

32ND COAT DRIVE FOR ST FRANCIS HOUSE: "A GREAT SUCCESS!"



John Dodge and Nick Stavropoulos, collecting coats on the Saturday before Thanksgiving Image (c) JMCT, 2015

The 32nd Annual Coat Drive for St. Francis House, was a great success. The weather was very cooperative, when compared to past years, and residents were very generous, as always. We are waiting for a count, but believe it was the best drive ever. It is really amazing to think that just by one caring person standing in a parking lot one day a year, with a sign and a smile, at least 10,000 coats have been donated to “Help the Homeless”.

This year, John was on hand for much of the day, supported as always by his right-hand man, Connie’s stepson, Nick Stavropoulos and family members. We can’t thank Maureen Duffy at the Bedford Funeral Home enough for her kind offer to host the drive, since we were homeless, too, this year.

Above all, thank you, Bedford!

Margaret Donovan
On behalf of John Dodge



(L) Just a small fraction of the coats that were collected during the day

(R) Old friends and new stopped to deliver gently-used coats, and to say a fond hello

