

Matt's Coats for Kids 2016



September 26, 2016

Dear Residents of the Town of Clarkson,

It is so hard to believe it is almost time for the coat drive collection to begin and that this will be the thirteenth year of our efforts. When I got the idea to honor Matthew's memory by helping children in our area to keep warm in the winter I had no idea how to proceed or get the word out to others! Many, many friends, family and generous people have helped us to collect and distribute 7,044 coats and other items to help those who are need.

On this journey have been many hugs, smiles, tears and stories have been shared. Though this may not have been what Matthew himself would have started, it brings the feelings of love, friendship and warmth to all of us, and as his Mom I can't tell you what that means to me, our family and to all who love and miss him. Thank you for this blessing.

This past June, sweet and beautiful Giana Bartolucci, age 14, went to be with the Lord in heaven. From the moment I met her as a little girl it was clear to see the love that she and her parents shared. To honor Giana and her faith and life, her parents Rev. Tony and Lois have agreed to let us collect **brand new mittens and gloves** in memory of Giana, in addition to collecting coats.

Over the years we gradually have begun to collect coats not only for children, but also larger sizes which has enabled us to help some adults. Although we will always carry the name "**Matt's Coats for Kids**" as it is our main purpose

beginning this year we will expand our reach. We will also help adults in need at our free distribution dates and subsequent coat dispersal.

Our hope is that your church/organization will be a drop-site for our coat collection. This year it will run from November 1st to November 30th. Donations will be picked up on December 1st, with free distribution on December 2nd and 3rd.

Please complete and return the form on the next page to my email :addama58@aol.com or send it to my home at 938 Lake Road West Fork, Hamlin, New York 14464.

If you have any questions email (please put Matt's Coats for Kids 2016" in the subject line) or call me at (585)964-7744(Home) or call or text me at (585)721-5289.

God bless and take care of all of our children on earth and in heaven.....

Thank you,
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