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Thrivent Action Team to Benefit The Yakima Schools Foundation

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to include	Contact:
Reception and Classroom Supplies	
Drive for Local Schools.	Jay Kelley
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Thursday, February 5, 5:00-7:00	509-494-3401
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January 26, 2015, YAKIMA, WA – **Thrivent Financial**, a not-for-profit financial agency, is celebrating their new office launch by teaming up with the **Yakima Schools Foundation** to collect school supplies and monetary donations to benefit local classrooms and students.

The Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for 5:30pm, followed by a short presentation by the Yakima Schools Foundation and Thrivent Financial, concluding with a reception for guests. Those interested in donating school supplies or making financial contributions are invited to drop items off at Jay Kelley's office between now and February 4th. There is limited space available at the reception; please RSVP directly.

Thrivent Financial challenges their employees and members to actively participate in community projects. One way they do this is through an "Action Team," providing each member \$250/each of "seed money" twice a year along with other items, to help the members be successful in raising funds to designate to a community not-for-profit or a community member in need. The financial firm has partnered with large and small community organizations around the world to support the communities they serve, neighborhood by neighborhood.

"We selected the Yakima Schools Foundation to benefit from our grand opening drive because we regularly receive feedback about their creative diligence in securing resources for our local schools – and we want to participate in that," says Jay Kelley, Associate Representative, Thrivent Financial.

The Yakima Schools Foundation is a nonprofit, community-based organization, which works in cooperation, but is independent from the Yakima School District. For more information about them, visit <u>www.yakimaschoolsfoundation.org</u>