



The 38th Annual
**Great FIGGY PUDDING
Caroling Competition™
and Fundraiser.**
*Now happening in the heart of
Pike Place Market!*

Friday, December 1, 2023

Benefiting

Pike Market Senior Center & Food Bank

2023 TEAM REGISTRATION PACKET

For information or questions, please contact:

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Or go to our website at

www.figgypudding.org

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter

FIGGY FUNDRAISING

Why are we raising money?

For the past 37 years, The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition and Fundraiser has raised well over 1M dollars for the Pike Market Senior Center & Food Bank, which was founded in 1978. Hundreds of volunteers and Figgy carolers have teamed up to support the Senior Center and Food Bank as they help low-income adults and families experiencing food insecurity, inadequate nutrition, homelessness, social isolation and lack of opportunity.

Every day, the Senior Center welcomes a large community of individuals who are at least 55 years of age and invites them to participate in a social network of services for their minds, bodies and spirits. We offer nutritional support through nutritionally balanced breakfast and lunch, social services and wellness activities, while engaging our members within the Senior Center setting as well as the greater Seattle community.

In 2022 the Senior Center served over 65,000 hot meals (breakfast and lunch 7 days a week).

The Food Bank operates with a small staff and many dedicated volunteers. In addition to grocery shopping, and a robust home delivery service, Food Bank clients are offered outreach services. The Food Bank serves individuals of all ages.

In 2022 the Food Bank served 3,575 households and made 15,663 home deliveries of bags of groceries.

This year, we hope Figgy Pudding will raise over \$100,000 to meet the increasing needs for good nutrition for individuals experiencing food insecurity and poor nutrition.

Through your support of The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition and Fundraiser, you can help increase the Pike Market Senior Center & Food Bank's capacity to offer our life-sustaining services.

For more information go to
www.pmsc-fb.org
Facebook: Pike Market Senior Center & Food Bank

FIGGY Q & A

THE 38th ANNUAL GREAT FIGGY PUDDING CAROLING COMPETITION

Friday, December 1, in Pike Place Market

4:00pm-6:00pm Team check-in

6:00pm Introduction of Warm 106.9 fm emcees and announcements

6:15pm-7:15pm Caroling teams compete on the cobblestones.

7:30pm-8:45pm Main Stage Sing-Off and Award Presentations

WHAT IS THE GREAT FIGGY PUDDING CAROLING COMPETITION?

Figgy Pudding is a 38-year-old fundraiser for the Pike Market Senior Center & Food Bank. Figgy Pudding attracts crowds of almost 10,000 people with approximately 35 caroling teams participating! The Caroling Teams raise 80% of Figgy Fundraising **before** the event. They solicit donations from co-workers, friends, or family in a variety of ways. On Figgy Friday there are multiple opportunities to raise additional money. Money that is raised before the event is called *Figlanthropy*. It is true that Figgy Pudding is a popular destination event, but it is first and foremost a fundraiser.

Proceeds from The Great Figgy Pudding support this 45 year-old organization in its mission to improve the lives and meet the needs of the older adults facing economic uncertainty.

This year we hope to raise \$100,000. We want to raise as much money as possible for the Pike Market Senior Center & Food Bank. The money will ensure that we can meet the growing need for weekly groceries, daily nutritious meals, social services, and social connection.

DO I HAVE TO SING WELL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE?

Nope! You can be a beginner or an opera singer; it is only important to raise money and have fun.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Recruit five or more carolers to form your team, designate a Team Captain, go to www.figgypudding.org to register online. If you prefer you can fill out the application in this packet and mail in your registration or use the [online form](#). Make your team's check payable to *Pike Market Senior Center*. **Be sure to include the registration form.** Once we receive your registration fee we will set up your online fundraising webpage. Please send a photo of your group, or another graphic for your page. You will also receive a caroling team captain handbook.

IS THERE A REGISTRATION FEE?

Yes. If you register before October 31, the fee is \$65. After that it increases to \$75,

IS THERE A REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

Yes. We would like teams to be registered by November 20th. If you don't make that deadline talk to us to see if we can help you join.

HOW DO I RAISE Figlanthropy money?

Simply ask your friends, family and co-workers to donate to your caroling team. We've made it **REALLY easy** through online giving. We create and personalize your fundraising page for you. Don't forget to ask your company to match your fundraising!

On the day of the competition, you'll have a chance to raise even more money as you sing your hearts out for this good cause. When you receive your team leader packet you will see more ideas for fundraising.

HOW DOES THE CAROLING COMPETITION WORK?

1. Register! We will set up your online fundraising page.
 2. Ask friends, family, businesses, and coworkers for donations. Organize fundraising events.
 3. Practice your carols.
 4. On December 1st starting at 4pm check in at the Welcome Table in Pike Place Market. Bring any cash donations that you may have, collect your team sign, and your Get Figgy With It donation box.
 5. At 6:00 pm, go to your designated caroling spot and at 6:15 begin singing your hearts out! Awards will be given out from 7:30-8:30 at the Main Stage under the famous Market Clock.
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FIGGY AWARDS

WHAT ARE THE AWARDS?

1. **COMPETITION TEAM AWARDS.**

Figlanthropy Awards

- Awards are given to the three teams who raise the most money. These teams are invited to sing on stage.

People's Choice Award

- Spectators vote for their favorite team. Ballots are available at registration table. The top two teams compete on Main stage in a sing off
- All teams are eligible for this award.

Judges Awards – to be eligible for the judged awards a team must raise \$1,000

- Most Creative Performance
- Best Choral Performance

The top two teams from both of these categories will compete on stage.

2. **GET FIGGY WITH IT.** A prize is given to the team that collects the most money in its team box during the one hour of caroling that takes place between 6:15 and 7:15 pm.

Figgy Pudding 2023 Team Registration Form

I hereby grant permission to Pike Market Senior Center & Food Bank to use photographs taken at The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition and to use the photographs on its website or in other official publications, without further consideration; and I acknowledge that PMSC-DTFB has the right to crop or treat photographs at its discretion. I release and hold Pike Market Senior Center & Food Bank harmless for any loss, injury, or other wrong that may occur while participating in Figgy Pudding.

Team Leader Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Company/Church/School (if applicable): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Team Fundraising Goal: _____

Team Members *(Please make additional copies if needed)*

Name: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

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Name: _____

Email: _____

Send completed registration with a check payable to *Pike Market Senior Center* to:

Pike Market Senior Center

Attn: Figgy Pudding

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