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Energy Northwest Continues 29-Year Tradition Helping Head Start

RICHLAND, Wash. – Energy Northwest is sponsoring 11 Head Start holiday parties at local schools this week. Almost 400 children have been “adopted” by Energy Northwest employees, continuing the agency’s 29-year tradition of supporting Benton Franklin Head Start.

Each child provided a wish list to Santa and will receive at least one toy and one clothing item. The gifts will be distributed by Energy Northwest employees, playing Santa and his elves, during various Head Start parties on Dec. 16 and 17 at the following times and locations:

Wednesday, Dec. 16 (Parties begin at 9:30 a.m.)	Thursday, Dec. 17 (Parties begin at 9:30 a.m.)
Children’s Development Center – (2 parties) 1549 Georgia Ave, Richland, 509-735-1062 EN Contact: Amy Brown 509-948-3025	Central Pasco – (4 parties) 3203 W. Sylvester, Pasco, 509-542-9688 EN Contacts: Amy Brown 509-948-3025 and Andrea Villarreal 509-366-7978
Martin Luther King Center – (2 parties) 205 S. Wehe, Pasco, 509-544-9446 EN Contact: Libby Giles 509-551-1657	Sunnyslopes – (1 party) 221 S. Benton, Kennewick, 509-586-8176 EN Contact: Andrea Villarreal 509-366-7978
Marcus Whitman – (1 party) 1704 Gray St., Richland, 509-943-2450 EN Contact: Libby Giles 509-551-1657	Benton City – (1 party) 313 #B 3rd St., Benton City, 509-588-5250 EN Contact: Carole Bergara 509-521-9989

Head Start is one of three major non-profit organizations Energy Northwest employees support each year; the others are United Way and March of Dimes.

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About Head Start:

Created in 1965, Head Start is the most successful, longest-running, national school readiness program in the United States. It provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families. More than 25 million pre-school aged children have benefited from Head Start.

About Energy Northwest:

Energy Northwest is a not-for-profit public power, state joint operating agency headquartered in Richland, Wash. Chartered in 1957, Energy Northwest has 27 public power members (22 public utility districts and five municipalities). The consortium's solar, hydro, wind and nuclear power projects deliver nearly 1,300 megawatts of reliable, affordable, environmentally responsible electricity to the Northwest power grid. Energy Northwest continually explores and develops new generation opportunities while offering a wide range of energy and business services.

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