



Joseph's Coat

FALL 2018

Joseph's Coat Reopens

Shopping Hours:

Monday and
Wednesday 9:00 -
12:00 and 1:00 -
4:00

Donation Hours:

Tuesday and
Thursday 9:00 -
2:00

**FINANCIAL
SUPPORT IS FULLY
TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

**WE DO NOT
PUBLISH, SELL,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

Joseph's Coat is back and better than ever! Shoppers and volunteers love the new look of our shopping area. Shopper comments include, "It's perfect!" and "We've got a real store now!"

A big THANK YOU to all of our wonderful donors! When

we asked for help, you were there and made our rebuild possible. Your contribution played a vital role in our successful re-opening and ability to provide the assistance our shoppers have relied on for 29 years. We appreciate your great support and commit-

ment to Joseph's Coat—we couldn't do the good work without you!

The following note sent on the back of our match flyer expresses what people were missing for the 2 ½ months we were closed this summer:

Greetings,

Please find enclosed a meager donation, considering how much you have assisted others and me. I hitchhiked back to Saint Paul in the middle of a cold winter after living in Bemidji for a few years dealing with low wages and eventually homelessness. I had no money and only the clothes on my back. I was able to convince my brother to put me up for a little while.

Someone had told me of Joseph's Coat years before, and I made quite a few donations. I never thought I would need to use your services -- but you never know.

When I needed help, I came to Joseph's Coat and was able to acquire a few items so at least I could look presentable when looking for jobs. I was able to find a job and after hard work and God's blessings, I was promoted to manager.

I now have a roof over my head, food in my belly, friends, family and a God who loves me. Basically no complaints. It's institutions like yours that bring a glimmer of hope to someone that really needs it.

Best wishes and good luck on the renovation. -Jeff

A Few Notes...

- ◆ We cannot accept: TV sets, hangers (plastic or wire), sharp knives, adult diapers (such as Depends), medical equipment, inoperable small appliances, telephones or electronics and used cosmetics
- ◆ We need women's feminine products (tampons and sanitary pads), toothbrushes, travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash and toothpaste, full size shampoo, lotion, conditioner and body wash.
- ◆ We are now accepting Fall and Winter clothing.
- ◆ PLEASE DO NOT PUT DONATIONS IN CARDBOARD. OUR RECYCLING PROCESS HAS CHANGED AND IS NOW LIMITED.

Crisis Brings Generosity

When we tell you that your support makes a big difference at Joseph's Coat, we mean it. Check out these before and after pictures...all made possible by your generosity. Thank you.

"I was so afraid that you wouldn't be able to open again. Today is the first day I'm seeing the store. All I can say is, thanks. It's been hard without you this summer."

-Dianna, a shopper



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

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