Fort Wayne Chapter Basic Needs

Koats for Kids Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

4-5 times during the month of October

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $55,000

Value of in-kind donations (estimated total): $800

**Partnerships**

Parkview Community Nursing; The Knit Chicks, Lutheran Association of Ministry, Bishop Luers School, Catholic Charities.

Schools and Social Service agencies supply the population served

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 857

Age range of clients served: infant to 14

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working) 329

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Volunteers order and track inventory. They record the size and the agency that received the coat. Volunteers work one on one with the families to fit the coat to the child’s needs. Children also receive and age appropriate book.

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: to help the families’ budgets

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? New coats, hats, gloves and books

After taking a starting and ending inventory, coats are ordered from online sales and a direct distributor. Volunteers are engaged in the recording, unpacking and hanging of all coats. Letters are sent out via computer to the school counselors and social service agencies with the sizes available, the place and time of distribution. On the day of distribution, families arrive to be served by volunteers who provide a new coat, gloves, hat and book to each child.