



**BY APPOINTMENT
ONLY**

Shopping Hours:

Monday and
Wednesday
9:00 - 3:00

Donation Hours:

Tuesday and
Thursday
9:00 - 2:30

Financial gifts are
fully tax deductible.

**YEAR-END GIFTS
INTENDED FOR 2024
TAX PURPOSES
MUST BE
POSTMARKED BY
12/31/24.**

**WE DO NOT
PUBLISH, SELL,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



Joseph's Coat



DECEMBER 2024

Wishing you a very Happy Holidays!

The holidays and end of the year are quickly approaching, and it is a busy time at Joseph's Coat! As I write in this in early December, we are already full with donation appointments through the end of 2024. We have packed in as many appointments as we can given our space limitations and are excited to see so many items (and coats) come in and out of our store. **We are beyond grateful for our community of supporters** who donate their new or gently used items to Joseph's Coat and who make financial donations which allow us to purchase items that aren't often donated, like new underwear or coats in extra-large sizes 2X-6X.

As we wind down for the year, I want to share a few stories of our work over the last few weeks. We are feeling good about our work at Joseph's Coat and want to share some of our heart-warming experiences with you too!

- In November, a shopper came to the store with no shoes or socks, and a blister on his foot. One of our volunteers, a retired nurse, gave him some cleaning solution and a bandage for his blister. We also found him a pair of shoes and socks. He did not want anything else, he only wanted one pair of shoes and socks.
- Last week, one of our shoppers came in and asked for a coat in an extra-large size. Because we had just purchased coats in extra-large sizes, we had a coat to give him. He loved the coat. Once he put it on, he said, "I feel so blessed!" and he started shaking hands with and hugging the volunteers.
- We received a donated coat with a unique print made in Finland. The volunteers commented on how beautiful it was. Within the next week, a shopper came to us asking for a coat. She loved this coat too. She just moved here from a southern state and did not have a coat yet. The volunteers were so happy to be able to give her a beautiful and unique coat for her first Minnesota winter!
- Finally, a family of 8 came to Joseph's Coat last week. This family consisted of 3 adults and 5 children, and they all needed a coat. We were able to provide everyone in this family with a coat just in time for the coming cold weather.

We are able to do this work thanks to our generous donors-those who donate their time and talent, new or gently used items, and financials gifts to support our mission. On behalf of Joseph's Coat, I want to thank you for all your support over the last year. I wish you a very Happy Holidays. I look forward to seeing you in 2025!



With Gratitude,

Rebecca Bedner, Executive Director



P.S. If you haven't made a gift yet in 2024, we would sure appreciate one. And if you have, thank you from the bottoms of our hearts! If you can make another, thank you greatly! Your gifts are making a big difference in our community!

A Few Notes...

- ◆ We are now accepting Winter 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; adult winter coats in sizes 2X-6X.
- ◆ 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. Our recycling is limited.

Thank you for your support!



Make a year-end gift today!



Please consider making a year-end gift today. Your financial gifts support our building and operations costs, our small and mighty staff, and things that aren't often donated, like new underwear, diapers and wipes, and coats in larger sizes.

If you want your gift to be acknowledged as a gift made in 2024, it must be postmarked by December 31, 2024. Gifts made online at www.josephscoatmn.org/donate must be made by December 31, 2024.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission at Joseph's Coat!



Winter Weather Closings

When we experience inclement weather conditions, the safety of our volunteers, staff, donors and clients is the most important consideration. In the event of severe winter weather, Joseph's Coat will close when the Saint Paul School District announces school closures. Please check local media and our website for current updates. If your appointment is canceled due to closure, please call us to reschedule for another date and time.



Joseph's Coat Holiday Schedule

Joseph's Coat will be closed from December 20-January 5, reopening on Monday, January 6, 2025. We look forward to seeing you next year!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

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

If you no longer want to receive communications from Joseph's Coat, or prefer to receive this communication electronically, call 651.377.8792 or email info@josephscoatmn.org with your request. Thank you!