



October 12, 2016

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Dear First Name,

Dominic and Judy have lived in their Maple Valley home for over thirty years. They value their independence, but no longer drive. With no family in the area, they depend on the Community Center's *Congregate Meal Program* and *Meals on Wheels* for nutritious food and the *Volunteer Driver* program for their transportation to medical appointments.

Karen's in junior high. She spent the summer performing community service projects as part of our *Summer Teen Program*. She experienced the benefits of giving back to her community while learning first hand some of the challenges that face so many of our most vulnerable citizens today. She's also excited about becoming a peer educator for our *DateWise* program so that she can contribute to ending the cycle of domestic violence.



Sam's three years old. By taking advantage of the Community Center's partnership with the Maple Valley Family Circle's Toddler Time program he's learning essential socialization skills that he'll need to be successful in school. In addition, his mom has developed an invaluable support system through her friendships with other parents and caregivers



Margaret is a recovering alcoholic who attends the *Wednesday Night of Your Life* Alcoholics Anonymous meeting every week at the Community Center. This group gives her the support that she needs to stay clean and sober, keep her job and hold her family together.

These and so many other programs are invaluable to our community but we are facing a new challenge in maintaining this level of service. The United Way of King County has changed their funding focus and will no longer be supporting our traditional programs targeting seniors and teens. This means up to a **\$60,000 reduction in funding** for the Community Center.

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We need your help if we're to overcome this challenge. I'm asking that you consider a tax-deductible gift to the Community Center so that we can continue to offer vital programs to our teens and our seniors. Not only will you be supporting your friends and neighbors, you'll be helping our community as a whole because our prevention based programming is so much cheaper than ignoring the problems now and paying to intervene later.

As a bonus, Boeing, Microsoft, King County and many other employers will increase the value of your investment by matching gifts made by their employees to the Community Center. This is a wonderful way to double or even triple your efforts to make a difference right here in your town. Check with your HR department to see if your company matches.

Your gift to the Community Center will change lives every day and contribute to making Southeast King County a better place to live. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Syd Dawson  
Board Chair

*The Greater Maple Valley Community Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The support of our community is a critical component of our funding. Your generosity is appreciated. To learn more about how GMVCC is enriching the quality of life in our community, please visit our website at [maplevalleycc.org](http://maplevalleycc.org).*

