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City Hall Coat Drive Needs Childrens' Coats

Michigan City, IN (November 25, 2003) – The need for warm coats in Michigan City – especially for children – appears to be greater this year than in previous years. After-school programs and youth organizations are calling City Hall daily, asking if there are coats available for the children who have none.

Mayor Chuck Oberlie said, "Many coats have been donated this past week, and all but two of those dozens of coats have already been picked up by people who needed a warm coat that fit. During this season of giving thanks for the many blessings in our lives, I hope that every Michigan City family will search their closets for serviceable coats that no longer fit their family members and bring those coats to City Hall."

"We receive calls every day from the concerned leaders of local youth organizations," continued the mayor, "seeking coats for the children in their programs. Children grow quickly, and the coat they wore last year no longer fits them. The weather has turned cold, and there are children and adults in our community who are unable to keep warm as they travel to school and to work each day."

The mayor concluded, "I urge those in our community who can to donate new and gently used coats. That kind and generous act will be greatly appreciated by someone in need."

The collection site is downstairs at City Hall, at the opposite end of the building from the Council Chambers. Coats may be placed on tables or hung on racks in that room from 9am until 4pm Monday through Friday through December 30th.

Mayor Oberlie continued, "Anyone who needs a warm coat for the coming winter is welcome to come to City Hall during those same hours to choose a coat. We cannot guarantee that there will be coats available in every size, but our goal is to collect as many warm coats as possible during this period."

Coats are free and are available on a "first come, first served" basis.

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