

Children's Winter Clothing Sought For Food Bank Network Families

Bridgewater Mayor Dan Hayes and the Bridgewater Senior Center Encourage Support of "Project Warm Your Heart"

Bridgewater Mayor Dan Hayes and the Bridgewater Senior Citizens Center have partnered to encourage local support of the eighth annual "Project Warm Your Heart" children's winter clothing collection. The program is the initiative of the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women (SCCSW). Children of families served by the Food Bank Network of Somerset County will benefit from the donations.

Any types of new or gently-used winter clothing items are welcome in the collection program. In particular, the children are most in need of winter coats, mittens, gloves, scarves and hats.

The SCCSW has arranged for donations to be dropped off to the Somerset County Freeholders' Office on the third floor of the county administration building at 20 Grove Street, Somerville. Donations are welcome now through 31 October on weekdays between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Free parking is available in the adjacent Bernie Field Parking Deck off East High Street.

Donations will also be received at the Bridgewater Senior Citizens Center located at 455 Somerville Road, Bridgewater now through 31 October. The Center will be open weekdays between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM for children's winter garment donations. A collection box will be available in the front lobby of the facility. Donations may further be dropped off at the Bridgewater Department of Human Services, located on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Complex, 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater. The Department staff will be available to receive donations Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For further information please contact Chris O. Poulsen, Bridgewater Township Director of Human Services, by telephone at (908) 725-5750 or by email at <u>cpoulsen@bridgewaternj.gov</u>.