



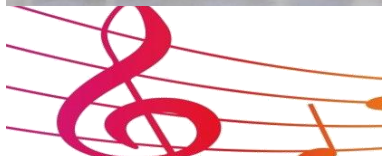
## White River Buddhist Temple's Music Revue Fundraiser

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For over 100 years, White River Buddhist Temple in Auburn, Washington, USA has existed as a place of community. From early Issei pioneers to current day sangha members who come from all walks of life, the Temple is committed to strengthening our bonds of friendship with the community that we serve. That's why when the Auburn Food bank, which serves thousands of meals each week, put out a call for help, the Temple answered.

During the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, funds had been diminishing at the food bank as a demand rose during these times of great economic uncertainty. One program in particular, the "Food to Go" student backpack program, was in danger of low funds. The program seeks to help the most vulnerable children in the Auburn community by providing backpacks filled with single serve, high protein, kid friendly foods on weekends and holidays so children do not go hungry when they aren't able to access school meals. With an increased demand and diminishing funds for the program, White River Buddhist Temple sprung into action.

In coordination with sangha members, community musicians, and the support of the community, preparation for an online musical presentation began. After six months of planning, recording, and editing, the Musical Revue Fundraiser premiered online in November 2021 featuring over a dozen musical numbers of top-talent local musicians, and 100% of donations going to the Auburn Food Bank's "Food to Go" student backpack program.



Through the generosity of Temple members, friends of the Temple, community supporters, and musicians donating their time for this musical fundraiser, the Temple was honored to present \$9,610 to the Auburn Food Bank's Food-to-Go Backpack program – helping sustain the program for at least a few more years.

The Temple is grateful to be able to support the important work that the Auburn Food Bank carries out to assist those in need in our community!

To view the musical fundraiser, visit [www.wrbt.org/foodtogo](http://www.wrbt.org/foodtogo)

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