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WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE BRINGS IN NEARLY 150 ARTICLES FOR PRINCE WILLIAM KIDS

The 66 Express Outside the Beltway Partners With Boxes of Basics To Support, Empower Local Children

Manassas, Va. – The first Winter Clothing Drive held by the 66 Express Outside the Beltway was a rousing success, as approximately 150 articles of warm clothes were collected over two weeks and subsequently donated Feb. 17 to Manassas-based nonprofit Boxes of Basics.

The items, contributed by both customers and employees of the 66 Express Outside the Beltway, include heavy coats, caps, gloves, mittens, scarves, boots, pants, and sweaters. Boxes of Basics will package individual clothing items with personal hygiene products and notes of support, and provide them to children in need across Prince William County.

“Boxes of Basics is an organization for the community fueled by the community,” said Sarah Tyndall, founder and executive director of Boxes of Basics. “We rely heavily on the generosity of community partners like the 66 Express Outside the Beltway. The items they donated will be used to help children right here in the Prince William, Manassas, and Manassas Park region. We are very thankful!”

The clothing drive exemplifies the mission of I-66 Express Mobility Partners (I-66 EMP), operators of the 66 Express Outside the Beltway, to make a positive impact in the communities served by the transformative multi-modal transportation project. The managed-toll lanes of the 66 Express Outside the Beltway span 22.5 miles from I-495 to Gainesville, and fully opened for service ahead of schedule Nov. 22, 2022.

Other community partners include Food For Others, the Capital Area Food Bank, the Prince William County Public Schools Foundation, and the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools.

“Partnering with organizations like Boxes of Basics fits perfectly with our mission of giving back,” said Luis Vazquez, CEO of I-66 EMP. “It’s wonderful to know that all those coats, gloves, and boots will soon be keeping the children of this community warm this winter.”

“We’re extremely pleased at the fantastic response to our first winter clothing drive,” said Nancy H. Smith, Director of Corporate Affairs for I-66 EMP. “We look forward to partnering with Boxes of Basics again for the benefit of Prince William’s kids.”

About Boxes of Basics:

At Boxes of Basics, we believe that every child deserves to have their basic clothing needs met. Our mission is to provide children in need with a seasonal box of quality new and gently used clothing in their size. Our amazing volunteers hand-select and pack every Box of Basics, and tailor it for each individual child. When a child receives their Box of Basics, we want them to feel like they are opening a gift! Learn more at www.BoxesOfBasics.org.

About the 66 Express Outside the Beltway:

Part of VDOT's [Transform 66 Outside the Beltway](#) program, the 66 Express Outside the Beltway is a transformative 22.5-mile multi-modal mega-project featuring advanced dynamic-tolling systems to keep traffic flowing at all times. The lanes provide Northern Virginia commuters, businesses, and mass transit with a reliable option to move people, goods, and services throughout the I-66 corridor, allowing drivers to Sit Less, Live More. Visit www.Ride66Express.com to learn more, and keep up with the 66 Express Outside the Beltway on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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