

Media Advisory

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Local Non-Profits Start Soup Kitchen for Homeless & Needy

BELLINGHAM – Local non-profit organizations introduce a new soup kitchen for families in need, and the homeless. The new service, Soups On, is being 100% funded by donations and run by volunteers.

Soups On includes a place for people in need to warm up and enjoy a hot meal. The free meal includes a hot bowl of soup, bread and a drink. While visitors enjoy their meal, they are also given an opportunity to “shop” for clothing items at the organization’s Free Store. The store is comprised of donated clothing, blankets and personal hygiene care items.

Local non-profits the Church of the Nazarene, Outreach 2020 and Helping Hands decided to start Soups On after noticing an increase of people in need throughout the community. The three groups worked together through meetings and research to strategize and come up with a plan to help.

“There is such a need for our community to reach out to the needy and homeless. I’m just glad that we are finally able to come together and find a way to help,” said Peggy, Coordinator of Soups On.

Soups On begins December 24 and is located in the old Plus Foods building at *** Cedar Rd. Soups on will be open from 6pm-9pm every Wednesday. For more information or to volunteer, please call Peggy Smith at *****.

The Church of the Nazarene, Outreach 2020 and Helping Hands are local non-profit organizations who seek to make connections, build relationships and reach out to the community.