



Joseph's Coat

SPRING 2025

News from Joseph's Coat!

As we welcome Spring and leave the cold months behind, we want to take a moment to share some updates from Joseph's Coat. First and foremost, we would like to acknowledge the 10,320 shopping visits to our free store in 2024. This achievement is thanks to you, our dedicated community of supporters. Your generous donations of new and gently used items, as well as your financial contributions, have allowed us to purchase essential items that are not often donated, such as new underwear, hygiene products, and coats in extra-large sizes.

Our staff and volunteers are incredibly grateful for the hundreds, even thousands, of coats that were donated, enabling us to keep many people warm during this seemingly endless Winter season. During the coldest weeks in January and February, we provided coats and blankets to many families, including one family living in their car. We did our best to supply them with needed items and encouraged them to return for more assistance.

We also recently helped someone in need of new shoes for a job he was starting that week. While we typically don't have many shoes at Joseph's Coat, we just happened to have his size and the style necessary for his new position.

These stories reflect just a small part of the impact we are making. We know each person who shops at our store has their own story and is doing their best in their circumstances. With your continued support, we are making a significant difference in their lives. Thank you for being a vital part of our community!

If you are looking for more ways to get involved, please continue reading to learn about what's happening at Joseph's Coat. We encourage you to consider volunteering, supporting our hygiene program, or sharing your feedback as part of our strategic planning process. We would love to hear your thoughts! Our supporters have helped shape our work and mission for over three decades, and they will continue to do so in the future.

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

Feedback Requested: Strategic Planning for Joseph's Coat

Joseph's Coat wants to learn more about the experience of our shoppers and donors! During the month of May, we will be gathering your feedback as part of our strategic planning process. This will help us assess how well we are fulfilling our mission and identify areas to focus on for the future. There will be opportunities to share your feedback through a short online survey or by attending a 30-minute listening session at Joseph's Coat where you can share your feedback in a group with other people. **If you are willing to take a short survey or visit us onsite to take part in a 30-minute listening session, please contact Rebecca Bedner at rbedner@josephscoatmn.org or 651.377.8792 to learn more.** Snacks and a tour of our store will be included.

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 available to help with sorting clothing on donation days, assisting shoppers on shopping days, and answering phones and scheduling appointments. Please call Debbie at 651-377-8791 if you are interested in learning more about volunteering!



Support our Hygiene Program at Joseph's Coat

You may know that every month we provide a free hygiene item for our shoppers. We usually purchase these items for our shoppers, but getting these items donated is always a big help. Listed below are the items we will be giving away for the next few months.

*April - Body Wash

*July - Bar Soap

*May - Hand Soap

*August - Toothpaste and Toothbrush

*June - Deodorant

*September - Shampoo

Other items such as feminine hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, lotion, lip balm, sunscreen, and kid's diapers (we currently need sizes 5 and 6) are always welcome! If you want to donate hygiene products, or set up a donation drive in your community or workplace, give us a call at 651.291.2472 to learn more today!

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

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