Thousands of Dollars in Free Groceries, Goods and Services to be Distributed

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - As many as 5,000 men, women and children are expected to descend upon Hoquiam’s Olympic Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 18 for the first-ever Grays Harbor Convoy of Hope outreach.A historic one-day outpouring of compassion and assistance to thousands of less fortunate men, women and children will take place at the first-ever Grays Harbor Convoy of Hope outreach on Saturday, Sept. 18.Dozens of local church congregations, businesses and community organizations are uniting to organize the event set for 10 a.m., rain or shine, at Hoquiam's Olympic Stadium. Thousands of "honored guests" will be served with more than $40,000 worth of free food, goods and services.Based on similar Convoy of Hope events held around the nation, local organizers anticipate somewhere between 3,000 and 5,000 persons will likely attend the Grays Harbor outreach. Those in attendance will receive free groceries, lunch, healthcare services, family photo portraits, haircuts, job information, entertainment, games and activities for the children, and more.

The event is entirely free of charge and no identification is required. Free groceries will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.Organizers estimate that up to 500 local volunteers will be needed the day of the event. A Volunteer Rally is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 at the D&R Theatre in Aberdeen. Anyone wishing to participate in any capacity is encouraged to attend the rally.Thousands of dollars have already been raised to defray the significant costs of putting on an event of such magnitude, but local financial support is still needed. Tax deductible donations can be made to Grays Harbor Convoy of Hope, P.O. Box 703, Hoquiam, WA 98550.For more information or to volunteer, call (360) 591-6168, or log onto graysharborconvoy.org