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BEAVERTON EXTENDS SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER OPERATIONS THROUGH MAY

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton Severe Weather shelter is extending operations in an ongoing effort to provide support to area adults experiencing homelessness and in response to COVID-19.

Just Compassion of East Washington County will continue to operate the shelter through May 31 using funding provided by Washington County. The shelter will be the only congregate site to maintain operations in the county. Other shelter operations include non-congregate shelters in Forest Grove and Hillsboro with a combined countywide shelter capacity to serve nearly 160 adults age 18 years and older.

“We know that the pandemic has intensified the challenges for people experiencing homelessness,” said Mayor Lacey Beaty. “At a time when many organizations are facing issues of limited resources, I’m grateful that the city and our partners have not only maintained but leveled up our commitment to showing compassion and understanding for our community members most in need.”

The shelter opened for its fifth season in November 2020 as a warm, safe space for adults experiencing homelessness with expanded operations to include continuous 24-hour, seven days per week services for up to 30 adults on an enrollment basis.

Shelter guests are provided with meals, showers, access to resources and referral to social services.

The shelter is located at the Beaverton Community Center at 12350 SW 5th Street. Referral for adults in need of shelter could be enrolled by contacting Community Connect at 503-640-3263 or visiting www.co.washington.or.us/homeless. Families can access the countywide Family Shelter Network by calling 503-640-3263.

The shelter is not currently taking volunteers or donations at this time, but those interested can check the website for future needs.

For more information and updates about the shelter, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/shelter or contact CommServ@BeavertonOregon.gov.

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