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The entire Vancouver Police Department gets Happy Packets from The Junior Joy Team **The Junior Joy Team partners with Hough Elementary School to spread joy to the VPD**

(Vancouver, WA) Close to 300 elementary school children wrote personalized notes of appreciation to everyone working for the Vancouver Police Department last week; and now a group of kids known as The Junior Joy Team gets to deliver them.

On May 2nd the Vancouver Police Department will become the second recipient of Happy Packets from The Junior Joy Team; and the first to receive them from the joint efforts of The Junior Joy Team and Hough Elementary School. At 3:15 pm on Wednesday, May 2nd, the joy-spreading kids will meet the Chiefs of Police at the West Precinct, and deliver their caringly stuffed Happy Packets while touring the station.

"We truly appreciate The Joy Team's outreach to the Vancouver Police Department and the fantastic service they provide spreading joy throughout our community", said Vancouver Police Chief Clifford Cook.

"From crayon drawings by preschoolers to typed notes by 5th graders, the range is wide, and all are heartfelt," said founder and chief joy officer of The Joy Team, Michele McKeag Larsen. "These kids have created a tidal wave of joy and gratitude that will ripple out farther than we know."

Hough held a special assembly on April 11th for its 290 students prior to the kids writing a personalized note of appreciation to a member of the Vancouver Police Department (VPD). The Junior Joy Team is gathering on Sunday April 22nd to assemble the Happy Packets; which will consist of the letters, chocolate kisses, Bit-O-Honey candies and a Love Your Life card from The Joy Team.

The Junior Joy Team spread joy to all 260 employees of City Hall in February and created a video about the power of positive words in March.

About The Joy Team

Founded in February 2010, The Joy Team is a non-profit corporation based in Vancouver, Washington, with the mission of spreading joy, optimism and inspiration to millions. We carry out this mission by helping people shift into a positive frame of mind through the incredible power of positive words. In 2010 we put up 28 billboards, effectively putting 25.9 million seeds of joy out into the world. In 2011 we involved over 300 people in spreading positive messages in 3 countries and 22 U.S. states on August 23rd using sidewalk chalk. In 2012 we started The Junior Joy Team for children ages 5-12 to discover the warmth of spreading joy and building community. Learn more at thejoyteam.org, like us on [Facebook.com/TheJoyTeam](https://www.facebook.com/TheJoyTeam) or follow us on Twitter [@TheJoyTeam](https://twitter.com/TheJoyTeam).