

PPEA is Hosting a JERSEY CARES COAT DRIVE



More than just an article of clothing, your coat can open opportunities for someone who needs one. You can enable a job-seeker to continue his search during the winter. You can enable a student to focus on her studies in a cold classroom. Or, you can help a senior go out for medication in a storm. What to you is a coat hanging in the back of your closet can be a life-changing Cares support for someone in need.

Jersey Cares plans to collect and distribute more than 30,000 "gently used" winter coats to men, women, and children in need throughout New Jersey through The 22nd Annual Jersey Cares Coat Drive. Over the past 21 years, Jersey Cares has collected, sorted, and distributed more than 500,000 coats for New Jersey residents through our Annual Coat Drive. Coats can be dropped off in collection boxes in the vestibules of the schools.

The **PRIDE** committee of the **Point Pleasant Education Association** will be collecting coats on Saturday November 18 from 9 am to 1 pm in the front parking lot of Point Pleasant Borough High School.

https://www.jerseycares.org/The_Jersey_Cares_Coat_Drive

Please contact Naomi Switzer at nswitzer@pointpleasant.k12.nj.us if you have any questions.



22nd Annual
Jersey Cares Coat Drive
November 1, 2017 – December 13th, 2017
Note in a Coat Program



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The Jersey Cares Note in a Coat program aims to increase the number of children's coats donated to the Jersey Cares Coat Drive, and to personalize the experience for those involved. Through Note in a Coat, children donate gently used coats, and write short notes to children who will be receiving the coats through the drive. The notes are individually placed in the pockets of each coat. The goal of this program is to engage children in service by making the experience interactive and meaningful.

Note Guidelines

- Any student who brings in a child's coat may write a note to place in the pocket. Notes can include, but are not limited to, the child's age or grade, a fun fact about themselves, their favorite memory in the coat, or their favorite outdoor winter activity. A sample note on the blackboard may assist younger students. Encourage children to be creative!
- Please **do not** allow students to use their last names.
- Notes should be folded and tucked into a coat pocket when completed.
- Children who are too young to write notes are encouraged to draw pictures.
- Students who do not bring in coats may write notes as well. Please place all extra notes in a bag or envelope marked **NOTE IN A COAT PROGRAM**, and include them with your packing slip and donations for delivery to your nearest Container Site.

About the 22nd Annual Jersey Cares Coat Drive

For the 22nd Annual Coat Drive, Jersey Cares plans to collect and distribute more than 30,000 "gently used" winter coats to men, women and children in need throughout New Jersey. Over the past twenty years, Jersey Cares has collected, sorted and distributed more than 500,000 coats to New Jersey residents through our annual drive. Companies, churches, fire departments, police stations, schools and other organizations set up sites across the state to collect coats. Coats are then delivered by collection site representatives to the nearest container site. Volunteers then sort the donated coats at the container site and bag them for pick-up, after which nonprofit organizations pick up their coats and distribute them to people in need.

About Jersey Cares

Jersey Cares is a non-profit, community-based organization established in 1993 that works to meet compelling community needs by encouraging civic engagement. With local service agencies, corporations and civic-minded individuals as our partners, we link volunteers with meaningful service projects to improve and enhance our communities. We provide individuals, families, and corporate and community groups with a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Jersey Cares partners with hundreds of non-profit agencies to provide service projects that range from serving meals to building greenhouses in urban schools. Jersey Cares is an affiliate of the Hands on Network, an innovative alliance of volunteer catalysts throughout the world.

For more information or to register, please go to www.jerseycares.org or email coatdrive@jerseycares.org