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Let's make it a great holiday for Lake's children

Dear Editor,

The holiday season is upon us, and underprivileged children in Lake Stevens need your help once again. In the spirit of community service, Lake Stevens Firefighters will host the fifth annual Tips for Firefighters Dec. 6, 5 - 9 p.m. at Ixtapa Restaurant in Lake Stevens.

There is nothing sadder than the thought of an excited child waking up Christmas morning to an empty stocking. This year more than ever, children in our community are in great need. Parents are struggling to get by while making difficult economic decisions. After paying for rent, putting gas in the car and food on the table, many will have no money left for gifts. This year we have the opportunity - and the responsibility - to provide hope to children in need.

Tips for Firefighters is a charity program with a simple goal: to provide gifts for the underprivileged children in our community. The men and women who protect and

serve our community will be working for extra tips while bussing your table as you enjoy a fine Mexican dinner at Ixtapa. All of the tips collected will be transformed into holiday presents for needy kids.

With your help, over the past five years Lake Stevens firefighters have provided Christmas presents to well over 200 children in our community. Take a moment to think about the impact this has on children that would otherwise have a giftless holiday.

Please join us once again Dec. 6 at Ixtapa in the spirit of celebration and giving. Together, we will provide a memorable Christmas for the most vulnerable children in Lake Stevens. If you are unable to attend, please consider delivering a donation to any Lake Stevens Fire department stations. Checks can be made out to Local 3235.

Thank you.

Pat Cook
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