



Leadership Great Falls

For the betterment of the community

Reducing food waste and feeding the hungry in Great Falls

The Leadership Great Falls Class of 2020 is teaming up with St. Vincent De Paul to help battle hunger in the Great Falls Community. **Our fundraising goal is set at \$20,000** to purchase a refrigerated van that will be used by St. Vincent De Paul to safely salvage and deliver a large amount of food being dumped at hospitals, restaurants, school cafeterias and catered events that would otherwise go to waste.

Due to laws and regulations, food must be refrigerated in a certain amount of time to be salvaged. The use of a refrigerated van will allow St. Vincent De Paul to expand their range and capacity for food transport and delivery within the city limits of Great Falls and surrounding areas of Cascade County.

Significant funds have already been raised to establish and operate a commercial kitchen equipped with freeze-drying equipment to help preserve, package and store meals for the hungry. Members involved are currently looking at a 10,000 square foot facility to be donated for the kitchen. Once the refrigerated van is purchased, it will be used right away as the commercial kitchen is being established, safely transporting food from major contributors back to shelters and given to those in need.

EACH MONTH
SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS
& GROCERY STORES ARE
DUMPING

ROUGHLY 26,000 LBS
OF FOOD

ON AVERAGE, A PERSON EATS

**3-5 LBS OF FOOD
EACH DAY**

INSTEAD OF LETTING FOOD
GO TO WASTE, WE COULD
SALVAGE THE FOOD & FEED

174 PEOPLE A DAY

The new Youth Resource Center for disadvantaged youth

After purchasing the van, additional funds will be donated to Alliance for Youth to help offset costs for serving homeless and/or disadvantaged youth at the new Youth Resource Center. The center will be a place to meet the needs of vulnerable youth (up to the age of 20) in a safe, secure environment. Youth will have access to food, clothing and hygiene items, in addition to shower and laundry facilities. The Center will not be an overnight shelter, but will provide an important space for youth to escape the elements, rest, refocus, and access a wide range of resources from housing, employment and education, to mental health and substance abuse treatment.

We are currently accepting donations to help fund these causes. For information on how to donate, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. You can donate online at greatfallschamber.org/leadership-great-falls or by check or cash donation to members of Leadership Great Falls and the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Please make checks payable to the Great Falls Area Chamber Foundation. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated by the Leadership Great Falls Class of 2020, the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, St. Vincent De Paul, Alliance for Youth, and the Great Falls Community.

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