Hello Neighbors,

Hope you are all having a better year than last and that everyone in your family is happy and healthy! Each holiday season the Ardenwald Elementary School asks neighborhood families if they need assistance for Christmas. Linda Phfol, the school counselor, then passes on this information to various entities throughout the community who can help.The past few years have been overwhelmingto many families as job losses, cut hours, and lower wages have made it much harder for families to make ends meet.Especially larger families!

The Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association helps out a few of these neighborhood families each year who request assistance. The last few years have been tough on most everyone, but hopefully we are starting to see a little light at the end of this tunnel. Wecontact the families to make sure we have all their information correct, get that information anonymously posted on our website the month before,and we also contact Radio Cab to get the families on their drop-off list for Xmas meal boxes. Now we are asking for your help.

Ardenwald is a very varied neighborhood. We have some families with incomes in the six figures, and others just getting by. That makes us a stronger neighborhood in many ways, and a bit weaker in others. Now is the time for us to band together as citizens who care about their community and help others who need a hand up this year. If you would like to donate gifts this year or volunteer your time either wrapping or helping deliver gifts, please contact Lisa by phone at 503-754-1655 or email: astrantialgr@gmail.com. Our plan is to have all gifts by Dec. 16th, have them wrapped by the 18th, and deliver on the 18th or 19th. This gives each family some time before Xmas to make sure they have everything they need.

Our holiday potluck is also coming up on December 11that the Ardenwald Elementary School Cafeteria at 6:30pm! Please see the invitation posted on our website. Hope to see you all there!

Cheers to you & yours!

Lisa Gunion-Rinker