

## Give Local!

This year's Chamber Christmas Giving Breakfast was cancelled due to weather....lots of folks had worked hard to be sure the place was decorated, the tables were set up, and the food was ready. While disappointing that a great event didn't take place, the bigger issue is the loss in a giving opportunity. This event every year raises money for those that are in need during the Holiday Season and thereafter...and the ice and snow just makes those living paycheck to paycheck have more concerns (missing work, increased utilities, kids at home from school that need babysitting and to be fed, etc.).

Those of us that invited guests to attend include: City of Gresham, Clackamas County Bank, Comcast, Farmington Square, Gresham Animal Hospital, Gresham Chamber Ambassadors, Gresham City Council, Gresham Ford, Gresham Grocery Outlet, Gresham Outlook, Landmark Tax & Investment, Lynn Snodgrass, Mt. Hood Community College, Nancy's Floral, Northwest Accounting Partners, Reliv, Rep. Carla Piluso and Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Reynolds School District, Riverview Community Bank, State Farm Insurance, and Warren Allen LLP. The Mayor, the Fire Chief, Judy Han, Sandra Forquer, Christy Brewster Kinsey, and Pastor Keith Evans and his team at Greater Gresham Baptist Church were also on deck to make the sure the event was a success. While the show did not go on – nor was the French Toast consumed or Holiday Songs sung...we still have needs in our community that the following organizations fill each and every day of the year! So please join the folks above in contributing to Human Solutions (provides permanent affordable housing), My Father's House (keeps homeless families together by providing shelter, assistance and life skills), and SnowCap Community Charities (provides food and utilities for the working poor, seniors and others in temporary need) or another LOCAL charity you feel passionate about!

All of these organizations have websites where you can make a donation – so in this season of giving please make a place for our neighbors that need a little extra – your heart will be happy you did!