I’ve been thinking lately about the choice that leaders have, choosing to guide with compassion and inclusiveness or with fear and exclusiveness. Like most non-profits that I know, FamilyWorks thrives on partnerships and in the building of a diverse community, knowing that this model serves all people in the best way. As we continue to grow at FamilyWorks (we have seen a 38% increase in participants of our food banks, serving over 100 households in Greenwood) and change (long term staff moving on) we continue to hold fast to our family support principles and carry on with pride. Thank you for being part of this collective effort in nourishing and strengthening our community!

With gratitude,

Jake Weber, Executive Director

(thanks to James Moes of Molly Moon’s Homemade Ice Cream for the new photo)

Shirley Ferkingstad Retires

Shirley brought a wealth of knowledge in Early Childhood Development to FamilyWorks and brightened the future of thousands of children and families. Over her fourteen years as Family Resource Center Manager, Shirley oversaw programs which strengthened the parent/child relationship, increased family access to resources, information, and various community support. She was a steadfast supporter of children and families and we thank her for this dedication for so many years! We will miss hearing her deep laughter, and the way she makes children smile with bubbles and song. Thank you, Shirley.

Those Of Us In Need Are Not Alone
The following message was sent to Mike, our Food Bank Manager, from one of our Food Bank participants who receives food via our Grocery Delivery Program, an absolutely crucial resource for home-bound seniors and people living with disabilities who are food-insecure. “Hello Mike, First of all I want to thank you and everyone at FamilyWorks Food Bank for your kindness...

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Summer Reading Buddies Needs Volunteers!

Do you love reading and working with kids?!? Then Summer Reading Buddies, FamilyWorks' partnership with the Wallingford Boys & Girls Club, is the volunteer opportunity for you! Starting July 5th, Reading Buddies will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 PM - 5 PM until August 25th.

Click here to check out the flyer with more information!

Choose Your Own Adventure!

Looking for a creative way to have a positive impact in our community? If so, FamilyWorks would love to help you "choose your own adventure" and design a personal fundraising campaign around something you’re excited and passionate about! Utilizing your ideas and passions, your campaign will raise vital support for nourishing, connecting and empowering our most vulnerable neighbors.

Click here to start your own community campaign!

PNA Highlights New Food Bank in The Review

Check out this article about the Greenwood Food Resource Center in the latest edition of the Phinney Neighborhood Association’s quarterly newspaper The Review. The highlight couldn’t be more perfectly timed, as the number of participants of the new food bank continues to grow.

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Now Accepting Donations for our School Supply
Drive!
The 2016 School Supply Drive has officially begun! Last year we were able to collect enough supplies to provide over 150 families with backpacks full of school supplies. With your help, our goal is to surpass this number! Check out this event page for more details!→

Charity Navigator Rates FamilyWorks 4-Stars
Independent charity watchdog organization Charity Navigator recently awarded FamilyWorks with a 4-Star Rating for financial stewardship and transparency, the highest rating offered by the organization. Visit the link for a step by step breakdown of the 4-Star Rating and to see how we compare to other non-profit organizations! Continue Reading→