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Kiwanis Club to collect coats, hats and mittens for children in Head Start program through Nov. 13

The message, according to the local Kiwanis service club, is simple: “Please help keep our children warm this winter!”

Kiwanis Club of St. Joseph, along with the Key Club and DECA Club of Central High School, are joining efforts to help provide winter coats, scarves, mittens, gloves and hats for St. Joseph’s Head Start program, managed by Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph.

Head Start, established in 1965, is a comprehensive early childhood learning program designed to give children in poverty (or who have disabilities) the same chance to succeed at school as children from non-low income families. From nutritious meals to physical screenings, home visits, accredited curriculum and family opportunities for socialization and goal-setting, Head Start utilizes every opportunity to move families out of poverty and into economic stability. Approximately 500 children are served through Head Start across Northwest Missouri.

Through Friday, November 13, 2009, the community is invited to bring gently used coats, scarves, mittens, gloves and hats to the following locations between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday:

Cornett Automotive
Kevin Cornett
1225 North 4th Street
St. Joseph, MO 64501
816-233-4094

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library
Patsey McGuire
1912 North Belt Highway
St. Joseph, MO 64506
816-236-2106

Any donation is appreciated, but sizes 3T to 5T will fit current children who attend Head Start across the area. Other sizes received will help support Head Start siblings as well as other programs/organizations in St. Joseph.

For questions, contact Jennifer Kendel, Kiwanis Club, at 261-2243 or the above contacts at Cornett Automotive and Rolling Hills Consolidated Library.