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CHESTER RESIDENTS RECEIVE NEW WINTER COATS

Hundreds of Chester children in need will receive new winter coats this fall

Chester, PA -- In an effort to provide Chester children with new coats this winter season, the City of Chester has teamed together with Operation Warm, a nonprofit organization based in Chester County that works to provide coats to disadvantaged children, and various other agencies to plan a coat distribution for families in need. The Driving Away the Cold event will take place at Chester City Hall on Saturday, October 18, 2008, and will provide families in Chester with new winter coats for their children.

In an effort to better serve the residents of Chester, Operation Warm teamed together with the Mayor's Office and the Rotary Club of Chester along with CityTeam Ministries, ChesPenn Health Services, Community Action Agency of Delaware County, to collaboratively host this children's wellness and coat distribution event. Volunteers from the Chester Rotary and more than 60 volunteers from Widener University will assist in the setup of the event and the distribution of the coats. Cigna Foundation, impressed by the collaborative spirit, supported this event by making a donation to fund the minimal operational costs.

The event will kick off with welcoming remarks and a proclamation reading from Mayor Wendell N. Butler, Jr., with the distribution of 2,800 coats to follow from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. The coats, which have been solely sponsored by Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation (ADCK), are new and range from size 4 to 18/20 for boys and 4 to 16 for girls. In addition to the coat distribution, there will be a number of kid-friendly activities and programs available to encourage healthy living.

"Hundreds of Chester children lack warm coats to get them through the cold winter months;" said Mayor Wendell N. Butler, Jr. "By working collaboratively, we can pull our resources together to make a big difference in the lives of others here in Chester."

Pre-registration for the coat distribution and wellness event was required and took place September 15, 2008 through October 1, 2008.

For more information, visit www.chestercity.com/operationwarm.cfm or call 610-447-7718.

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