



## COMPASSION COATRACK

WARMING HANDS ♥ WARMING HEARTS

Want to help others stay warm this winter? You've come to the right place! Each year Compassion Coatrack partners with area churches and businesses to provide cold weather gear for those in need in Montgomery County. It's simple to do and the impact is huge. Get started now!

1. Pick your date – The collection dates are up to you. Some people pick specific two-week time frames, others ask for donations for an entire month. For example you might start collecting on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> and close down the donation giving on November 11<sup>th</sup>, a week before Thanksgiving. Others leave a box up through January, delivering coats every time the box fills up. I love to keep track of all the organizations who are participating so please, drop me an email once your dates are set.
2. Set up a box – Set up a box in the foyer of your church or in your Sunday School Room. Businesses could set up a box in their reception area or employee break room or both. Decorating your box can be fun and it lets everyone know just where to place their donations.
3. Spread the Word – Get on all your social media sites and spread the word or send a group text or email to anyone you think might want to help. Some groups like to put announcements in their employee newsletters or church bulletins.
4. Deliver – When your campaign is completed, (or as your boxes fill up), call or send an email. We will set up a day and time for you to deliver your items to the Conroe House of Prayer. We are located at 115 W. Davis St in downtown Conroe. (Delivery may be arranged for large donations).

### ITEMS NEEDED

**Coats** – Warm winter coats, hoodies, rain jackets, ponchos, or hunting attire. Any warm outerwear is useful. We will be collecting men's, women's and children's coats. I would like to emphasize that we serve a large population of men, yet that seems to be the least donated items.

**Gloves** – Warm hands make everything warmer! We will be collecting men's, women's and children's gloves. Please note that the one-size fits all knit gloves do not fit most men.

**Beanies** – Beanies are fun and come in all shapes, sizes and colors. Again, men's, women's and children's are needed

**Socks** – Winter time can often mean wet feet. A warm pair of socks are a much needed article in the homeless community.

**Clothing** – Men's and women's warm clothing is needed. (We are not collecting children's clothing at this time). This can be new or gently used short or long sleeve shirts, jeans, leggings, dresses, long underwear, flannel shirts and more.

**Blankets** – Last winter we distributed over 500 blankets! There is a great need not only for the homeless but for people living in emergency shelters and families struggling to pay their heating bill.

**Other** – Sleeping bags, tents, tennis shoes, new, in the package underwear, hygiene items. These items are useful all year round.

Thank you so much for participating in Compassion Coatrack.

Please contact me with any additional questions and to let me know your plan!

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“clothe yourself with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony”