

2015 Day of Restoration-A Success

Coats for homeless - 1/6/2016

Day of Restoration for Detroit's Homeless

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The Northeast Guidance Center (NEGC), in collaboration with the Detroit Wayne County Health Authority (DWMHA) and many other community partners, held its annual health screening and coat/clothing giveaway for the homeless at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries recently.

The annual community project is designed to provide Detroit's homeless population, comprised of an estimated 100,000 men, women and children, with the basic necessities of everyday life such as a winter coat, outerwear and hygiene kits in addition to health screenings. Homeless individuals living in the downtown Detroit area also received information on human services support, housing options and connections to community service providers.

Cynthia Jackson, program director at NEGC, applauded the work and contributions made by NEGC staff. The staff collected coats and toiletries and devoted many hours to make this outreach successful. Coats were also donated by the Empowerment Zone, a company founded by Veronika Scott who created the transforming sleeping bag, and the community.

"To be able to see through the eyes of a homeless person the outpouring of love and compassion for even one day out of the year could in the long run help to turn their lives around is well worth the hours spent pulling the Day of Restoration together," said Jackson. "Programs like these give this population a sense of value."