



MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager
Date: May 15, 2013
Subject: June 12-18, 2013 Pangs of Truth: Hunger Awareness Week Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Pangs of Truth: Hunger Awareness Week Proclamation

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

As part of their campaign to end hunger for Kirkland's school-age children, the Kirkland Nourishing Network and the Kirkland Interfaith Network invites the public to view the documentary *A Place at the Table*.

The film is seen through the lens of three people who are struggling with food insecurity: a single mom who grew up in poverty and is trying to provide a better life for her two kids; a fifth grader who often has to depend on friends and neighbors to feed her and has trouble concentrating in school; and a second grader with asthma and health issues that are exacerbated by the largely empty calories her working mother can afford.

Their stories are interwoven with insights from experts including a sociologist, nutrition policy leader, author, activists, teachers and ordinary citizens who are working to improve the lives of others. Through this mosaic, the film reveals the serious social and cultural implications hunger poses for our nation and local communities.

Ultimately, *A Place at the Table* shows how hunger poses serious economic, social and cultural implications for our nation, and that it could be solved once and for all, if the American public decides — as they have in the past — that making healthy food available and affordable is in the best interest of us all.

The film is free to the public and will be shown in seven different locations throughout the City. Doors for each venue will open at 6:30; the movie will be screened at 7:00pm

- Wednesday, June 12th, Kirkland Performance Center, 350 Kirkland Avenue
- Thursday, June 13th, Holy Family Catholic Church, 7355 120th Avenue NE
- Friday, June 14th, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 10021 NE 124th Street
- Saturday, June 15th, Stake Center for the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 7910 NE 132nd Street
- Sunday, June 16th, Friends of Youth, 13116 NE 132nd Street
- Monday, June 17th, Lake Washington Christian Church, 343 15th Avenue
- Tuesday, 18th, Kirkland/Northshore Hopelink Center, 11011 120th Avenue NE

PROCLAMATION RECIPIENT:

Sharon Sherrard, Chair, Kirkland Interfaith Network will be present to receive the proclamation.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating June 12-18, 2013 as “Pangs of Truth: Hunger Awareness Week” in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, 50 million people in the United States, one in four children, don’t know where their next meal is coming from; and

WHEREAS, one in six families in Washington State are “food insecure;” that is, they have not had enough money to feed their family at least once in the last year; and

WHEREAS, nearly 2,300 Kirkland school children receive either free or reduced price school lunches; and

WHEREAS, eight Kirkland schools must also serve breakfast for the children of these low-income families to insure that they can start their school day fed; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 documentary film, *A Place at the Table*, shows the current crisis of hunger in the United States today, especially for America’s school children; and

WHEREAS, *A Place at the Table* shows how hunger poses serious economic, social and cultural implications for our nation, and that it could be solved once and for all, if the American public decides — as they have in the past — that making healthy food available and affordable is in the best interest of us all; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland Interfaith Network and Kirkland Nourishing Network are sponsoring seven showings of this film, free to the public, in seven different locations in Kirkland during the week of June 12 to June 18, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the week of June 12 to 18, 2013 as **Pangs of Truth: Hunger Awareness Week** and call on all citizens to inform themselves about America’s hunger crisis by viewing the film, and engaging in meaningful discussion and action to address these issues, and to join us in recognizing that when the quality of health, learning and productivity of our nation and community suffers, we are all affected.

Signed this 4th day of June, 2013

Joan McBride, Mayor