

It is amazing how providing something warm and fuzzy for outside can foster warm and fuzzy feelings inside.

Each September, the Boyne Eta Nu Charities service project known as "Dress for Chill" shifts into high gear. The committee members meet to begin the intensive work to coordinate winter outerwear ensembles for Boyne City children in need. Last winter, thanks to much local donor support, we were able to dress 221 of our youngest school children. Each ensemble (winter coat, snow pants, boots, hat and gloves) averages around \$100 to purchase, plus the group collectively puts in an estimated 1600 hours of work annually to deliver this project - truly a labor of love.

The Dress for Chill team works all year fundraising and shopping deals for warm winter bargains, taking advantage of end-of-season sales and close outs. We buy, sort, catalog and store all the purchases throughout the year until September. That's when we begin working with school administrators to coordinate sizing information from parents. Then, the final stage – coordinating outdoor clothing ensembles for each child, assembled and tagged for delivery to the school. In mid-October, the team along with volunteers meet the children at the school to try on their new clothes, making sure of fit, and switching out items until they are just right. It is always a wonderfully fulfilling day!

We invite groups and individuals to champion this cause with us, please share with your family, co-workers and friends. All donations are tax deductible. Checks may be made out to Boyne Eta Nu Charities/Dress for Chill and can be sent to: P.O. Box 133, Boyne City, MI 49712, or you can donate online using the QR Code at the bottom of this page (using the camera on your phone, hover over the QR Code and tap the prompt to take you to the web address shown.)

If you have any questions or ideas to share, please feel free to email us at: information@BoyneEtaNu.org!

Be sure to stop by and see us at the Harvest Festival!



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