



Joseph's
Coat

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MARCH 2012

New Schedule for 2012

Shopping Hours:

Monday and
Wednesday 9:00 -
12:00 and 1:00-
4:30

Donation Hours:

Tuesday and
Thursday 9:00 -
2:00

**FINANCIAL
SUPPORT IS FULLY
TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 2 PM are still the days and times for donations. However, we must make a much-needed change in the schedule. To allow more time to focus on operations, Joseph's Coat will now be closed for both shopping and donations the first **full week** of each month from January

through October. During the months of November and December, we will follow a holiday schedule.

It doesn't matter whether you visit Joseph's Coat on a shopping or donation day, the place is always alive with activity. There is so much to be done to fulfill our mission that we need every one of our 130 dedicated volunteers.

However, there are also necessary functions that must be performed by employees. We have only two. It has been increasingly apparent that our current schedule doesn't provide enough time for two staff members to complete the business administration side of Joseph's Coat.

Our shoppers are the heart of our mission, and it is important that you know how they reacted to our new schedule. Mary, a retired woman trying to make it on a small income, said, "You should have done this a long time ago. Sometimes you look so tired that I worry about you." After looking at the closed schedule, Carlos said, "We need Joseph's Coat, but we don't need to shop four times every month." Being closed has never prohibited us from

2012 CLOSED SCHEDULE

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Holiday Schedule

CLOSED for shopping and donating goods.

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A Few Notes...

- ◆ PLEASE do not leave donations when we are closed. If weather doesn't ruin your items, vandals will. Joseph's Coat does not want to be labeled a neighborhood nuisance.
- ◆ We cannot accept: TV sets, hangers (plastic or wire), sharp knives, medical equipment, inoperable small appliances, telephones or electronics
- ◆ Let us know if you're interested in volunteering. We could use your help on Monday mornings, and Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoons
- ◆ We need full size conditioner, women's deodorant and women's feminine products and any travel size personal care products. We can no longer accept used cosmetics.

New Schedule for 2012 (cont'd)

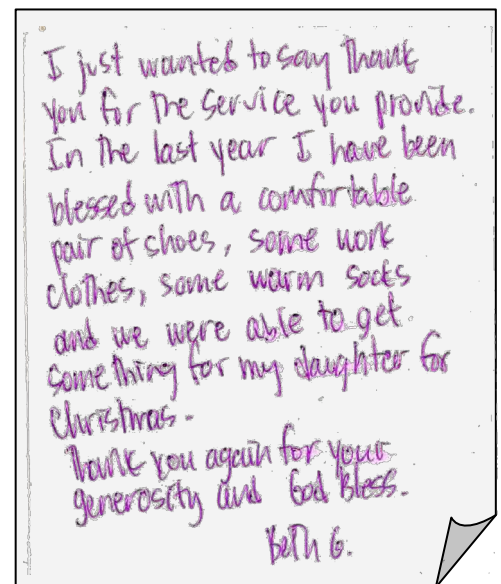
helping people in dire need and that will continue.

In order to make this transition as trouble-free as possible, we have created a 2012 Closed Schedule calendar, which is available in this newsletter, on our web site (www.josephscoat.com) and in hard copy form at the store. If you are ever in doubt about whether we are open for donations, please call us at 651-291-2472 and listen to the recorded message. We appreciate your cooperation with this change.



600 families received an Easter basket because of the kind efforts of members of St. Odilia in Shoreview and St. John's of Little Canada. Volunteer bunny Corinne Thielen hands out baskets. Believe it or not, all of the children had big smiles until the camera came out!

A message from one of our shoppers...



2012 Executive Committee

The Board of Directors of Joseph's Coat elected new officers in January:

- ◆ Bob Brezinski, President
- ◆ Bill Culbertson, Vice President
- ◆ Brian Zaidman, Treasurer
- ◆ Marilee Miller, Secretary

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