



Tri-City Volunteers

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Heart of a Lion

In June 2007, Brian Bevers, Executive Director and Tom Wohlmuth, Board Member, visited the Dawn Breakers Lion's Club in Fremont to make a presentation about Tri-City Volunteers. The Dawn Breakers Lion's Club is a strong force for the betterment of the Fremont community. During the presentation, Dawn Breaker member Gerrie Leonard raised her hand and recounted the touching story of how Tri-City Volunteers helped her assist a family in need.

Not unlike many elementary school teachers, Gerrie found herself dealing with a child that was falling behind the rest of the class. This student, a shy young child, was having difficulties concentrating in class and making friends. Being a dedicated and caring teacher, Gerrie talked to the child to see if there was something that could be done. At all the suggestions the child became more and more withdrawn. None of her suggestions would work. Gerrie decided to investigate further by suggesting she walk the child home that day.

When she arrived, she was stunned at what she found. The apartment was almost completely bare. The only piece of furniture was one thread bare couch. The couch was where the child slept while the mother slept in the bathtub at night. Gerrie was greatly troubled by this family's predicament and decided to do something about it.

She took the mother and child to Tri-City Volunteer's Thrift Store in Fremont. There they picked out modest furniture, kitchen appliances and linens and a bed. The remarkable thing was this young single parent family *received all the items at no charge!* "You should have seen the joy on my student's face!" said Gerrie.

Thank you Gerrie and Dawn Breakers Lion's club. Tri-City Volunteers is pleased that we helped you help a young family in need!