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STARK JFS' EMPLOYEES SEEK DONATIONS FOR WARMING WALL

Canton, Ohio - Employees of Stark County Job & Family Services are seeking donations from individuals, businesses, and community organizations for their Warming Wall, which offers winter apparel to those in need. Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and other warm clothing items will be hung on the wall from December through February for anyone to take. The Warming Wall will be located on the chain link fence across from the agency at 221 3rd St. SE, Canton, Ohio 44702.

“The Warming Wall is entering its third year and continues to be a resource to individuals and families,” said Executive Director Jerry Coleman. “This effort would not exist without donations from the community. Throughout the winter, we often see individuals and groups of people stop to hang donated items on the wall. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to its success.”

The Warming Wall was introduced in 2022 by staff from the Division of Child Support as a community collaboration. Those who need an item may take it, and those who have an item to give may hang it. All items are donated.

“It’s been inspiring to watch the Warming Wall grow and evolve each year,” said Deputy Director of Child Support Ann Durkin. “We have noticed more businesses and organizations becoming involved by organizing donation drives and other activities, which has been incredible. This year we will be recognizing donors on social media. If you plan to donate, please let us know so we can thank you.”

Residents can contribute to the Warming Wall now by dropping items off in the lobby of Stark County Job & Family Services during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Starting in December through February, donations can be hung directly on the fence. Please ensure all items are placed individually in sealed plastic bags to protect them from rain and snow.

Please call 330-451-8141 for more information about the Warming Wall, questions about donating, or assistance with organizing a donation drive.



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