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## Walk & Knock

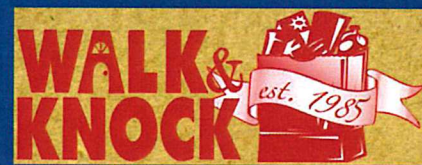
Walk & Knock is a huge part of Clark County's holiday tradition. Every first Saturday of December, Walk & Knock volunteers go door to door collecting thousands of pounds of food. Operating for more than 25 years and collecting over 6 million pounds of food, Walk & Knock has grown to be Clark County's largest food drive. On December 6, Davidson & Associates Insurance proudly sponsored and participated in Walk & Knock. This was our 4th consecutive year as a sponsor.

### How it works:

- Walk & Knock distributes grocery bags throughout the county, and local residents fill the bags with food.
- Volunteers go door to door to collect the bags of food and deliver to one of the ten drop-off locations.
- The donations are then given to the Clark County food pantries to provide food to needy individuals within our community.

### How you can help:

- Every year Walk & Knock needs volunteers to help with the program from folding bags, to collection, to boxing the donations.
- If you would like to volunteer or help, you can visit their website: [www.walkandknock.org](http://www.walkandknock.org) or call **877-99-KNOCK (877-995-6625)**
- Walk & Knock is run 100% by volunteers and has no paid staff.



The Davidson & Associates Insurance crew of staff, family and friends helping with a past Walk & Knock day.



## "Make More Happen Award"

Our staff members are committed to our community in many ways. Their volunteerism made it easy for us to nominate a local non-profit organization for the Safeco "Make More Happen Award." Three of our staff members – Margaret Rogers, Pat Spicer and Cassie Guthmiller – volunteer for the Lunch Buddy Program offered by the Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools. Thank you to all of those who helped us get the word out and vote for the Foundation. Because of your support, we raised \$3,500 for the FVPS.

We also thank Safeco Insurance for creating their agent giving program and supporting it through opportunities like the "Make More Happen Award." Organizations like High-Five Media (Noland Hoshino), Umpqua Bank, Beaches Restaurant & Bar, Latte Da, Craig Stein Beverage, and many more have earned a much deserved thank you for supporting our voting campaign.

Throughout the voting competition we were in the top tier of votes. That means we had a lot of people supporting our cause. As a whole there were 34,118 votes and 5,460 cheers supporting the 30 nonprofit organizations competing for the award. All 30 nonprofits will receive an additional \$500 donation, making the donation total to the Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools \$3,500. These funds will go directly to supporting kids attending Vancouver Public Schools!

Margaret and her lunch buddy at an award ceremony with a few others from our agency.



## Merry Christmas from All of Us at Davidson & Associates Insurance



We have once again chosen to team up with the Salvation Army for Christmas. Through the Adopt-A-Family program, participants can sponsor a low income family that needs a helping hand during the holidays. As you know, many are hurting during these rough economic times. Single parent families. Grandparents raising grandchildren. Mothers laid off. Fathers looking for work. No money. No food. Thousands of Clark County residents are barely able to afford the simplest necessities, let alone gifts for their children during the holidays. Can you help a needy family celebrate the spirit of the holiday season?

### Ways You Can Help:

- Drop off your donation of toys for children, gifts for teens or gift baskets for a family at: The Salvation Army  
1500 NE 112th Avenue  
Vancouver, WA 98684
- Adopt a family in need this holiday season by contacting The Salvation Army: **360-448-2880** or visit [www.vancouver.salvationarmynw.org](http://www.vancouver.salvationarmynw.org).
- Help provide for our adopted family of four including an 8-year-old boy and 16-year-old girl. Drop off items at our office by Dec. 19. Email [scott@davidsoninsurance.com](mailto:scott@davidsoninsurance.com) with questions.



**Lucky Number Seven for Pat Spicer**

This month, Pat Spicer is celebrating seven years with our agency! She began her career in the insurance industry back in 1972 as a file clerk. Pat also worked as a flight attendant and is a self-proclaimed "fair weather girl," preferring to lounge by the pool. Pat was born and raised here in Vancouver where she has raised her three children, all of whom attended her alma mater, Hudson's Bay High School. Pat loves walks along the waterfront by her condo and finds joy spending time with her two granddaughters. It is a great pleasure to have someone with such a positive attitude and caring personality in our agency. Please join us in celebrating Pat and her hard work over the past seven years!

**Featured Non-Profit: Ray Hickey Hospice House**

The Ray Hickey Hospice House offers local families an alternative home-like environment where loved ones may receive end-of-life care. The center includes 20 private rooms where patient families can visit day and night.

