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Coats & Hats & Gloves & Socks for Kids



While driving to work last winter, Tonya Davis passed Rock Island Academy School and decided to do something about what she saw. "There were quite a few kids, underdressed for the cold, walking to school," Davis remembers.

The elementary school at 930 14th Street is located across the street from Greater Antioch Baptist Church where Tonya and her family attend services.

Tonya contacted the school. "I didn't realize the big need until I spoke to the principal," she said. Facebook posts and word of mouth helped Tonya collect 75 coats for the students. "I decided that this year, I'd try to double that."

Tonya bought new coats and challenged Greater Antioch's congregation to do the same. "We need all sizes of kids coats," she said. "I'll take slightly gently used, too. Give some warmth to these young children. We want their minds ready for learning when they get to school."

The pile of donations in Tonya's office at work and in her car grew to include hats, gloves and socks. "Call me and I'll pick it up," Tonya said. "Or send checks to Greater Antioch for the coat drive and I will go out and purchase the coats."

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Tonya plans to serve breakfast at Greater Antioch Church to students at Rock Island Academy and their families the second weekend in December. That's when the kids can grab coats and warm clothes. "I'm hoping this will grow and be an annual event," Tonya said. "I want to turn this into something really big."

Give to the coat drive by calling Tonya Davis at 309-721-6956 or Greater Antioch Church at 309-786-4238. Checks made out to Greater Antioch may be sent to the church at 929 14th Street, Rock Island, IL, 61201. Please indicate the donation is for the coat drive.

Greetings from Winnie's Place! Winnie's truly cares about stability. They provide us with food, toiletries, any necessities, even bath towels! I recently learned that Winnie's is built off donations, and that warms my heart knowing and seeing how much people are really willing to do for others, even when the world seemed full of evil. I hope everyone receives the thanks they deserve. They have made it possible to have food, cleaning products, personal products, beds, blankets, even heat! I feel that if people praised the donors, really showed them how amazing they are for caring for others, that more people would enjoy donating as well. I will remember this forever. I can't wait to get my life back together so I can donate items myself. ~ 25 year old client



Winnie's Place would like to thank all of the wonderful donors for building this ministry and providing for the daily needs of the facility and clients. It is our hope that you understand that you are making a difference in the lives of those being served through the shelter ministry! We still need a couple groups to adopt families and special projects! Please call 309-764-9466. All of us (clients, volunteers and staff) wish all of you a very **Merry Christmas!** **Because of Him, Kit**

Winnie's Place needs cereal, oatmeal, tea, coffee, creamer, egg noodles, crackers, cold reliever for all ages, pillows, blankets – twin size, trash bags, radios, juice, Kool-Aid, sugar, canned fruit, sour cream, cheese, pizzas, frozen potatoes, hamburger, roasts, butter, and hearty soups.

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Member Church Events & Classifieds

Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 9th from 9-11 a.m. at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 4209 W. Locust St., Davenport. Cookies, breads and sweet treats for purchase at \$6 per pound.

Live Nativity Event, Saturday, December 16th, 4-7 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 1705 Oak St., Bettendorf. Free soup and dessert supper and crafts for all inside our fellowship hall. Accepting donations of canned goods for the St. James food pantry; hats, mittens and coats for our sister parish, All Saints of Davenport.

THANK YOU to the retired plumber who answered the volunteer call and put the toilet at Winnie’s Wishes back in working order! This kind, anonymous friend wanted to help at Thanksgiving. We are thankful he chose to help us!



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