

29th Annual “Coats for Kids” (and adults too!) community coat drive , Dec. 15

The snow has just begun to fall, but now is the time to prepare for cold winter temperatures in the 20's and 30's and the need for warm coats and jackets, hats, scarves and gloves. As the temperatures drop, please sort through your closets for winter coats and jackets you no longer need, but will help someone else keep warm this winter.

The 29th annual Coats for Kids (and grownups, too!) community coat drive is beginning now and coats are needed for this year's coat drive.

Coats will be distributed to anyone in need 11 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, December 15th from the First Unitarian Church in NB, 71 Eighth Street. The location in downtown New Bedford is handicapped accessible.

New, Next-to-new or gently worn clean coats can be brought directly to the Unitarian Church on Saturday, December 15th between 9 AM and 11 AM. Or you can drop off your coats at the following locations this year through Friday, December 14th

- First Unitarian Church in NB, 71 Eighth Street (please call 508.994.9686 to be sure they are open)
- City Hall, Room 220, 133 William Street 8:00am – 4:00pm
- Spherion Staffing Services, 365 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth (across from Vanity Fair), (Monday thru Friday – 8:00am to 5:00pm 508-991-8170)

Coats for Kids will also accept hats, scarves, and mittens or gloves, snow pants, sweaters and boots, as well as blankets. In past years, the greatest demand has been for children,

men's and larger-sized women's coats. For 28 winter seasons, Coats for Kids has collected gently used children's and adult coats, giving away more than 12,300 coats and helping more than 250 families and individuals each year.

For more information about the coat drive, call Pam Pollock at 508-965-6927 or the YWCA at 508-999-3255. This year's coat drive is sponsored by the City of New Bedford – Mayor's Youth Council and the First Unitarian Church in New Bedford in partnership with the YWCA Southeastern MA and New Bedford Office of Community Services.