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Renton Severe Weather Shelter to Open over the Weekend

RENTON: Due to extremely low temperatures expected over the weekend, the City of Renton is partnering with Catholic Community Services to open the Severe Weather Shelter (SWS) at Renton Harambee Center. The shelter will be open beginning Friday, November 22, and closing Monday morning, November 25. The shelter is located at Renton Harambee Center, 316 South 3rd St. in downtown Renton. Check in and registration begins at 8:30 p.m. The shelter will close each day at 8 a.m., and all must vacate.

All are welcome. The Severe Weather Shelter is available for single women and men, couples, and homeless families with children who are living on the streets or in vehicles; separate sleeping spaces have been prepared for men, women, and families with children. The SWS will be operated by Catholic Community Services staff and volunteers from the greater Kent/Renton community. All must register at the door. As with all shelters, rules for the health and safety of clients, staff and the broader community will apply.

Please dial 2-1-1 to access shelter information. For a list of winter shelters operating throughout King County visit <http://resourcetalk.crisisclinic.org/2013-2014-winter-and-severe-weather-shelter-printable-pdf/>

If you have good washable blankets, clean warm clothes (sweatshirts, hoodies, fleece), gloves, hats, or socks, the cold weather shelter can use them. Please drop them off at Renton City Hall, 6th floor.

For more information please contact the City of Renton, Community Services office at 425-430-6600.

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