



**Joseph's
Coat**

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DECEMBER 2010

You Made a Difference for a Young Family

Shopping

Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9:00 - 4:30

Donation

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 - 2:00

Financial support is fully tax deductible. Your contribution may be designated toward purchasing items to meet the needs of the people we are serving.

Do you know what it feels like to have to give up your home? I do. So do Joanna, Rick and their three children. It's not the structure you mourn as much as the future, the hopes and dreams people naturally invest when purchasing a house. Too many times in life, it seems, we have to accept circumstances out of our control and move on.

I have known Joanna for several years. She and her husband work very hard for little money. They were elated when their budget allowed them to buy a small home in which to raise their children.

I think most of you would agree that focusing on all of

the negative things that life may hold is a sure way to be miserable. Thus, most people don't look to the future and plan on losing a job or having



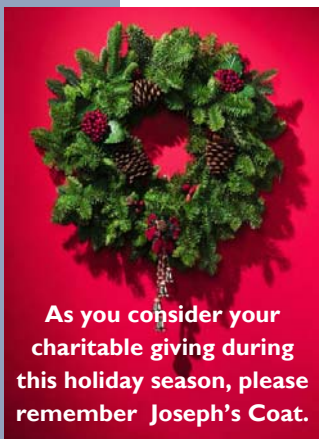
An American Dream

their hours cut at work – especially when the job seems secure despite the economy. It didn't happen all at once, but over an extended period Joanna was scheduled for fewer and fewer hours at

work. Despite their determination to make it, this young family lost their house. They found a place to stay and started packing.

Moving day came, and Rick went into the house for one last box of belongings before their older SUV would be full for another trip to the new place. In the time it took for him to go into the house and come back out, their vehicle was stolen right out of the driveway. I think all of us can stir up the shocked and sinking feeling this couple had when they realized what had happened. The police eventually recovered the car. The body was damaged, windows were broken, and the interior

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As you consider your charitable giving during this holiday season, please remember Joseph's Coat.

Happy New Year!

“When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild nations to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart And to radiate the Lord, slight, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Then the work of Christmas begins.

- Howard Thurman, adapted

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was spray painted. I think this is commonly referred to as "a joy ride." Of course, every single item packed in the vehicle was gone. Think about this. This family not only lost their home, thieves took a good portion of their belongings. Five year old Sammy kept asking his Mommy why someone wanted his pants and shirts. He couldn't comprehend it. Neither can I.

The family came to Joseph's Coat for help. You have all been very gener-

ous, and we currently have a lot of inventory. We were able to give this family many items to replace their losses but were unable to provide underwear, socks, or pants to fit little Sammy. Fortunately, because we receive financial donations from you, we were able to give Joanna and Rick a small amount of money to buy some clothing for Sammy. We rely on your monetary donations to pay rent, heat and other expenses to keep Joseph's Coat in operation, but doesn't it feel good to know that your



donations are also used in emergency situations to make the difference between despair and hope?

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A FEW NOTES...

- Please make sure your donations are clean, gently used and in season. We are unable to wash clothing and do not have the space to store out-of-season clothing.
- If possible, please avoid delivering your donations in cardboard boxes.
- We need women's deodorant.

Thanks to our Young Donors



Madalyn Williams asked her friends to bring gifts for Joseph's Coat to her birthday party.



Talia Fossum-Wernick made a cash donation to Joseph's Coat with gifts she received in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

RECORD NUMBERS!

On December 15, 2010 we welcomed **748** adults and **139** children to Joseph's Coat.

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