



# Joseph's Coat

DECEMBER 2021

**BY  
APPOINTMENT  
ONLY:**

**Shopping Hours:**

Monday and  
Wednesday 9:00 -  
3:00

**Donation Hours:**

Tuesday and  
Thursday 9:00 -  
2:15

**FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT IS FULLY  
TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

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PUBLISH, SELL,  
TRADE OR RENT  
DONOR  
INFORMATION.**



## Bringing Warmth to the Season

What a beautiful fall season we have had. We all knew that winter was coming but wasn't it nice to live in denial? It was easy to enjoy warm temperatures, sunshine, and gorgeous leaves — pushing away thoughts of blustery winds, snow and frigid weather. Then it happened. Overnight the temperatures dropped. The winds picked up.

When it became cold, I just went to the closet and begrudgingly pulled out warm clothing from last year. Parents with growing children purchased new winter clothing for their growing children. Fortunate people can afford to live like this.

Joseph's Coat becomes extremely busy when fall moves into winter. For multiple reasons, many people are caught unaware and without proper winter wear. They come to Joseph's Coat in great need. Thanks to your support, we can take care of them.

## The Joy of a Jacket

It is not unusual for students at the American Indian Magnet School on the East side of St. Paul to go without basic items like clothing and shoes. Yolande, a social worker at the school, called Joseph's Coat for assistance. A kindergartener, first grader, and second grader were of great concern to Yolande. All three children have experienced traumatic lives. None of them had winter clothing.

Yolande worked in Minneapolis for many years. She called Joseph's Coat hoping to make a connection with an organization in St. Paul. She was delighted when I told her that we could most certainly help. Yolande wasted no time. She got in her car and came to Joseph's Coat. We gathered jackets, snow pants, hats, and gloves for all three children.

When the little girl in second



grade received her purple coat and aqua snow pants, she jumped up and down saying,

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## 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.
- ◆ Please be sure to check our website for important information about unexpected closed dates/times due to weather or overwhelming amount of donations.
- ◆ We are now accepting Fall and Winter clothing.
- ◆ PLEASE DO NOT PUT DONATIONS IN CARDBOARD. OUR RECYCLING PROCESS HAS CHANGED AND IS NOW LIMITED.



## The Joy... (cont'd)

"These are my favorite colors!" (And I had felt bad because the colors did not go together at all). As she hugged her new jacket around her, the corners of her mouth went up and a huge smile spread across her face. Yolande told me she had never seen this little girl smile before. When her teacher said it

was time to hang up her jacket, she refused. She would not take it off.

Yolande wants to thank all of you "from the bottom of her heart." She said, "Because of the generosity of Joseph's Coat, these children, who would have otherwise faced the cold with thin sweaters and probably become sick, are



going to be warm." One father called the school to say, "Thank you. I didn't think there were such kind and generous people like this in the world anymore."

Yolande said, "I don't think these children and the father who called will ever be the same. I know I won't."

### Shoppers pose in their much-appreciated new winter jackets.



## Joseph's Coat is Celebrating 32 Years of Operation!

We have created a Target Registry to commemorate this achievement. Please support the mission of Joseph's Coat, Inc. You can help us to continue providing necessary items for our shoppers by visiting our Target Registry at <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/josephs-coat-hygiene>



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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