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Friends of Youth Increases Capacity at Redmond Landing Shelter

Redmond, WA—With the arrival of colder weather, the number of young adults seeking shelter at Friends of Youth’s emergency overnight shelter, the Landing, has increased. Beginning in October, the agency has had many nights when it was necessary to hold a lotto for a bed, and many nights when youth were turned away due to a lack of capacity.

But, beginning December 2nd, a grant of funds from the City of Redmond has made it possible for the agency to increase the number of beds at the Landing this winter, from 15 to 20. The funding continues through March of 2014, ensuring 20 beds of available shelter for young adults 18-24.

“The City of Redmond has been an amazing partner with Friends of Youth since we moved our shelter and drop-in programs for homeless youth and young adults to its new location. Their caring and compassionate response to the need for additional beds this winter is yet another example of their extraordinary partnership,” Friends of Youth CEO Terry Pottmeyer said. “Every young person in King County should have a safe place to sleep each night, and with the partnership of the City of Redmond, we are making that a reality for our homeless youth.”

The Landing is open seven days a week and is located at 16225 NE 87th Street, Suite A-1, in Redmond. It is the only emergency young adult shelter on the Eastside. In addition to being a safe place in times of crisis, it provides young people with resources and referrals needed to exit homelessness.

Friends of Youth delivers a comprehensive range of therapeutic services for youth, young adults and families. With over 60 years of experience, national accreditation and 20 program sites, the agency provides safe places to live and emotional support for youth and families in challenging circumstances.

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From left to right: Trevor Marshall, Friends of Youth Street Outreach Team, Terry Pottmeyer, Friends of Youth President and CEO, Redmond Mayor John Marchione, King County Executive Dow Constantine, Congressman Dave Reichert and former Friends of Youth Board Member Cecilia Porto participate in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Redmond Youth Services Center in 2012.

