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School for Young Children Students Participate in Coat Drive



School for Young Children students collecting coats for the “Coats for Winter” drive

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (December 13, 2013) – Throughout the month of December, students at the School for Young Children at the University of Saint Joseph are diving into the Holiday spirit by participating in a community service project. The preschoolers are collecting gently used child and adult coats for the “Coats for Winter” drive held by French Cleaners of West Hartford. French Cleaners will clean and restore the coats before distributing them to area organizations.

“Preschoolers are able to grasp the concept of cold weather and the need to wear warm winter coats,” said Kimberly Perrotta, School for Young Children assistant director. “Encouraging the children to donate their used winter coats to families in need teaches them about the concepts of sharing and generosity, while helping to develop global citizens.”

Students will be collecting coats through December 20. Donors can drop them off at the School between 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., located at 238 Steele Road, West Hartford, or at French Cleaners at 935 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford.

The School for Young Children has been a vital part of the West Hartford community since its founding in 1936. A nationally accredited preschool program that serves children age 3-5 through part- and full-day programs, the School features a child-responsive, play-based curriculum.

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