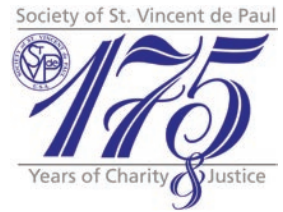




“Compassion in Action”

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **St. Vincent de Paul Blanket & Coat Drive asks people to “Help Warm a Heart” of a Homeless or Needy person**

#### Three ways to help:

- 1) Drop off Blankets/Coats at St. Vincent de Paul Stores Nov. 1 - 15
- 2) Bring Blanket/Coat to Husky Stadium on Nov 8—UW vs. Arizona State Univ. game
- 3) Hold a collection at Work, School, or Place of Worship

Now that chilly-cold weather is upon us, Blankets and Coats are needed to help the homeless and families in need throughout King County and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is providing three ways for people to help “Warm a Heart.”

#### **Nov. 1-15 (St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores)**

St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores local drop off sites:

RENTON (2825 Sunset Blvd NE),  
KENMORE (7304 NE Bothell Way)  
SEATTLE (13555 Aurora Ave. N.)  
BURIEN (13445 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.)

- And all locations in Western Washington

#### **Nov. 8 (Husky Stadium)**

Husky Stadium at the U.W. vs. Arizona State Univ. football game  
Bring a blanket or coat to the game

#### **Throughout November**

Local groups are encouraged to collect blankets and coats. Canned food is needed, too. Contact 206-957-7241 or [giving@stvincent-sea.org](mailto:giving@stvincent-sea.org)

“No one should be freezing on our streets or cold in our neighborhoods because they don’t have a warm blanket or coat. Even in tough times, each of us can find a blanket or coat to help Warm a Heart,” says project spokesperson Richard Bray.

Throughout King County the calls for assistance for help is up 60% over this time last year. St. Vincent de Paul is known for its outreach to the poor through home visits, thrift stores and food pantries—often called “Compassion in Action.” This year is the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the organization. The Catholic charitable organization helps all in need regardless of creed. It has 52 volunteer groups in King County that make home visits to neighbors in need—and operates in 142 countries worldwide. St. Vincent de Paul was among the nominees for the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize.

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