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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DONATES MORE THAN 100 COATS, OTHER WINTER GEAR FOR NEEDY



Sorting the mountain of coats in the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office

NORRISTOWN, Pa. – For the fifth consecutive year, the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office has collected gently used and new winter coats and gear to donate to women, men and children in need. This year, nearly 100 coats and dozens of hats, gloves and scarves were collected and will be given to Laurel House Women's Shelter.

The effort is spearheaded by Assistant District Attorney Kathleen Colgan, who brought her longtime family tradition of donating coats to the needy at the holidays to the Montgomery County Courthouse when she joined the District Attorney's Office in 2010 "I think it's extremely important for those who are fortunate enough to have what they need to give back to those who are not as fortunate," said Colgan. "We don't ever want to hear about a child who goes to school without a coat during the cold winter months."

Colgan, along with colleagues, including her fellow assistant district attorneys Lauren Marvel and Lindsay O'Brien, decorated and placed eight collection boxes in various county offices and at the Montgomery County Courthouse, then collected and sorted the generous donations.

District Attorney Kevin R. Steele said this annual coat drive is one of many ways the District Attorney's Office reaches out to the community. "We are public servants, first and foremost. And while that typically means investigating and prosecuting crimes in our community and seeking justice for victims, we are also proud to serve our community through many outreach efforts, including this coat drive."

The coats and winter gear will be delivered Friday afternoon, Jan. 15 to the three locations, which will handle distribution to families and individuals.

Approved for release:

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