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Arlington Fire Department's 2019 Santa Run Breaks Record For Monetary Donations

(Arlington, WA) – Arlington's annual Santa Run for 2019 ended on December 15th with 11,391 pounds of food collected and a record breaking \$2,213 in monetary donations for the Arlington Community Food Bank.

The Arlington Santa Run is a 30-year-old community tradition that runs for 10 nights in December to bring Santa and a bit of holiday cheer to the Arlington community. The Arlington Fire Department, with the help from hundreds of Santa's elves, escorts Santa through the city on a decorated fire engine collecting donations for the Arlington Community Food Bank.

The Santa Run truly shows the commitment to community service that the employees of the City of Arlington, as well as the residents and businesses of Arlington possess. This year's event was coordinated and conducted by the Arlington City Firefighters Local No. 3728, with support from the Arlington Police Department, City staff, Arlington Rotary Club, and other service organizations. Santa's candy canes were generously donated by the Arlington Walmart. Stated Arlington Fire Chief Dave Kraski, "From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, citizens of Arlington, for your incredible good will and generosity."

[Photo below: Credit Arlington Fire Department. Left to right: Deputy Fire Chief Chris Dickison, Fire Chief Dave Kraski, Arlington Community Food Bank Executive Director Carla Rankin Gastineau, and Arlington Firefighter / Paramedic Nich Sacha]



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