Other Hospice House features include a family space where relatives and friends can gather to share a special meal or watch a movie together and simply relax. Patients and their loved ones are encouraged to express themselves through the use of art at the center's art and activities room.

The PeaceHealth Southwest Foundation raises funds for operations and to support those patients without the financial resources to pay for care. The demand for these services is expected to increase as Clark County's population continues to grow and age. For more information on how you can help, please contact the PeaceHealth Southwest Foundation at (360) 514-3106.



**Our Referral Program: Benefitting Ray Hickey Hospice House in December**

For every person you send our way, we will give \$25 to a local non-profit. This is a great way to give even more back to our community! This month we are donating our referral rewards to the Ray Hickey Hospice House. The more referrals you send us, the more we can give, so spread the word! The finest compliment we can receive is the referral of your friends, family and business associates.

Rewards are open to everybody, whether or not you are a client of our agency, and regardless if your friend or family member purchases protection from us. For more info please visit: [davidsoninsurance.com/referral-rewards](http://davidsoninsurance.com/referral-rewards)



Cassie Guthmiller and Bruce Davidson dropping of the Referral Rewards Check to Don Miller from Options 360.

**October Referrers**

- Randy Biskeborn
- Darshan Brar
- Mary Burger
- Jennifer Miesner
- Adela Gotz
- Marc Pitcher
- Nancy Retsinas
- Mark Sampath
- Mark Schaller
- Duane Schey
- Kevin Staples
- Brian Stone
- Drew Barrett

**Year-Long Wellness Update**

At the beginning of this year, the agency began its first wellness program. Our agency Wellness Committee helped implement different strategies and challenges. On top of our team-based challenges and goals, we have been meeting with a health consultant once a month to help establish personal goals. It has been a huge learning experiment for all of us. We are currently participating in a "Maintain Don't Gain" challenge through the "tempting" holiday season. Wish us luck!



**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Check Web sites for admission fees and exact times

**Columbia Dance Presents: The Nutcracker**

Royal Durst Theater  
 Friday, Dec 19 at 7pm  
 Saturday, Dec 20 at 2pm & 7pm  
 Sunday, Dec 21 at 1pm & 5pm  
 Monday, Dec 22 at 1pm  
 Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors, or \$10 for children 12 and under.  
 360-737-1922, or visit [www.columbiadance.org](http://www.columbiadance.org)

**Winter Tea at the Marshall House**

Sunday, Dec 7  
 10:30am – 12:30pm  
 Cost: \$35  
[www.fortvan.org/marshall-house-teas.html](http://www.fortvan.org/marshall-house-teas.html)

**Vancouver Winter Brewfest at Esther Short Park**

Friday, Dec 12, 3-10pm,  
 Saturday, Dec 13, 12noon-10pm,  
 Sunday, Dec 14, 12noon-6pm  
 Cost: \$25 includes mug  
[www.vancouverwinterbrewfest.com](http://www.vancouverwinterbrewfest.com)

**Lantern Tour at Fort Vancouver**

Saturday, Dec 6 & 20, 7-9pm  
 Cost: \$10 Reservations Required  
 360-812-6232  
[www.nps.gov/fova/planyourvisit/lanterntour.htm](http://www.nps.gov/fova/planyourvisit/lanterntour.htm)

**New Homebuyer Classes**

Contact Bryce Davidson for schedule  
 360-514-9550 Ext. 304 or  
[bryced@davidsoninsurance.com](mailto:bryced@davidsoninsurance.com)

Q. "What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years?"



Respond to [scott@davidsoninsurance.com](mailto:scott@davidsoninsurance.com) with the correct answer by January 31st, 2015 to be entered in to WIN a \$25 Beaches Gift Card!

Answer to October's Riddle: An Ear of Corn  
 Congratulations to winner Kawaji Armitage.  
 Enjoy your \$25 Gift Card!



**Kicking Off the Holidays with the Festival of Trees Community Concert**

Thanks to all of those who were able to join us in attending the annual Community Tree Lighting and Community Concert as part of the Vancouver Rotary Foundation Festival of Trees. After the tree lighting in Esther Short Park, the crowd surged over to the Vancouver Hilton to enjoy the annual Vancouver Pops Orchestra concert. The evening is made special by the presence of the beautifully decorated trees. Davidson & Associates Insurance is a long-time sponsor of the event. The Festival raises funds for college scholarships and community projects. This is a great way to kick off the holidays!



photos by Buck Heidrick

