



MEDIA RELEASE

GLMV Coat Drive for Veterans Underway



GLMV Coat Drive For Vets kickoff at the Vernon Hills Village Hall are (L to R) Vernon Hills Police Officers Zachary Watson and Casey Bergschneider; Village of Vernon Hills Kristen Svendsen and Monica Lundein; and Mundelein Police Sergeant Brian Kisselburg and Ofc. Steve Simonelli.

The Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills (GLMV) Chamber of Commerce, T-Mobile – VH, Shurway Movers, businesses, municipalities, and several veteran's organizations have launched a special coat drive for veterans in-need and their families.

"Our coat collection for veterans is an ideal way to show our support and thank our vets for their amazing service," said GLMV President Scott Adams.

For as long as many can remember, there has been a local effort to collect coats and raise awareness for Lake County veterans in-need and at-risk. Originally, the concept was branded Operation Stand Down, led by the Lake County Veteran's Assistance Commission and participating VFW and American Legion Posts.

Initially, the supply of coats came from stores such as Sears, Value City, and Burlington Coat Factory which all made donations. As those locations began to close, law enforcement and local high schools partnered to collect winter coats and raise awareness of veterans-in-need and the year-around efforts of the Midwest Veteran's Closet.

However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, new collection locations were needed, and after learning of the need from GLMV Board Member Jon Petrillo, Village of Vernon Hills, GLMV knew they had to get involved.

Donated items will be given to Midwest Veterans Closet in North Chicago for distribution. Every donated item is much appreciated by the veterans and their families.

So, let's clean out those closets and donate items to keep our veterans in-need and their families warm this winter. Donations such as old, slightly worn, or new winter coats and other seasonal outerwear are being accepted at the following locations through November 16. All sizes are acceptable.

Businesses interested in being a collection location or for more information, contact the GLMV Chamber of Commerce 847-680-0750 or clevin@glmvchamber.org

COAT COLLECTION LOCATIONS:

Drop off times may vary by location. Please contact each location for their specific drop off information.

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Star Homes
783 Barron Blvd, Grayslake
(847) 548-2625

Centre Club
200 W Golf Road, Libertyville
(847) 816-6100

DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen
1000 Butterfield, Vernon Hills
(847) 327-0203

Edward Jones - Troy Ackman
856 N IL Rt. 83, Mundelein
(224) 864-2156

Farmers Insurance – Debbie Solbrig
616 N Bridgeport Terrace, Ste F, Lindenhurst
(847) 356-5560

Great Lakes Credit Union
2525 Green Bay Rd, North Chicago
(847) 578-7341

Integral Medical & Rehab
870 West End Court #206, Vernon Hills
(224) 424-3147

Libertyville Police Department
200 E Cook Ave, Libertyville
(847) 362-8310

Mundelein Police Department
221 Lake Street, Mundelein
(847) 968-4600

Village of Mundelein
300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein
847.949.3200

Northwestern Mutual
3 Hawthorn Parkway, Vernon Hills
(847) 573-6800

Northside Community Bank
800 N Rt. 83, Mundelein IL 60060
(847) 837-8883

The Tranel Financial Group
1509 N Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville
(847) 680-9050

Vernon Hills Park District – Sullivan Center
635 N. Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills
(847) 996-6800

Village of Green Oaks
2020 O'Plaine Rd
Green Oaks, Illinois 60048
(847) 362-5363

Village of Mundelein
300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein
(847) 849-3200

Village of Libertyville
118 W. Cook Ave., Libertyville
(847) 362-2430

Village of Vernon Hills
294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills
(847)367-3700

Vernon Hills Municipal Golf Course
291 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills
(847) 680-9310

Willow Lawn Memorial Park
Aarrowood Pet Cemetery
24090 N. US 45, Vernon Hills
(847) 634-3787