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STARK JFS' WARMING WALL TO OFFER HATS, GLOVES TO THOSE IN NEED

Canton, Ohio - Employees of Stark County Job & Family Services will offer free apparel to those in need through their "warming wall", located across the street from the agency at 221 3rd St. SE, Canton, Ohio 44702. Hats and gloves, as well as scarves and other warm clothing, will be hung on the chain link fence for disadvantaged residents to take and use this winter.

"Our employees care deeply about the families, children, and individuals in our community," said Deborah Forkas, Executive Director. "They understand that the last few years have been difficult for many residents. This is a wonderful initiative, one that I hope will help ease the burden of winter for many people."

The warming wall was created and organized by staff from Stark County JFS' Division of Child Support. All items were donated by employees and members of the public. A banner designating the warming wall's area was generously printed and donated by ImagineThis Wholesale Printing, 11417 Oberlin Ave., Massillon, Ohio 44647.

"I am very fortunate to work with a staff that is not only smart and hard-working, but also committed to making a difference in our community. They donated and collected everything that hangs on the warming wall," said Rob Pierson, Deputy Director of Child Support. "For those who can't afford to buy hats or gloves this year, I encourage you to visit the warming wall and take what you need. We don't want anyone to be cold during the winter."

Residents who wish to contribute to the warming wall may add items to the fence themselves or drop them off in the lobby of Stark County Job & Family Services, 221 3rd St. SE, Canton, Ohio 44702. Items should be placed individually in sealed plastic bags, to keep them dry in the rain and snow.

For more information, please contact the Division of Child Support at 330-451-8945.



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