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SUBJECT: Pilot Safe Parking Program Launch

Bellevue's Safe Parking Pilot Program is now open and welcoming the first group of clients. Located at City-owned Lincoln Center, the Safe Parking program provides stabilization to community members who live in their vehicles as they seek permanent housing. The program, operated by 4 Tomorrow, helps to fill a critical need for services, expanding the support network for some of our most vulnerable community members.

The program provides a clean, safe, off-street parking area for up to 20 vehicles at a time. 4 Tomorrow has completed interior improvements to the day center space, where clients may access on-site amenities including restrooms, a kitchen, laundry facilities and Wi-Fi, plus support from staff in finding housing and otherwise overcoming barriers to exiting homelessness. 4 Tomorrow developed and is implementing a code of conduct and safety plan, which were approved by Bellevue Police Department.

All clients will be initially referred to 4 Tomorrow by the City's Homelessness Outreach Program staff. The program serves individuals of any demographic background who use their vehicle as a sole place of residence, with preference given to families with children. The first nine families the program is working with comprise a total of 27 individuals, including 15 children ranging from infants to teenagers. The program is already having measurable positive impacts; in these first few weeks of operation, one family working with 4 Tomorrow's case management staff is already anticipating moving to stable indoor housing by the end of May.