



## The Four Pillars of Service

Our services promote one or more of the Four Pillars of Service: Prevention, Health & Wellness, Community and the Warming Center.

How can you help? You can join the Community Center team through an investment of your time, your talents and/or your treasure:

### Time:

Volunteer to staff the front desk, answer telephones, help with routine facility maintenance, assist with data entry. All of these tasks, and so many more, are essential to the smooth running of our operation. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator for more information.

### Talents:

Do you possess specific skills or expertise that will benefit the organization? Do you add value to our Board of Directors? Our Marketing Advisory Board? Our Internet Technology Advisory Board? Our Foundation Board? Contact our Executive Director for more information.

### Treasure:

Are you in a position to financially assist the Community Center through a gift that can take many forms. The Community Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so all contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Gifts can be as simple as a cash donation or can be a legacy gift as **part of an individual's estate planning**. Contact our Executive Director or your financial planner for more information.

## Who Are We?

The Greater Maple Valley Community Center is one of the favorite gathering places for community in the area. The GMVCC service area includes Maple Valley, Hobart, Ravensdale and unincorporated King County within the Tahoma school district (90 square miles). Activities and support services are provided both on and off site, and the scope of programming is intergenerational - serving families, youth and senior adults.

We are an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.



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# WARMING CENTER



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## Mission Statement

The Greater Maple Valley Community Center exists to enrich our community through quality human services and social activities

### Warming Center:

This Emergency Warming Center will provide temporary relief and comfort for our most vulnerable populations in the event of a cold weather emergency.

Our efforts will be coordinated with the Maple Valley EOC and emergency response teams (Red Cross, King County etc.) to the greatest extent possible.

### Strategy:

The Community Center, with the help of multiple funding partners, has invested in a 130 KW, natural gas powered generator. This equipment will allow the Community Center to open as a warming center when the City of Maple Valley declares a cold weather emergency.



Thanks to our commercial kitchen, the Community Center will be able to provide hot meals as well as warmth when power is down for an extended time. The staffing of the warming center will rely heavily on volunteers since GMVCC staff may not be able to travel to the facility due to hazardous roads.

### Community Preparation:

While the Community Center will provide services in the event of a cold weather emergency, our ability to serve



the public is limited by the size of our building. Therefore, it is important for each household in our service area to be prepared in the event of any type of emergency or disaster.

Most emergency preparedness experts suggest that each household should stockpile enough supplies to last for at least three days. **Due to the relatively rural nature of our community it is likely that relief services will be delayed so the GMVCC recommends that each family prepare for seven days.**

These supplies should include:



- ◆ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least seven days, for drinking and sanitation
- ◆ Food, at least a seven-day supply of non-perishable food per person
- ◆ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ◆ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ◆ First aid kit
- ◆ Whistle to signal for help
- ◆ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ◆ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ◆ Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ◆ Local maps

Additional items to consider including in your kit:

- ◆ Prescription medications and glasses
- ◆ Infant formula and diapers
- ◆ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ◆ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container

- ◆ Cash or traveler's checks and change
- ◆ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- ◆ Sleeping bag and warm blankets for each person.
- ◆ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
- ◆ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- ◆ Fire Extinguisher
- ◆ Matches in a waterproof container
- ◆ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- ◆ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- ◆ Paper and pencil
- ◆ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

### Generator Sponsors:

