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## **Winterfest 2006 to Benefit Kent Food Bank A Holly Jolly Day in Kent**

**Kent, Washington, November 20, 2006** – Kent Downtown Partnership (KDP) and area merchants announced today that this year’s Winterfest celebration will benefit the Kent Food Bank. Scheduled for Saturday, December 2 from 8 am to 7 pm, **Winterfest 2006 – A Holly Jolly Day in Kent** will feature a waffle breakfast at Maggie’s on Meeker, a one-mile Holly Jolly walk guided by The Balanced Athlete, local entertainment, horse drawn carriage rides, holiday sales and more. This year’s event promises to draw a large crowd from Kent and the surrounding areas.

The day-long event will bring back old favorites including a visit from Santa and his traditional bike giveaway, while offering activities and attractions to bring families to downtown Kent. The event is free to the public, but families are encouraged to share their Holly Jolly spirit by bringing food donations to Winterfest to benefit the Kent Food Bank.

“We are really excited about Winterfest 2006,” KDP Executive Director Jacquie Alexander said. “This year’s focus will be on families, fun, and sharing our spirit with others.”

Winterfest 2006 will take place in the Kent Historic District through Kent Station to Kent Commons which is holding its annual two-day Holiday Bazaar the same weekend. Winterfest will feature special guests including the Seattle Aquarium, Seattle Children’s Theatre, Northwest Trek, Point Defiance Zoo, the Thunderbird Ice Hockey Mascot, Kent Fire Department, Kent Christian Church’s children’s choir and much more.

Winterfest 2006 is being sponsored by NW Spinal Rehabilitation Clinic, Auburn Regional Medical Center, Renaissance Yarns, American Charm, City of Kent, and Kent Station. Ten lucky children will win bikes from Santa. Bike sponsors include Heartbeat Yoga and Healing Arts, Bella home and garden, Two Men and a Truck, Kent Station, Maggie’s on Meeker, Chair & Trellis, American Charm and Farrington Court.

For more information, contact Winterfest media representative Dana Blozis at 360-920-1737 or Winterfest chair RoxieAnn Harvey of Renaissance Yarns at 253-852-YARN. Additional information about **Winterfest 2006 – A Holly Jolly Day in Kent**, including a calendar of events and list of participating merchants, can be found at [www.kentdowntown.org](http://www.kentdowntown.org).

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