Thank you! Because of support from generous Masons – our annual donors, and especially those who came before us and left a legacy through their estates, Washington Masonic Charities has had the resources to help hundreds of people in need on behalf of the Fraternity. This includes distressed Masons, widows, members of our Masonic family such as OES and Amaranth members, and hundreds of school age youth experiencing homelessness.

This past year, our Outreach Services case managers have been extremely busy helping people facing challenges by providing information and referral resources, Masonic relief, addressing urgent needs, independent living assistance, and help with long term care coordination for 230 individuals. Our team has also provided support to meet the basic needs of more than 330 youth experiencing homelessness – 94% of the support going toward things like food, clothing, transportation and supplies.

The Brethren have donated and pledged more than $160,000 for these efforts since May! Much of this support has been used to support dozens of people suffering hardship due to COVID-19 related unemployment or income loss, as well as the fires in the Malden area. In Malden we’ve been able to assist approximately 50 individuals and collaborated with the Innova Foundation to provide holiday meals for 45 families affected by the fires. This is what Masonic Charity looks like – thank you!

Here are just a few of the comments we’ve heard from clients this past year.

"I love talking to you because I know you are there to listen to me when I need it. And you don't just say 'no' and move on. You try to find an answer and that means a lot to me. I know I can call you and someone will help."

"The new scooter runs and looks great! Thank you all for your charity of purchasing this scooter it will give me my legs back!"

"I don't know if I've sufficiently thanked you for all of your efforts on my behalf. You make me feel safe. I've never known anyone who has worked so energetically on my behalf, and for that I want to make sure that you know how much it means to me. And by the way, I'd like you to share this email with your boss, so he knows how special you are."

Again, thank you! Our work is your work, and we cannot do it without the support of dedicated and committed Masons who care today, tomorrow, and forever!

Washington Masonic Charities Scholarships Available – Deadline March 31, 2021!
Open to Washington resident high school seniors who are children, grandchildren, and dependents of Washington Masons in Good Standing, or Washington members of Masonic Youth Orders.

- Applications are due online March 31, 2021.
- Scholarships amounts:
  - $3,750 Masonic Legacy Scholarship - 4 available statewide
  - $3,000 Masonic Youth Order Scholarships – 1 for each Youth Order.

For more information and to apply: https://www.wa-masoniccharities.org/program-and-services/scholarships/scholarships-2021/

**Covid-19 Hardship Relief Available**

If you are struggling or if you know of a Brother who is facing hardship because of COVID-19-related unemployment or loss of income, please contact us. We can help find resources to assist during this tough time. Thanks to the generosity of Brother Masons, we can also offer limited financial assistance with basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, utilities, medicine, communication, or transportation.

Contact Byron Cregeur, 253-267-8625 or byron@masonscare.org

To reach any of our team Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM or Friday until 3:30 PM, call us at (253) 442-2505.

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