SLC assembled 25 Hygiene Kits at the God's work. Our hands. fall servant day.

Painting quilt squares at the God's work. Our hands, fall servant event and at SLC Family Camp. Patti sews the squares into beautiful quilts.





their family, many SLC folks have served dinner meals at Benedict House for several years now. SLC usually commits to one week during the year, but also other nights as

How can I give? As in 2018, the <u>free-will donation</u> at all of the SLC Lenten Soup Suppers will go to fund the Benedict House dinners we prepare.

How can I serve? Be looking for the sign-ups to help prepare & serve a dinner at Benedict House...SLC usually is on the schedule for a week in September.

God's work. Our hands.

Love in Action



SLC folks have donated new/gently used clothing, items for the Benedict House kitchen and bathrooms, and warm handcrafted quilts for the residents.



Like Patti, Wade & requested.



Benedict House...a place of hope & compassion

SLC member Patti Randall shares: "Wade & I feel such passion with this particular ministry perhaps because after our marriage we struggled with unemployment and hunger, an emergency appendectomy for Wade with no health insurance, then because he was unable to return to work right away, he lost his job. We know, from personal experience, that most folks do not become homeless because they are lazy or want to live that way. Sometimes it's life circumstances and some hard luck. We recognize everyone has a story and we just want these folks to know our community cares about them. By hearing their stories when you offer a meal, pray with them and eat with them, you can gain a better understanding of how being homeless can happen to anyone. One young man I sat with was orphaned at birth & didn't know where any family might be. He grew up in the foster care system, shuttled from one family to another. He just wanted a home of his own and a loving family. Isn't that what we all desire... to know love and to be loved?"

Benedict House opened its doors on April 28, 2006 to provide Kitsap County with the only emergency shelter and transitional housing with supportive services for single homeless men and homeless men with children. This neighborhood facility has 6 four-bed pods, housing 24 individuals usually up to 90 days. An additional 3 respite beds are available for those needing time to recover after medical treatment up to 30 days. Catholic Community Services provides a safe environment where each individual is served with compassion, dignity and respect.

Thank you SLC for loving Kitsap through touching the lives of homeless men at Benedict House in Bremerton!