

Press Release

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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, and socks will be hung from December through February on the chain link fence located across the street from the agency at 221 3rd St. SE, Canton, Ohio 44702.

“The Warming Wall has become a symbol of what can happen when a community comes together to care for one another,” said Executive Director Jerry Coleman. “Each donated item represents the kindness of someone who wants to make sure others stay warm this winter. We’re proud to see this simple idea continue to grow through the generosity of our employees and community partners.”

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.

“Each year, the Warming Wall reminds us how strong and compassionate our community truly is,” said Ann McGill, Deputy Director of Child Support. “What started as a small effort by our staff has turned into a community tradition that helps hundreds of people stay warm. We’re so thankful for everyone who continues to support it.”

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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