



MATTHEW HOUSE

Remembering Matthew House History ...



.Re: Matthew House

Hi Linda,

"When I was a little girl, from birth to age four, we lived in the little white house next door to Matthew House. Our "Grandpa and Grandma" Brooks owned the home that is now Matthew House. She was a wonderful Christian lady, and her husband Joe was such a grouch. Even though she lived an exemplary Christian life, he refused to give his heart to the

Lord. That did not change her walk with the Lord. One day she had a stroke, and was paralyzed. She spent her time looking out the living room window and praying for others. After she died, she had lived such a good life, that he wanted to be like her and so he gave his heart to the Lord. So now they are together.

I think of them every time I go past Matthew House.

One of the cool things I remember about her is watching her peel and can chicken feet. And I remember my own dad building a boat in the living room, out of wood that was too big to get out of the door. Do you know who owns the little white house? It is a wonder that both houses are still there.' E.P.

The thing that I find amazing after hearing from Ethel about the history of this house is how her grandmother spent all those years praying for people. I am sure those families getting in line to go to visit at the prison were some of the people she was praying for. ***This little house became "Matthew House"*** and years later is still ministering to families of prisoners. The seeds she planted on her knees is bringing forth a harvest to thousands of miracles to prison families even today! ***Incredible!***



Services Provided in 2008	
Children in families	- 3,500+
Children under 3	- 300+
Food Pantry	- 3,000+
Clothing Room	- 1,500+
Other Services	- 3,500+
Families Served	- 3,500+
Individuals Served	-2,000+
Apartment Stays	-1,500+
Holiday Gifts	- 1,500+

Rev. Linda M. Paz, Executive Director

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See The
Early Years



A Walk Down Memory Lane The Early Years



Matthew House Fund Raiser...



Pete McLeod, Comedian/ Magician and Musician, doing magic tricks with the Cronin Family.

Thanks to "ALL OF YOU" that made our first ever Matthew House fund raiser a **HUGH SUCCESS!** With the love and support of everyone involved we were able to raise over \$7,000!

INCREDIBLE!! With the economy, unemployment and everything we are all facing in our country right now we are so grateful to all of you that gave so much!

Thanks to the Matthew House board, Andrea Caldwell, John Thaler-Sanborn, Linda Coleman, Kevin Caldwell, George Prudhon and ALL THE VOLUNTEERS that made this the highlight of the year!!!

Thank YOU!!!



Joenne Harry, Washington State DOC Offender Treatment Re-entry Programs, Family Services Unit Manager and Board President **Andrea Caldwell**



Needed ... SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are in desperate need of backpacks for our children for school, as well as basic school supplies -

"School Supplies for all ages"

Check web site listed below for ideas for recommended School Supplies for Monroe. Other schools will basically be asking for the same items for kids to start school with—

Matthew House On going Needs:

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| Kids DVD's | String Cheese |
| Juices | Lunch Meats |
| Bottled Water | Individual Pizzas |
| Fruit Snacks | Boxes Raisins |
| Healthy Soups | Individual Small / Cereal boxes |
| Fish/Cheese Crackers | Canned fruits |
| Granola Bars | Spaghetti "O"s |
| Pop Corn | Ravioli |
| Freezer Pops | Tuna |
| Top Ramen | |

http://www.monroe.wednet.edu/COMMON_FILES/SchoolSupplyList.pdf

Muffins for Jesus ...

The kids at the Free Methodist Church in Snohomish, WA had a muffin bake sale. The kids wanted to give their proceeds to Matthew House to be used for children and families that come in and use our services! To ALL those that made this happen we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts!! We love and appreciate you all so much!



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(Or donate by Credit Card)

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Cardholder Signature: _____



Call Rev. Linda Paz to come speak to your group or church today! 360-794-8720