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Clothes For Kids and City of Lynnwood Partner for Citywide Clothing Drive

Clothes For Kids has served another record number of students this year, providing more than 4,100 wardrobes to low-income students in Snohomish County. In order to meet the extensive need in our community, we need more clothing. Together with the City of Lynnwood and a number of local businesses, Clothes For Kids is thrilled to announce the 1st Annual City of Lynnwood Citywide Clothing Drive.

During the month of May, a number of city offices along with local businesses will have collection bins for new and gently used clothing. We need any and all clothing items for students sizes 4T through plus size teens. All underwear and socks along with most shoes that are distributed by Clothes For Kids are new. Winter coats, summer shorts, shirts, jackets and jeans are very welcome.

We will celebrate the success of the month-long campaign with a “Stuff the Truck” event at the Lynnwood Recreation Center on Saturday, June 1st from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please check out www.clothesforkids.org to find a list of drop-off location and participating businesses or to get involved in this event.

Clothes For Kids has been serving Snohomish County since 1984 as a non-profit organization providing wardrobes for low-income families. We have experienced a significant growth in clients over the past two years and the need for clothing is greater than ever. “Providing clothing to students in preschool through twelfth grade allows their families to focus their limited resources in other areas and helps ensure the student has a positive learning experience,” says Nancy Laird-Burris, Program Manager at Clothes For Kids.

“We operate on a shoe-string budget,” adds Rob Schwertley, Clothes For Kids Interim Board President. “It is through our generous clothing donors that we are able to continue to grow our services and meet the needs of even more children.”

New in-kind donations total more than \$150,000 annually and gently used clothing helps to fill in much-needed sizes and the current styles that students like to have.

With many families feeling the effects of this difficult economy, this is a great time to support our community.

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