The cold temperatures have arrived, and warm coats, mittens and hats are now a necessity. For any families seeking free winter clothing for the cold, here are some local organizations distributing coats and other items.

Please Note: Contacting each location first and making sure they are open, accepting visitors, and have the necessary items you need would be important. Masks are encouraged to be worn at most locations.

Salvation Army

You can put in your zip code and find centers close to you.

Website: Location Search - The Salvation Army USA Central Territory

St. Thomas More Free Store

A variety of free household items including winter clothing.

Location: 1079 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105

Shopping Hours: The Free Store is now open from 1-3 pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

Website: Free Store | Saint Thomas More Community Church

Joseph's Coats

Shopping Hours: Mon/Wed by appointment only 9am – 3pm.

Phone: 651-291-2472 to schedule

Website: Joseph's Coat | Sharing Donations with Those in Need (josephscoatmn.org)

Connections to Community Resources

211 is a comprehensive resource for local resources and services around the country. Minnesota's 211 services are provided by <u>United Way</u>

Phone: (651-291-0211)

Pilgrims Cleaners: Coats for Kids

The following Minnesota charities & schools will be distributed the coats from the 2022 drive, please reach out to the charities directly if you're in need of a coat: Community Emergency Assistance
Programs (CEAP), Ronald McDonald House Charities, WeCAN - Western Communities Action
Network, STEP--St. Louis Park Emergency Program, Sharing and Caring Hands, Battle Creek Middle
School, Saint Paul Public Schools SPPS, People Serving People, Minneapolis Public Schools, Closet of Hope Bloomington Covenant Church, Anoka-Hennepin Schools Coats for Kids | Donate Winter
Outerwear for Kids in Need | Annual Winter Clothing Drive (pilgrimdrycleaners.com)

First Lutheran Church: Eastside First

Location: 463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55106 * 651-776-7210 **Website:** First Lutheran Church - Welcome (eastsidefirst.com)

Contact Cornerstone!

If you are in need of additional resources beyond clothing, please feel free to email heatherkamia@cornerstone-elementary.org for additional support and ideas.