads to lasting friendships and forever memories.

~ Communications Manager, Kendra Giersch

OPERATION TOY DROP

A Special Forces Family team received the generous donation of toys including 11 brand new bikes, to share with families in Special Forces unit!



We were able to provide toys to **over 500** kids!

OPERATION TOY DROP

All of these toys were donated through the generous support of **Asst. Chief Kevin Crossen, South King County Fire and Rescue!**

What an amazing Christmas you all surprised us with. We are so very grateful!



A huge shout out **THANK YOU** to **Jim Robinson, Tom Appleton,** and **Mrs. Santa Clause Carol Robinson** in this picture. Not pictured: **Dave Myers** and **Santa Clause Tony Robinson** who were responsible with connecting the wonderful toys to Heartbeat.

CHRISTMAS GIFT-A-CARD



Our Christmas Gift-A-Card program allowed us to give 657 gift cards to our Warrior's and their families this year!

Heartbeat is very grateful to all the individuals who donated to this program, Thank you!

A very special thank you to the following generous groups that made this program possible!

- ❖ *The Biella Foundation*
- ❖ *Mary Queen of Peace Parish*
- ❖ *Alice Kelly Circle of Kent First Baptist Church*
- ❖ *Knights of Columbus St Joseph Council Federal Way*
- ❖ *St Brendan Catholic Church*
- ❖ *Knights of Columbus Council 14046*

THANK YOU to all the busy elves at *Project Linus, Everett* led by their committed and generous leader, Diane for the beautiful Christmas pouches for the Christmas Gift A Card program!

This is what it is all about. **Thank You** all so much!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors® was able to donate to the National Guard.

Our donation helped provide dinner to 211 Service Members, Reserves, and Veterans of the National Guard.

This would not have been possible without the generous donations we received! **THANK YOU!!**



Merry Christmas!



A personal Message from Janice Buckley, President of Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

To all of the wonderful people who have supported Heartbeat,
Thank you for making everything we do possible. You are amazing!!
I believe Christmas brings out the very best in people and we have seen and heard some incredible stories this year.

To all of our courageous Military Families all over the World,
We owe everything that is right and good about this country to you! I will continue to say,
You are the plum line of excellence for this country. You teach me daily about Honor, Integrity,
Loyalty and Courage. Thank you!

Because to me Christmas is the time to honor and celebrate my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I want to say,
Thank you! I could not do on a daily basis what I do without His Grace and Guidance. Because of Him,
I am able to live my dream.

Merry Christmas Everyone and Thank you!!

Janice Buckley
Founder/President Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors