

**Winter Coat Drive:**  
**Mount Vernon Police and Skagit Rotary Set Goal of Providing**  
**3,000 Coats for Those in Need**

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October 1, 2016

Winter weather forecasts say this winter will be wet and stormy in the Pacific Northwest. With temperatures already hitting the 40's at night, the need for a warm winter coat has arrived. Many families in our community turn to Community Action of Skagit County to fill this need as financial hardships still abound.



For the past five years, Officer Jason Graham and members of the Mount Vernon Police Department have partnered with Community Action of Skagit County to organize a Fall Coat Drive to help keep families warm. Community Action works directly with those who need assistance. This year MVPD will partner with Skagit Rotary Club and Community Action to supply coats to those in need.

Over the past five years MVPD has collected more than 5,000 coats and Skagit Rotary has collected several thousand as well.

Officer Graham said, "This year our continued partnership with Skagit Rotary will broaden our collection capabilities and allow donors more opportunity to participate. Our collective goal is to collect 3,000 new (or gently used) fleece, down, or waterproof winter jackets for all ages. We will place more donation bins this year and chances are if you shop in Skagit Valley, you will see a donation bin." The drive will run from October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> and all donated coats will go to Community Action to be distributed in November and December for protection during our coldest months. Community Action uses donated funds to purchase coats to meet the specific needs of individual families. **Your dollars and donations go straight to the need!**

Please help those in need stay warm this winter.

Thank you kindly for considering a donation.

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**OUR GOAL:**  
**3,000 Winter Coats**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>**

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## **DROP OFF LOCATIONS**

**A special thanks and recognition for donating in the past and allowing us to place donation bins!**

- Modern Cleaners
- Skagit Valley Hospital and Skagit Regional Clinics (all of them!)
- The Skagit Valley Family YMCA
- Skagit Bank
- Max Dale's Steak and Chop House
- **Cascade Mall**
- **Coldwell Banker Bain Realty (Anacortes)**
- Hampton Inn and Suites
- Coastal Farm and Ranch
- Riverside Health Club
- Safeway
- Lowes
- Skagit PUD
- Mount Vernon Towing
- Walmart
- Mount Vernon City Hall
- Mount Vernon Police Department
- Judd & Black
- Peoples Bank
- Savi Bank
- Red Apple Market
- Bargains Galore
- Goodwill
- Value Village
- Oasys Office Systems