

December 2021  
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Last week, we had a great time hosting Santa for Seniors! Santa and Mrs. Claus were there to bring holiday cheer, and there was music and singing, gifts, crafts, and good food to take home. While this celebration included pandemic safety precautions, the photos below show that it had all the joy of Christmas parties past.

Thank you to the William A. Looney Foundation, Lutheran Social Services Northwest, the South Sound Strummers, the Gig Harbor Business Builders, and our staff and volunteers for making this event possible, and successful and fun as well. Jerry and Patty Nebel deserve sincere thanks for finding room on the Clauses' calendar!

And when I look back at this year, it's heartwarming to think of all of the people who've helped us get through – and prosper in - 2021. This year's challenges were many but going into 2022 with the construction of our assisted living project underway is monumental! And the success of our capital campaign shows just what a determined community can do. It's thanks to your support that we have arrived at this moment.

Also heartwarming is the response from the community for our year-end appeal letter. I am happy to say that we've met our challenge match! If you've sent in your gift, thank you. If you have not yet had time to send in your gift, see below for how to do that. Your support is essential and will translate into programs for our elders in 2022.

It's a good time to recognize that we all make a difference in other people's lives. Thank you for the many ways that you change lives on the Key Peninsula.

We hope the season is merry and bright for you and yours!

-Eric and the Mustard Seed Project team.

P.S. Seed catalogs should be arriving soon, so happy garden planning!





## Why Give?

### You like the work of the Mustard Seed

The Mustard Seed Project is here because of you. Thanks to your gifts of time and financial support, volunteer drivers can take our older neighbors to medical appointments and information and referral volunteers can help people find the resources they need to age in place here on the Key Peninsula. We are only able to be here – with movement and art classes, and yard care, firewood for those who need it, and more – because of community support.

### Giving is good for you

Giving makes remarkable things happen – and not just for those who receive gifts. And it turns out that giving is good for the giver. [The Cleveland Clinic](#) has cited health benefits for those who support charity include lower blood pressure, longer life, and greater happiness.

### Giving can help with your taxes

Giving before the end of the year may help you with your taxes for 2021. The [IRS](#) advises that taxpayers who take the standard deduction can claim a limited deduction on their 2021 federal income tax returns for cash contributions they made to qualifying charitable organizations. You can “claim a deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions to qualifying charities during 2021. The maximum deduction is \$600 for married individuals filing joint returns.”

Thank you if you have already made a gift. If you would like to support the Mustard Seed Project, please

Click [here](#) to give now.

Or send a check to PO Box 182, Vaughn, WA 98394

Questions? Please contact Marion Sharp, Development Director at 253-884-3449

## Vaccine Clinic



The Mustard Seed Project will be hosting a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, in partnership with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, on **December 28th from 10am-2pm**.

Pfizer and Moderna 1st dose, 2nd dose and boosters shots will be available.

No appointments needed. Please call our office at 253-884-9814 to register.

## Rabbie Burns Night!

The Mustard Seed Project will host our first Rabbie Burns

Night on **January 20th.**

The event will include heavy appetizers, wine and beer. Bring your stories, songs, and poetry.

Call or [email](mailto:info@themustardseedproject.org) to purchase your tickets. 253-884-99814



## Assisted Living Construction Progress

Follow along with the progress of our Assisted Living Home!



## What Else is Going On?!

### **We Need Transportation Volunteers!**

Senior Ride Program Volunteers provide local seniors with transportation to medical appointments, grocery store trips and other essential appointments. The need is great, and we need your help! Call our office for more information or to sign-up!

Check out more upcoming events and classes on our [calendar](#).

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