made available upon request.
Comfortable clothing for the
class is recommended. Early
registration must be made by
calling to the Learning Center
at 427-3609.

MASON TRANSIT
AND UNITED WAY TO
HOLD VOLUNTEER
SUMMIT

SHELTON — United Way of
Mason County is partnering
with Mason Transit Author-
ity (MTA) to host a Volunteer
Summit at the Transit-
Community Center (T-CC) on
Oct. 7.
The purpose of the event is
to raise awareness about
the organizations in Mason
County that provide social
services to the community,
the services they provide, as
well as promote the volunteer
positions those organizations
have available and are cur-
cently recruiting for.
Some organizations are des-
perate to find volunteers.
Mason Transit’s volunteer
driver program has seen a 59
percent decline in volunteers
over the last five years, said
Christina Kramer, outreach
manager at MTA.
Isaac Wagnitz, the volunteer
coordinator for United Way
of Mason County, says there
are other organizations that
rely on volunteers who have
experienced declines as well.
According to the U.S. Bureau
of Labor Statistics, the
percentage of Americans
volunteering has dwindled	nationwide, last year the vol-
tunteer rate was 25.3 percent
compared with 29 percent of
the population in 2003.
The event is free and open to
the public.
It will be held from 3-6 p.m.,
Wednesday, Oct. 7, in the
gym at the Transit-Commu-
nity Center, located at 601
W. Franklin St in downtown
Shelton. For more informa-
tion, contact Isaac Wagnitz
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