



THE PETTENGILL HOUSE, INC.
Children & Family Services

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To the Editor:

On behalf of Deborah Smith, Executive Director, as well as staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and most importantly clients, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the community for supporting our winter coat drive.

Many people have warm winter coats thanks to the Pettengill House's ninth annual Winter Coat Drive. The outpouring of donations from local schools, businesses, faith organizations and individuals enabled us to provide 500 coats to individuals and families in need, with more given out as needed. An additional 417 coats were provided to eight local agencies, ensuring those in need would have continued access this winter.

This year brought a new collaboration with Coastal Connections to deliver the winter coat program. Thank you to Rick Bartley for generously lending space in Amesbury. The staff and clients at Coastal Connections transported coats, helped unload and organize, and directed phone calls. Once again Sandi and Dave Schaeffer of Salisbury Discount House loaned us racks and reusable shopping bags were donated by Gina Adamo. Staples donated twenty crates to display and store knitwear and gloves. A special thank you goes out to all the donors who dropped off coats from far and near, all who are too numerous to mention. Countless numbers of schools, groups, individuals and businesses delivered coats and created knitted winter accessories!

This program is made possible each year through the planning and organizational efforts of volunteer and Advisory Board member Peg Brown. It's success is due to her diligent efforts, along with this year's volunteers who donated their time and energy: Monica Blondin, Pam Brown, Deb Casey, Paul Cooper, Jan Epps, Amy Estabrook, Karen French, Noreen and Wally Hager, Bob Jackson, Dave Mackie, Jean Mercer, Martha Muldoon, Stephanie Pellegrini, Donna Scott, Linda Young, Cindy Lee and the students and staff of Coastal Connections. Our gratitude to Paul's Ski House for donating brand new hats, gloves and jackets; The Lions Club of Newburyport, Newburyport Mothers and Families Club, AHS and AMS for all doing collections on their own and spreading the word.

Sincerely,

Julie Havey, Coordinator of Programs and Volunteer Services