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Friends of Youth's Giving Tree Starts November 27

A Heartwarming Opportunity for Youth to be Cared for by the Local Communities

Redmond, Wash. – On November 27, Friends of Youth will launch its annual holiday gift giving program – Giving Tree – dedicated to fulfilling the holiday wishes of youth Friends of Youth serves in King and Snohomish counties who would otherwise go without gifts and those who for many years have gone without gifts. Friends of Youth is seeking gift donors and volunteers to make their holiday wishes come true.

Giving Tree is a heartwarming experience and an opportunity for the youth in our programs to be cared for by individuals who want to share the holiday spirit. Hundreds of wish tags are sent to generous sponsors in the communities, including Ferguson Enterprise, Classic Nursery, the Seattle Seahawks, and University Village. A variety of gifts, including household items, toys and food, will go directly to young people faced with extremely difficult situations: formerly homeless teenagers in the transitional living programs, young families on the brink of homelessness, single moms and their babies, and children in foster care.

Each year many community groups, such as the National Charity League, contribute their time and effort to make the magic happen. Giving Tree is a 100% volunteer effort, and many opportunities are available for community members to get involved. Volunteer positions for this year's event include gift gatherers, gift processors, sorters/checkers, and gift wrappers.

For more information regarding the Giving Tree locations and volunteer opportunities, contact Cheryl Schnelle, Volunteer Coordinator, at Cheryl@FriendsofYouth.org or (425) 869-6490, ext. 309.

About Friends of Youth:

Friends of Youth is a non-profit agency dedicated to supporting youth and their families in King and Snohomish counties. Friends of Youth provides a broad range of services to improve its clients' emotional stability and self-sufficiency, including homeless shelters, transitional housing, outreach, mental health counseling, and substance abuse prevention and treatment.

For more information, visit www.FriendsofYouth.org, or phone (425) 869-6490.