**COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**By Kathy Ryan**

We’re excited to once again host the Coats for the Community drive during the week of **October 19, 2025**. Below are all the important details for this year’s event:

* **Sunday, October 19:** Coat racks will be delivered and set up at the Cohoes Senior Center.
* **Monday, October 20:** Donations of winter apparel will begin arriving at the Senior Center.
* **Monday, October 20 – Thursday morning, October 23:** Volunteers will sort and display the donated items.  
    
  This year, we are adding **evening sorting hours from Tuesday through Thursday**, offering an opportunity for newer Ladies of Charity members and others who work during the day to get involved.
* **Shopping Days:**
  + **Friday, October 24 | 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**
  + **Saturday, October 25 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
    Around 11:00 AM on Saturday, partner organizations are invited to shop for those they serve. These include:
    - Representatives from Cohoes, Watervliet, Waterford, and Green Island school districts, selecting coats for students in need
    - Mary’s Corner, receiving infant clothing
    - The Giving Room, receiving adult coats
    - Catholic Charities, collecting for families in the Hilltowns and other rural areas of the Albany Diocese
    - Skylar Inn homeless shelter in Menands
    - Pastor Charlie from Victory Church (Albany), who takes remaining items and distributes them at his Thanksgiving dinner

We are also thrilled to welcome St. Ambrose Parish, who will be joining us in collecting winter apparel this year!

Please consider being a part of this rewarding outreach.  
If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact:  
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