

Cheerful Givers begins President's Day birthday bag blitz

President's Day is fast-approaching. Celebrated on Feb. 16, this federal holiday recognizes the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and

George Washington. This year, Redmond's Briana Keller, Puget Sound coordinator for Cheerful Givers Washington, is

hoping residents will consider using President's Day as an impetus to help ensure that all children throughout Puget Sound receive at least one gift on their birthday.

"Though we can't all have national holidays commemorating our big



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day, everybody deserves recognition on their birthday," Keller noted.

Cheerful Givers Washington is an organization that provides toy-filled birthday bags to

food banks and shelters so that parents living in poverty can give their

child a birthday gift.

Cash donations to Cheerful Givers, received through Feb. 16, will be used to purchase gifts for a large community birthday bag blitz, which will be held in March or April to benefit children in the Seattle area.

To donate to the Puget Sound President's Day Giving Campaign, you have two payment options:

- You can donate online via PayPal at <http://www.cheerfulgivers.org/give/>. In

the field labeled "Make the Donation in the Name Of", please type "Puget Sound Presidents Day Giving Campaign."

- You can also send checks, made payable to Cheerful Givers, to: Briana Keller, Cheerful Givers, 16823 NE 89th St., Redmond, WA 98052.

For more information, e-mail briana@cheerfulgivers.org or visit <http://cheerfulgivers.org/washington>