

One Team Succeeds – We All Win

With Harbor Landing's first Food Drive Competition behind us, here is a brief rundown of its success

While food was in the name, one of our biggest goals to collect personal hygiene items – items that are much needed but seldom received at food banks and community centers – and collect them we did. We received over 160 toothbrushes, over 400 bottles of shampoo or conditioner, 230 bars of soap, and 150+ rolls of toilet paper. On top of that, we were amazed at the amount of support that we received



a. A view of shelves filled with items donated by Food Drive teams

from teams who had reached out to the community – PAWS was able to donate pet food, dentists in Aberdeen and Elma were contacted for oral hygiene items, and we even received donations from Bank of the Pacific.

Last week we began distributing hygiene items both individually and in hygiene packs that were put together by volunteers and the response was overall one of excitement. Members were surprised (as was I) at the variety of scents available for both soap and shampoo and they were glad that we were providing items that are not usually available.

Congratulations to the winning team: ASC 4 Mercy who collectively donated hundreds of granola bars, dozens of toothbrushes, and raised \$100+ at their annual Gala event, benefiting the Pantry.

Most memorable moment: when team leader Jeremy Winn rolled in a cart filled with 193 shampoo bottles

The Fish Lab Team came in second place after a consistent amount of donations every week. They brought in 200 bottles of shampoo, and over 140 bars of soap.

Most memorable moment: watching volunteer Andy G. bring in the 120 rolls of toilet paper.

The Happy Harvesters came in close third after dropping off 150+ boxes of macaroni and cheese the final week, and a variety of oral hygiene items including mouth wash, floss, and 68 toothbrushes.

Most memorable moment: when Cindy M. and Cindy J. rolled up to the pantry with 43 boxes of crackers.

Thank you to everyone who participated. We look forward to a new year full of new surprises and successes!