

## One Cyclist, lots of Runners and Walkers, supporting hungry children this Summer!



Liz Jenkins, somewhere in the Midwest.

Harbor Maine to Anacortes this summer. Liz Jenkins is more than halfway across the country. [Donate to Liz's Ride for CHOW today.](#)

Want to be inspired? Read Liz's blog: <https://beautiful exhaustionblog.wordpress.com/>

At Andeavor's 24th Annual March Point Run and Walk - Runners/walkers help to raise over \$9,500 for the CHOW program.

**CHOW** is Cutting Hunger on Weekends. This program feeds over 500 school-aged children every weekend in Sedro-Woolley and parts of Mount Vernon.

The need for weekend meals for kids is great and we can serve more if we can raise more.

To spread awareness and raise funds for CHOW, a 5th Grade teacher from Sedro-Woolley is riding her Bicycle across the United States - from Bar

### IMPORTANT

#### Community Grant Applications

Grants are available to 501(c)3 non-profit organizations operating in Skagit County. Grant Applications are open until noon on July 31st.

Click [HERE](#) to apply.

#### Free Credit Workshops



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Coast Credit Union is offering the "Taking the Next Step" FREE credit workshop!

**August 23 from 6-8pm @ Sedro-Woolley H.S.**

[Click HERE to Register](#)

## What's New at United

At this annual event in June, hundreds of runners and walkers participated in the ½ marathon, 10k, 5k, and kids Run. Overall event winners include:

- ½ Marathon Results: David Espinoza (male); Meghan O'Neil (female)
- 10K Winners: Thomas Morris (male); Riley Borden (female)
- 5K Winners: Mason Taylor (male); Abigail Johnson (female)
- Kids ½ Mile: Nathan Kwant (male); Terri Lynn Kwant (female)

At the event participants and supporting family and friends enjoyed the honky-tonk sounds of *Classic Roads*, great food/drink, the Children's Museum mobile learning Fire Engine "Frankie", and \$1,000s in prizes and awards.



Thank You for your commitment to the community

and endeavor

To find out more information about CHOW, [click here](#).



## Partner Spotlight - Local School Districts

## Way?

Earlier this year, United Way of Skagit County Board of Directors voted to focus directly on the issue of Early Childhood Education.

"We want to change conditions for generations to come. That means stable families, prepared children, and stronger communities," stated Debra Lancaster, United Way of Skagit County Executive Director.

Lancaster continued "United Way continues to fund programs across the spectrum of social services. However, in the coming years, we will be focusing on solutions that will help prepare children for success."

To learn more about why this issue is so critical, [check out this short video](#).

Save the Date  
United Way

**Mount  
Vernon,  
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Districts**

are such an  
important part

of the Skagit community. In addition to all the incredible work they do in educating our children, they:

- => Understand the value of working together and the value of early learning to make sure kids are ready for school.
- => They provide incredible leadership to their students and families.
- => They all have implemented innovative programming to help pre-school children be ready for Kindergarten.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN  
and FAMILIES.**



School District Representatives  
receive Award at United Way Rally

**Kickoff**



September 14,  
2018,  
McIntyre Hall  
7:30-9am

**AFL / CIO  
Endorsement of  
United Way  
Campaigns**

"The Labor movement can-not tackle the problems of working people alone. To advance the common good in our communities, it is critical for us to work in partnership with effective local organizations who share our values." - Richard L. Trmka [Link](#)

**Born Learning Trails come to  
Skagit**



You've seen the United Way "Thumbs Up" for years. Ever wondered what it means?

In short, it means we are an organization

Leadership Skagit class of 2018 Team Skagit Reign built two Born Learning Trails in Washington state:



One at Hillcrest Park in Mount Vernon, and another at Storvik Park in Anacortes. Soon, Skagit Reign team members will build another trail in Burlington.

Born Learning trails are a nation-wide United Way engagement campaign. They are a series of 10 interactive signs that offer fun, active learning activities for young children and their families. The Trails help parents, caregivers and communities create quality learning opportunities during everyday moments.

[Click Here for more information on Born Learning Trails](#)

that follows the highest standards of integrity and accountability.

[See our website for details.](#)

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