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# Worcester Public Schools COATS for KIDS

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# PROGRAM MISSION

To provide new, warm outerwear to Worcester children in need to foster comfort and confidence in an effort to increase attendance and participation in school.

# PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Worcester Public Schools (WPS) Coats for Kids Program provides new winter outerwear to children in need throughout the district which includes 53 schools, the Worcester Head Start Program, the Worcester Family Partnership Program and several area homeless shelters.

Over 3,000 winter jackets, hats, mittens and/or sweatshirts are distributed to infants through high school students annually. In addition, winter outerwear is provided to the Parent Information Center for families arriving from other countries, registering in our schools.

The WPS Coats for Kids Program Advisory Committee is comprised of *volunteer* administrators, teachers and community members. The committee helps plan goals, events, fundraising and distribution.

The Worcester Educational Development Foundation (WEDF) serves as the fiscal agent for the WPS Coats for Kids Program. WEDF was founded in 2005 for the sole purpose of supporting the WPS and identifying resources to meet the needs of students.

Worcester children receive new winter outerwear through the support from many Worcester area businesses, foundations, organizations, churches, individuals and the Worcester Public Schools.

The WPS Coats for Kids Program has been so successful because of the many businesses and individuals who have joined our efforts and generously contributed monetary donations or provided items for our fundraiser.

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