Cape May Chapter Basic Needs

Coats Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Annually, August through December

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $7,000

Value of in-kind donations (estimated total): $1300

**Partnerships**

Schools and agencies provide names of children in need

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 590

Age range of clients served: infant through high school

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working) 15

Purchasing, packing and delivering coats to schools and organizations

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: To provide new, hooded warm winter coats to the children in need in Southern New Jersey

At the end of August, the coat committee meets to review past needs of the schools and organizations we serve. The committee reviews and revises the letter to be sent with the request form. Mailing takes place in September with the response to be received in October. Based on the returned coat request forms from the schools/agencies, coats are purchased and added to the inventory. Christ Child Society members assist in assembling coats and deliver them to an authorized person at the school/agency. Accountability forms are signed by the person receiving the coats and are returned to the Treasurer of the CCS.

An inventory of coats is available from storage. These coats are donations from clubs and organizations in Cape May County, coats purchased by members of the Christ Child Society in the off season at discounted prices and some purchased when the request forms are received. If coats are needed to fill requests and are not available in inventory, members will buy them and be reimbursed. In January and February of each year an inventory is completed by the committee. An analysis is completed as to the number of requests filled and the number of coats delivered and the number and sizes still in inventory.

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