



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Harman Center Plans Teddy Bear Project**  
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## **Harman Center Seeks Help With Teddy Bear Project**

A project to comfort children during distress or an emergency is being organized at the City of Yakima's Harman Center, 101 N. 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Called the Help the Community Project, the effort involves creating teddy bears out of wash cloths and face towels.

"We're working on quarterly projects to give back to the community," said Recreation Program Supervisor Leslie Richards. "The teddy bears will be given to the Police Department to comfort children when they or their family are in an emergency or disaster situation."

Richards estimates the Harman Center has enough on hand to create 60 or 70 teddy bears. "We can always use more," she said, noting it only takes one wash cloth or towel to create one of the small cuddly bears.

New or slightly used wash cloths and hand towels can be dropped off at the Harman Center's front desk.

Volunteers will assemble the bears beginning at 1:00 pm on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Richards said help is needed.

Call the Harman Center at 575-6166 for more information.