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“Compassion in Action”

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### STIMULATE CARING WITH YOUR ECONOMIC STIMULUS REBATE

RENTON--St. Vincent de Paul has three great ideas on how people can use all or a portion of their Economic Stimulus Rebate:

- **Make a financial gift** to St. Vincent de Paul. Help a neighbor in need by preventing eviction, power shut-off or hunger—consider \$175 in honor of our 175th anniversary.
- **Shop at our Renton Highlands thrift store:** *stretch your budget, help needy neighbors, recycle for stewardship*
- If you really have to buy a new Plasma TV or new furniture set, please **give us your good-conditioned used one**. Call 206-767-9975 ext. 116 for details.

“We believe this is an easy way to help a neighbor in need.—and it won’t cost a dime from your regular income,” said Richard Bray, director of donor & community relations for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King County and Renton resident.

You can help St. Vincent de Paul by giving all or a portion of your Economic Stimulus Tax Rebate that the government is sending out in May. Many people will receive rebates of \$300, \$600, \$1200 or more depending on family size.

St. Vincent de Paul invites community residents to help our neighbors in need who are suffering from layoffs, injury, illness or effects of poverty. It has served Renton needy since 1954.

Because you care, St. Vincent de Paul will be there to prevent homelessness, prevent power shut-offs and prevent hunger. Isn’t this the kind of action we need to stimulate?

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul fosters “Compassion in Action” to neighbors facing crisis. This past year more than 51,779 people were helped in King County. The Renton St. Vincent de Paul conference helped almost 5,000 people with food, clothing, rent and utility assistance. Internationally the Society is celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has been nominated for the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize. Donations can be sent to St. Vincent de Paul c/o St. Anthony Parish, 314 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Renton, WA 9805y or drop off at the St. Vincent de Paul Renton Highlands thrift store, 2825 Sunset Blvd. NE. Call 206-957-7241 for more information.

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