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## **Socks for Seniors and Warm Hands, Warm Hearts Community Drives a Success in Saco!**

There is still time to donate new winter hats, gloves, mittens, socks, and scarves

### **SACO, Maine —**

The Saco Police Department has partnered with two community service projects this winter - Socks for Seniors and Warm Hands, Warm Hearts - to bring much needed warm clothing to local seniors, veterans, children, and adults in the Saco Biddeford area.

The community generously collected an extraordinary number of socks, hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves this holiday season!

1,001 pairs of Socks  
185 Hats  
95 sets of Gloves  
26 pairs of Mittens  
58 Scarves

Some collection boxes are still up in the community, so there is still time to donate! The collected items have been donated to two organizations serving veterans, senior citizens at nursing homes in Biddeford, Scarborough, and Saco, the elementary schools in Saco, the cancer center in Scarborough, and Caring Unlimited, a York County-based organization that offers support and a safe space for people dealing with domestic abuse. Thank you all for your generosity.

"I'm so touched at how the Saco/Biddeford community pitched in to help our neighbors in need this winter," said Sharon Gaudin, organizer of the Warm Hands, Warm Hearts effort. "With the donation of so many cold weather items, we'll be able to help hundreds of adults and children. These hats, socks and gloves will help keep them warm, while also letting them know that they are cared for."

There are still collection boxes at Saco Bay Variety, Saco City Hall, the Saco Police Department, CIA Café in Saco, and Union Church in Biddeford. Items will be collected through January.

Thank you to the following locations for participating in the collection: Union Church in Biddeford, Biddeford Pool Community Center, Saco Bay Variety, First Parish Church, the Saco Police Department, Saco City Hall, Saco Parks and Recreation, Dyer Library in Saco, and CIA Café in Saco and South Portland.



*Pictured: Lori Angis, Saco Police Department, and Sharon Gaudin, Organizer of Warm Hands, Warm Hearts.*



*Pictured: Jack Clements, Deputy Police Chief and Emily Roy, City of Saco Administration Department, delivering collected items to veteran's organization.*



*Pictured: Sonny Cimenian, owner of Saco Bay Variety.*