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Rotary Club of Provides Brand New Coats to Renton Area Children in Need

The Rotary Club of Renton is continuing its long tradition of community service! The Rotary Club of Renton plans to give brand new coats to children in need at the **Renton High School Cafeteria on Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 9am to noon.**

Please note that children and families will need to wear protective masks and social distance during the distribution. Hand sanitizer will be available at various locations throughout the cafeteria.

"Nearly 20% of children live in poverty and a warm coat is an essential item during Pacific Northwest winters," said Linda Foley, 2020-2021 Club President. "Every child, regardless of their economic situation, deserves a brand new coat. Our club believes a brand new coat is more than a coat, and offers a child physical and emotional warmth, confidence to socialize and succeed, and hope of a brighter future."

The Rotary Club of Renton, working with **Operation Warm®**, a national nonprofit that manufacturers brand new, high-quality coats, partners with **Communities in Schools Renton** to give brand new warm coats away to children in need. Founded in 1998, Operation Warm and its Rotary partners have provided over 3.5 million coats across North America. Renton Rotarians have been a critical partner in fulfilling this mission of helping children into new coats for over 16 years.

About The Rotary Club of Renton:

The Rotary Club of Renton was founded in 1943 and meets every Thursday from 12pm to 1:30pm at the Maplewood Golf Course for lunch, networking, fun, fellowship and a weekly guest speaker. **COVID 19 has moved the meetings to a virtual Zoom format, but the work goes on!** Membership is open to service-oriented residents, professionals and workers of the community. Guests are welcome to attend. Club projects include Operation Warm (Coats for Kids), Dictionaries for every 3rd grader in the Renton School District, Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Renton Senior Center, Community Service Grants to many Renton area non-profits, international peace and service projects, such as "Polio Plus" for the eradication of polio worldwide. To learn more about the club, its many service projects and schedule of lunch programs, visit www.RentonRotary.org.

About Operation Warm:

Operation Warm is a national nonprofit that creates brand new, high-quality coats for children in need. Every child, regardless of their economic situation, deserves a brand new coat. We partner with compassionate individuals and organizations across North America to give a gift of warmth, confidence and hope to millions of children in need. Operation Warm believes a brand new coat is more than a coat, promoting self-esteem, school attendance and outdoor play.



Samples of the brand-new Operation Warm winter coats that the Rotary Club of Renton will provide to children of Renton, Washington.

Renton High School Cafeteria
400 South 2nd street, Renton, WA 98057
Saturday, October 24, 2020
9am to 12pm

Look for the "Renton Rotary Operation Warm" signs!

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