

Ford Fund, NW Ford Dealers Deliver Grants to Feed Hungry Children at Boys & Girls Clubs in the Pacific Northwest

- Ford Motor Company Fund and local Ford Dealers are providing grants to Boys and Girls Clubs in five states to help feed children during the holidays
- The pandemic and school closings are making this year especially tough on families with young children that are finding it more difficult to make ends meet
- Ford Focus on Child Hunger has donated more than \$6 million to programs across the northwest as part of the company's work to address food insecurity issues

SEATTLE, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 – Ford Motor Company Fund and Northwest Ford Dealers are donating approximately \$100,000 to be shared by Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington, Oregon, northern Idaho, Montana and Alaska to help feed hungry children during the holidays. The demand for nutritious meals always increases this time of year because many students lose access to school lunches.

Sixty-five clubs across the five-state region have received \$1100 grants from Ford Fund as part of the annual **Ford Focus on Child Hunger** campaign. In addition, participating NW Ford Dealers will match or exceed these grants to their own community's Boys & Girls Club in the month of December. The money will be used to provide meals and snacks at the Clubs during the holidays.

"Together with our local Ford Dealers we want to help ease the burden for families this holiday season," said Kristin Ford, program manager, Ford Motor Company Fund. "We hope others will join us in providing comfort and support for our neighbors in need."

Since last year when the pandemic began, the Boys & Girls Clubs remained open to provide childcare for essential workers and other services to the community, such as remote learning and lunch programs.

"The road to recovery from the pandemic is full of twists and turns, and we are grateful to navigate it with an unwavering commitment from Ford," said Katya Miltimore, executive director, Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington Association & Alliance. "This holiday season many families will continue to experience barriers to a safe and healthy time together, and Ford's ongoing focus on hunger will help our Clubs address one of our members' most basic needs."

Ford Fund, the philanthropic arm of Ford Motor Company, is working in several ways to address food access and food insecurity throughout the U.S. In the five-state Pacific Northwest region, over the last seven years the **Ford Focus on Child Hunger** has donated more than \$6 million, providing more than 10 million meals to regional programs.

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