



# 2020-2021 REMS PTSA Family Support Report

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We want to thank our volunteers and small business sponsors for your support of the RESMS Family Support Program last year and give you a report on what we were able to do last year with your help.

Last year, we provided support to a total of 102 families. Fifty-eight of these family's primary language was a language other than English. We offered 166 \$50 gift cards to families in need. Many families experienced homelessness or transitional housing, and we provided much-needed urgent supplies and other items to help them through a difficult time. Others received exceptional support while isolating or quarantining as a result of COVID.

On our Friday food distribution program with Family Works, we distributed extra food bags from December to June. We also coordinated a satellite drop-off at a nearby trailer home neighborhood for Eagle Staff families there. A total of 1,040 bags of food went to Eagle Staff families last school year!

We always had carts of hygiene, cleaning and school supplies for families during those Friday food distributions. In addition, on for of the Fridays, FamilyWorks Community Connectors were present to get families enrolled in their programs to help with financial programs, rental assistance, youth programs and parenting programs.

Through these programs, our social work team was able to create some significant connections. Staff report that they tried to emphasize a reciprocal relationship where families share with us what is working and what is needed for their child's learning and educational experiences. We were able to establish trust with families who were new to us (all of our 6th-grade families!) and for families who have had mistrust in our school system.

We really couldn't have done what we did last year without the support of our RESMS families and volunteers and our small-business sponsorships and supply-drive hosts. Thanks to [Verity Credit Union](#), [Phinney Estate Law](#), [Illumination Learning Studio](#), [Salmon Bay Community Lending](#), [Hooyman Family Chiropractic of Greenwood](#) and [Greenwood Hardware](#).

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