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City of Renton - 1055 South Grady Way  
Renton, WA 98057

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## **City of Renton Storm Response Update**

*Renton Shelter Remains Open, City establishes Community Fund  
Renton Salvation Army Food Bank Offers Food to Renton Residents  
Signals Intersections Restored*

Renton, WA: The city's shelter at the Highlands Neighborhood Community Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE, will remain open tonight and during the day Thursday, December 21, 2006, to assist storm victims in Renton. Meals will be offered at the shelter. Residents who need transportation to the center should call the shelter at 425-430-6744 to schedule a pick-up. The shelter has limited capability and those seeking shelter are asked to bring personal hygiene/maintenance items. Free showers will continue to be available during the day at the Renton Community Center at 1715 Maple Valley Highway.

In partnership with the Renton Community Foundation, the City of Renton has established a Community Fund for Renton residents to send donations to help those who have been adversely affected by the recent storm. Donations can be made to the Emergency Needs Fund/Storm Relief Efforts at the Renton Community Foundation, online at [www.rentonfoundation.org](http://www.rentonfoundation.org), by sending a check to the Renton Community Foundation, P.O. 820, Renton WA 98057 or in-person at the Foundation's office at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wells. For more information, contact Karen Bergsvik, City of Renton Human Services Manager at 425-430-6652.

The Renton Salvation Army food bank at 206 S. Tobin St, will be open on Thursday December 21, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Friday, December 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Renton residents in need of food can get free food, as long as they bring a valid identification and proof of residence.

The food bank is in need of food and is requesting donations of fresh produce, dairy products, meat, cereal and other items. Checks can also be mailed to the Salvation Army food bank at P.O. Box 977, Renton, WA 98055.

The City of Renton has restored signals at all intersections to full operation.