

Holiday Community Service Event with Schweitzer Engineering Lab

What are we doing?

Beta Alpha Psi is partnering with Schweitzer Engineering Lab (SEL) to put on a toy drive for the families at Family Promise of the Palouse. Family Promise of the Palouse is a nonprofit organization that operates through an Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) to provide immediate shelter to homeless families in our community while helping people achieve lasting independence. The holidays are a stressful time for families and our donations and support will be greatly appreciated! If you would like to learn more about Family Promise of the Palouse, there is more information at this link: <https://www.familypromisepalouse.org/about>.

How to Participate:

There are two ways for you to participate.

1. Purchase an item and drop it off to the VP of Community Service's residence to then be delivered with all of the other items. If you chose to purchase the item yourself and need the address to drop it off at, please email morgan.palmerton@wsu.edu for further instructions. If you are not currently located in Pullman, you must send your donation by November 20th.
2. Send money to our WSU BAP Venmo account and we will use those funds gathered to purchase toys. The Venmo account is @wsubap. In the description please put one of the following:
 - "Family Promise – Donation of Cash" – if you want us to simply use your donation to purchase items needed
 - "Family Promise – *name of specific item*" – if you want us to use your funds for a specific item

If you chose to donate through Venmo, you must send your donation money by November 27th.

If you are unable to donate due to financial struggles but still want to participate, please email our VP-Community Service at morgan.palmerton@wsu.edu and we will find another way for you to participate in this event!

What to Donate:

- We need toys of all kinds, for all ages! We accept gently used toys, but since they will be gifted as Christmas presents, we prefer new.
- Gift cards (Wal-Mart, Toys R Us, Amazon) so that parents have the opportunity to choose the toys.
 - Please limit gift card amounts to \$20 for each, as we would like to be able to give to multiple families.
- Gaming cards, such as Xbox Live, or Amazon Play, are good to have in case we get families with teenagers.

December 9th Celebration

On December 9th at 5pm, we will be hosting a virtual celebration of our impact! Professionals from SEL will be in attendance as well as volunteers from Family Promise of the Palouse. We will hear about SEL and their participation in the event, along with information about their organization as a whole. Additionally, volunteers from Family Promise will be talking about their non-profit organization and how donations like ours make an impact. We will also be showing a brief video that documents the process of our participation and donations. At the end of these presentations you will have the opportunity to network with SEL professionals and/or talk to the volunteers from Family Promise.

How do I get Community Service Hours?

We will keep track of participation when you donate, you do not need to fill out the google form on the CS tab of the website for this event. We will also track attendance for the virtual event on December 9th.

- You will get one hour of community service for donating, and you **MUST** attend the event on December 9th at 5pm.
- If you are unable to attend the event on the 9th, please email our vice president of community service at morgan.palmerton@wsu.edu and we will work something out.
- If you donate, and do not attend the celebration event on the 9th and do not reach out to our VP-Community Service prior, you will not receive community service hours.