

Coats for Kids 2015

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Coats for Kids/Those in Need

It was a mild winter day on Saturday, December 5, 2015. The sun shining made it seem like the reason for being at the John West School in Bethpage was a blessing. We were there to pick-up coats and deliver them to many places for people in need. During the past seventeen years we encountered snow, cold and wet weather, not today. Inside on the floor of the school gym were almost 1800 coats waiting for us. They were separated by size, men, women, boys and girls and placed in plastic bags.

These coats were donated by the people in the Plainedge area of Long Island. Once collected they were separated and placed in bags and tagged. This extraordinary work is done by our Coats for Kids, coordinator Joan Geagen, her husband, Jack, daughter, Julie and numerous helpers. It takes time and hard work to make this project successful year after year. Members of the Knights of Pythias, Domain of New York have been partners in this great event from the start by bringing coats to people in need. These coats are given to people in many areas of New York; upstate, downstate and New York City. The thousands of coats given to those in need display the finest of American ideals. Helping your fellow citizens in their time of need is truly a noble deed and the adults and children that donate their coats are in the hearts and minds of the recipients. This Winter will be a bit warmer for many people in need thanks to these generous people.

Sir Lloyd Merson, Co-Chairman, Coats for Kids, Committee, KoP