



COATS & COCOA FAQs

BENEFITTING THE COMMUNITY COAT CLOSET

When do I host my event?

Anytime! We are so grateful for our hosts and want you to have the flexibility to schedule your coat drive at your convenience.

How do I get the word out?

Neighborhood Facebook pages, printed flyers for mailboxes, even text messages are great ways to pass the word along about your upcoming coat drive. We would love to make the process easy on you and have graphics available via email. Interested? Send a request to communitycoatcloset@spark-community.org.

What does a typical Coats & Cocoa event look like?

Invite friends, neighbors, or coworkers to a “floating” collection event, and when they arrive, you can offer hot chocolate and high fives in exchange for their generous donations. Feel free to get creative with cookies, mimosas, music, balloons, and more... Have some fun!

What do I do with the coats I collect?

We are so grateful for your hard work and happily take donations off your hands as soon as we can. Send a message to communitycoatcloset@spark-community.org and we will coordinate a pick-up or drop-off that’s convenient for you.

Where do these donations go?

The CCC was established to serve our community’s most vulnerable neighbors, and donations are given out at a variety of outreach events and upon request from schools, social workers, and individuals.

Where can I send people for more information?

The CCC’s website is wonderful! <https://spark-community.org/community-coat-closet>

What is the biggest need for the Community Coat Closet?

We accept new or great-condition used coats and winter gear (hats, scarves, gloves) for all sizes, but our biggest need is always men’s size XL.

Do you take monetary donations?

Absolutely! Donations can be made online at <https://spark-community.org/community-coat-closet>. We also accept cash or checks written to SPARK with “Community Coat Closet” in the memo line. Thank you!

What are other ways people can help the Community Coat Closet?

Our Amazon wishlist is the perfect way for out-of-town friends and family to participate in your Coats & Cocoa event! Here is the link:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28J256OGST8H8>

What do I do if someone wants a tax receipt?

We’re happy to provide that! Please send the donor’s information to our email communitycoatcloset@spark-community.org and we will get a letterhead receipt to them.

Who do I contact with any questions?

Email communitycoatcloset@spark-community.org and we will get back to you quickly.