SENATE RESOLUTION

8613

By Senators Liias and Salomon

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has placed an incredible burden on the people of Washington state, both through the loss of loved ones and through financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, The economic impacts of COVID-19 have created vulnerability and the need for support in many working families in our state; and

WHEREAS, Community support and generous assistance can be a line of support, hope, and safety for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Washington Kids in Transition (WAKIT) is a group that works in Edmonds, WA to provide support to income-eligible Edmonds families; and

WHEREAS, WAKIT assists residents who have children in the Edmonds School District, providing housing and basic living assistance; and

WHEREAS, As part of the City of Edmonds Housing and Supplementary Relief Program WAKIT distributed more than $215,000 to qualifying Edmonds School District families; and

WHEREAS, Their good work has been further validated by the recent award of a $129,000 Student Learning Support Grant from the state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI); and

WHEREAS, WAKIT is also a supporter of the Edmonds Hub (E-Hub), which provides access to meals, stable technology, tutoring, educational support materials, and access to laundry services, all for students and families who qualify for McKinney-Vento and foster care; and

WHEREAS, WAKIT has gone above and beyond to ensure that our most vulnerable children and families are able to safely receive extra care and support during these difficult times;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize Washington Kids in Transition for the generosity, support, and assistance they provide to their community.

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,

do hereby certify that this is a true and

correct copy of Senate Resolution 8613,

adopted by the Senate

March 18, 2021

BRAD HENDRICKSON

Secretary of the Senate