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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WARMS UP THE WINTER WITH DONATING 600 NEW WINTER COATS FOR KIDS

West Orange, NJ (January 15, 2010)- The Knights of Columbus have donated 600 new winter coats to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark along with hats and gloves to distribute to needy children. The coats were for children sizes 8 to 18, ages 5 to 17 and came in many colors and styles. Some of the coats were distributed to students at Catholic Charities' Mt. Carmel Guild School in West Orange, NJ. The school teaches students, in the surrounding community, who have a variety of cognitive and development disabilities. Phillip Frese, CEO of Catholic Charities and Vito Mazza, District Deputy of Knights of Columbus visited the school to hand out the coats to the children. The students were surprised and excited about receiving new winter coats. The remaining coats were distributed at St. Michaels' School on January 15th and Blessed Sacrament Church of Newark, NJ for children in need.

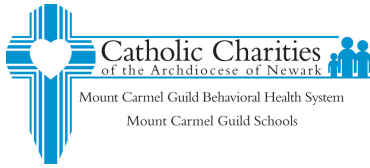
Phillip Frese, CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark said that "the Agency is very excited that the Knights of Columbus chose us to distribute 600 coats to the children in the Archdiocese". "The children were thrilled and extremely excited to receive these wonderful, warm and colorful coats."

This successful collaboration was a coordinated group effort between Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and The Knights of Columbus State Council. We are thankful to our dedicated staff and the Knights of Columbus for this unique opportunity. These winter coats will do a lot to keep the children warm and toasty all winter.

What a nice way to start off the New Year!

About Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark

Catholic Charities is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit social service agency of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark. As one of New Jersey's oldest and largest



social service agencies, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark serves approximately 80,000 individuals and families each year to gain assistance and a greater sense of self-worth and dignity. This mission is pursued through a network of caring, effective, and well-managed social service programs within the four counties served by the Archdiocese Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union. Catholic Charities focuses on strengthening and preserving family life while restoring the dignity of each individual. Our services are offered to all persons in need, regardless of age, race, color, religion, national origin, culture, or sex. For more information please visit our website at www.ccannj.com.

About Mount Carmel Guild Schools

Mount Carmel Guild Schools are the special education schools of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. The schools are private, non-profit, non-sectarian, coeducational schools offering comprehensive programs for learning and behaviorally disabled children in, pre-kindergarten through 12th. The school's program focuses on providing an educationally and clinically supportive environment for students with physical and learning disabilities. For more information please visit our website at www.mcgschools.com.



In the picture left to right, Dr. Phillip Frese, CEO of Catholic Charities, Don Ulisse, District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, John Hencinsky, Director of Respect Life, Vito Mazza, District Deputy Knights of Columbus helping the children with the coats.