friendsofyouth

giving tree 2026

Help make the holidays brighter for youth and families in our community!

About Friends of Youth

Friends of Youth partners with youth and families to provide the relationships, resources, and skills they need to attain personal growth and success. We support young people and families navigating challenges including homelessness, foster care, and behavioral health.

What is Giving Tree?

Each year, youth and families served by Friends of Youth share holiday wishes and needs. Community members, businesses, schools, and organizations can choose gifts and purchase requested items, handing them off to Friends of Youth for the next step. Our team then sorts and prepares the donations so gifts can reach the youth and families who requested them.

Ways to Participate:

Host a Giving Tree	Display Giving Tree tags at your workplace, school, business, or community space and invite your network to shop for a young person's wish.
Host a Drop-Off Zone	Create a designated collection point where employees, customers, families, or community members can bring their Giving Tree gifts.
Host a Big Drop-Off Day	Turn giving into an event by inviting your community to bring their Giving Tree gifts together on a designated collection day.
Direct Donors to a Friends of Youth Drop-off Location	Donors can purchase gifts and bring or ship their items directly to a designated Friends of Youth drop-off location.
Sponsor a Program	Make a larger collective impact by sponsoring holiday needs for a Friends of Youth program through a financial contribution or coordinated gift purchase.

Key 2026 Dates:

Black Friday *November 27*	Shop holiday sales and stretch your Giving Tree dollars further.
Partner Drop-Off *November 10 – December 18*	Please have collected gifts and donations delivered during this window so Friends of Youth can organize and prepare gifts for holiday distribution.

Drop-Off Locations:

Friends of Youth Administration Office	13116 NE 132nd Street Kirkland, WA 98034	Tuesday – Thursday, 9am – 5pm
Redmond Town Center Management Office	7345 164th Ave NE, Suite I-115 Redmond, WA 98052 *(next to Kitanda, across from the Marriott)*	Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm
Friends of Youth Griffin Campus	2500 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, WA 98056	By Appointment Only, Contact Meggan at inkind@friendsofyouth.org

Our Community Partners:

We are grateful to work alongside organizations throughout our community, including:

Amazon • Boeing • Cintas • Comcast • Costco • Eastside Preparatory School

EY • Farrallon Consulting • Gates Ventures • Gene Juarez • GESA Credit Union

HopSkipDrive • Issaquah Schools Foundation • Kenworth Truck Company / PACCAR

Microsoft • Redmond Town Center • School of Rock • Seattle Kraken

University Village • Wildlife Computers

Ready to Get Involved?

Whether you want to host a Giving Tree, organize a gift drive, create a drop-off zone, or sponsor holiday needs for a Friends of Youth program, we'd love to partner with you!

Contact us at: inkind@friendsofyouth.org

Every gift helps a young person feel remembered, supported, and cared for during the holidays.