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VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA WESTERN WASHINGTON TO OPERATE ARLINGTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

(Arlington, WA) – Volunteers of America Western Washington (VOAWW) and the City of Arlington have reached a preliminary agreement for VOAWW to operate the Arlington Community Resource Center (ACRC), effective February 9, 2020.

Lutheran Community Services has operated the ACRC for five years, and recently announced that they will no longer operate the ACRC due to loss of grant funding. Their final day of operating the ACRC will be February 6, 2020.

Although several details must be resolved, VOAWW is committed to running the resource center with no gaps in service days and no loss of services.

Volunteers of America Northwest Washington began in Everett in 1915. In 1985, the national office granted the local Volunteers of America a charter to begin to operate as a Washington State nonprofit corporation. The local Advisory Board became a Board of Directors responsible for approving policy and establishing direction. Headquartered in Everett, VOAWW currently serves six Western Washington counties: Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties. Core values of VOAWW include Community First, Commitment to Excellence, Effective Stewardship, and Faith in Action.

VOAWW responds to over 350,000 requests for services each year, offering comprehensive programs and services that build community capacity, foster independence, promote self-sufficiency, and support positive development.

The City of Arlington is grateful for the help provided by State Representative Carolyn Eslick, Snohomish County Human Services, and the Community Foundation of Snohomish County to find a new backbone organization for the local resource center so quickly.

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