



Joseph's Coat

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News from Joseph's Coat!

As we welcome spring and leave the long, cold winter behind, we want to share our gratitude. **Thanks to your generosity, we provided 10,433 shopping visits at our free store in 2025.** Your donations of new and gently used items, along with financial gifts, made it possible to supply essentials that are often scarce—like new underwear, hygiene products, coats, and extended sizes. **Over the winter months alone, we distributed thousands of coats, hearing many stories of thanks and blessings from our shoppers and their families.**

We recently received a generous donation of children's pajamas. Each year, one of our donors hosts a pajama drive for us, and this year we were thrilled to receive 400 pairs! We placed them out on the store floor, and they were quickly taken.

While checking out one of our shoppers, she shared how excited she was to find a pair of pajamas for each of her children. She told us it was pajama day at school that week, and without these, her children didn't have any—she had planned to keep them home to spare them the embarrassment of wearing regular clothes. Her joy was contagious, and it was easy to imagine how excited her children must have been, heading to school in their brand-new pajamas.

Moments like these are a powerful reminder of the impact your generosity makes. **Thank you for helping us bring dignity and respect to the families we serve.** We hear stories like this often. While you may not see the impact of your generosity, rest assured that it makes a difference in our community.

With Warmth and Gratitude,
Your Friends at Joseph's Coat

PS. We welcome you to join us! Please consider volunteering or making a donation to support our mission. Check out the back of the newsletter for more ways to get involved.

2025: Year at a Glance at Joseph's Coat

- 10,433 completed shopping visits
- 3,398 donation appointments
- We received an estimated \$855,019 in donated items to support our free store.
- Our community of volunteers contributed approximately 12,500 hours in our store, which is equivalent to just over \$477,000 (according to the Independent Sector's Value of the Volunteer Hour) of in-kind service to support the mission of Joseph's Coat.
- We completed a strategic plan for 2026-2028 including a robust community engagement survey that gathered feedback from 750 stakeholders, including 523 shoppers. When asked how well we were fulfilling our mission, our average score was a 4.8!

CALL
651.291.2472 TO
MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT
TO SHOP OR
DONATE

Shopping Hours:

Monday and
Wednesday
9:00 - 3:00

Donation Hours:

Tuesday and
Thursday
9:00 - 2:30

PLEASE CONSIDER
DONATING
TODAY! YOUR
FINANCIAL GIFTS
ARE FULLY TAX
DEDUCTIBLE.

WE DO NOT
PUBLISH, SELL,
TRADE OR RENT
DONOR
INFORMATION.

A Few Notes...

- ◆ We are now accepting Spring and Summer clothing only.
- ◆ Current Needs: new underwear for men and women; new hygiene products including women's feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash and deodorant.
- ◆ We cannot accept: TV sets, inoperable small appliances, telephones or electronics, hangers (plastic or wire), sharp knives, adult diapers (such as Depends), medical equipment, or used cosmetics and hygiene items.
- ◆ Please bring your donations in smaller garbage bags or paper bags. PLEASE DO NOT PUT DONATIONS IN CARDBOARD BOXES OR XL BLACK BAGS. The XL black bags are too heavy for us to carry and our recycling is limited.

Thank you for your support!

We are now taking Spring and Summer Donations

Spring and Summer are on the way! We are closed the first full week of April and will be turning the store over from Winter to Spring clothing. As you clean out your closet, please set aside your new or gently used items for Joseph's Coat. Call us at (651) 291-2472 to schedule a donation appointment today!

Volunteering at Joseph's Coat

Joseph's Coat is fueled by a wonderful team of volunteers! There are opportunities to help with answering phones and scheduling appointments, assisting donors with bringing in donations at the donation door, sorting clothing on donation days, and assisting shoppers on shopping days. Join us in making a positive impact in our community! Please call Debbie at 651-377-8791 if you are interested in learning more about volunteering.



Support our Hygiene Program at Joseph's Coat

Every month we offer a free full-size hygiene items for our shoppers. We also provide shoppers with a new pair of underwear and socks. Getting these items donated so we don't have to purchase them is a big help. Here are some of the items we will be giving away in the next several months: shampoo, deodorant, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrush, hand soap, lotion, new men's and women's summer/short socks and underwear (men's sizes medium and large). Other items such as feminine hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, lip balm, sunscreen, kid's diapers (sizes 5 and 6), and baby wipes are always welcome! If you have questions about donating to our hygiene program, please call 651-291-2472. We appreciate your support!

Please consider making a tax deductible financial contribution to help sustain our work.

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