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## **Suquamish Tribe and Port Madison Enterprises donate \$50,000 to Bremerton Salvation Army**

*Support goes to local nonprofit offering housing and food assistance in partnership with the City of Bremerton*

KITSAP COUNTY, WA. – The Suquamish Tribe and its business arm, Port Madison Enterprises, are proud to announce a \$50,000 donation to the **Bremerton Salvation Army Corps**. This collaborative effort underscores our shared commitment to community well-being and the priority we place on compassion for those in need.

Under the leadership of Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler, local like-minded partners were brought together to help find creative solutions to the area’s local housing crisis. “Finding safe and adequate housing for children and adults in need is a priority for both the Salvation Army and of the Suquamish Tribe, so it was an easy pairing of like-minded partners” said Mayor Greg Wheeler.

The Suquamish Tribe’s sole ancestral homelands encompass all of Kitsap County. Chairman Leonard Forsman shared, “We have been stewards of these lands for thousands of years and continue our tradition of caring for it and its people today. This contribution exemplifies our commitment to meeting the essential needs of our shared community.”

Port Madison Enterprises CEO Rion Ramirez added, “we will continue to make investments to better the lives of local residents and spur environmentally sound economic development that benefits all of the residents.”

The Salvation Army is a trusted non-profit that has long been meeting the needs of the most vulnerable in the region. Serving the populations most in need in Kitsap County remains a central focus of the partnership.

“The Suquamish Tribe’s donation acknowledges the important work we do as well as supports our doors remaining open,” said Captains Dana and Lance Walters. “The investment allows us to provide emergency refuge to families and children in crisis.” The Tribe is proud to be a political, cultural, and economic leader within the greater Kitsap community and continues to work towards making Kitsap a vibrant and caring place to live and work.

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