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5ON5: Online Fundraising Campaign

We, here at Kent Youth and Family Services, believe social media can be used for more than "pokes," status updates, Farmville and pictures of our lunch. We believe it can be used to help members of your community. That is why we created 5ON5. 5ON5 is a social media driven online fundraising campaign that challenges our fans and followers to donate \$5 on the 5th of every month.

The funds will be used for programming purposes only. It will provide help to kids struggling with substance abuse, counseling to youth and families, a safe place for teens to go after school, a roof over the heads of homeless, transitional housing for our homeless single mothers and a comfortable learning environment for our Head Start and ECEAP learners.

The amount of money being requested may be small, but the impact it can make is almost immeasurable. To donate, visit the following website on the 5th of every month.

<http://www.kyfs.org/donations.html>



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Hoedown Throwdown Book Drive

Everybody's favorite toys are back in Seattle with Disney On Ice presents Disney/Pixar's Toy Story 3 and this time they are making sure that "no book is left behind" as they round up the Puget Sound community to benefit Kent Youth and Family Services in a fun-filled "Hoedown Throwdown Book Drive."

Buzz and Woody invite local residents to collect books for South King County at-risk kids. Join them from now through November 9th by bringing new or gently used children's books in English or Spanish, to Kent Youth and Family Services locations. --- In appreciation for every book donation, each person will receive a free ticket (two per family) to Disney On Ice presents Disney/Pixar's Toy Story 3 playing at Comcast Arena at Everett from November 3-6 or at ShoWare Center in Kent from November 9-13, plus \$5 family savings coupons. (More at <http://kent youthandfamily.blogspot.com/>)



Student Mentor

Some of my favorite moments involve seeing how deeply introspective kids can be. During a Leadership Club meeting, I asked the kids (along with Mohamed, 16 and a special guest) what one positive act they had committed in the past week. Per the usual, the younger kids mentioned picking things off of the ground for their friends, stopping fights or standing up for their friends.

Mohamed, on the other hand, mentioned helping to stop his parents from fighting. Now, my impression of Mohamed thus far has been that of a typical teenager-rebellious and apathetic-so I was struck by the thoughtfulness of his comment. Furthermore, the rest of the younger kids (ages 9-10) commented about their own family troubles as well.

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