

*“For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in.” Matthew 25:35*

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Margie Williams Helping Hands Center continues to support the city of Renton and surrounding communities by providing food items to feed their families.

During the 1st quarter of this year, weekly clients have increased 40% year over year from 37 families per week to 52 families per week. New clients have increased 100% year over year and now average 4 per week. Of the 36 new clients in the last 90 days,

- 50% have come from Renton,
- 19% from Seattle (including homeless/living in cars)
- 25% are Latino, 12% are Asian

We continue to receive about 900 pounds of food (fruits, vegetables, meat, milk, etc.) each week from NW Harvest. We supplement this by picking up food items (bread, boxed meals, cereal, etc.) from local area grocery stores.

We want to thank all of you who continue to support us financially and physically. Funding for food banks across Washington state (and our country) continues to decrease which means we must be creative and proactive in securing funds to feed our families. We actively apply for various grants, and we are reaching out to local grocery stores to help us fill the gap.

Lastly, with the increase in families visiting MWHH, please consider volunteering. We can use your help in restocking the shelves and picking up food from NW Harvest every Wednesday.