

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I DONATE A USED COAT?

No, City Mission accepts only new coats for Coat Boston.

WHAT SIZES, COLORS, STYLES ARE YOU COLLECTING?

We accept all colors and styles of coats as long as they are warm winter coats—we try hard to get a variety of colors and styles so that each child can choose one that they like. **(Please no fleece or softshell type jackets, we are looking for proper coats)** We outfit youth from toddlers to teens, so all sizes-included adult sizes-are appreciated.

WHY DO YOU COLLECT COATS?

In Boston, one in every four days from December through February is below freezing. Imagine walking or taking the bus to school in such weather without a proper winter coat. It can be dangerous, and it's difficult for children to be fully engaged and open to learning when arriving at school tired, cold, and wet. The provision of brand new warm winter coats means children arrive in school, warm, dry, and ready to learn. And, for families struggling with the high cost of living in Boston's urban neighborhoods, a brand-new coat for their children frees up tightly stretched family income for other basics like rent, heat, and food.

WHAT ARE THE DATES FOR COAT COLLECTION?

Coats are accepted from September 15th through December 15th.

WHO WILL GET THE COATS I DONATE?

William E. Russell Elementary School, Mather Elementary School, Chittick Elementary School, Homeless Education Resource Network (a program of Boston Public Schools), City Mission's A Lift Up participants, and Roxbury Youth Works.

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO SHOP FOR A COAT. CAN I JUST DONATE MONEY?

Yes! Visit www.citymissionboston.org/give or send a check to City Mission, Inc., 185 Columbia Road, Suite 317, Boston, MA 02108 **(Please make it payable to City Mission, Inc.)** For questions, please call 617.742.6830.

