



## News Release

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### 2013 Dutchess Outreach Annual Coat Drive

As the familiar crisp air of fall starts to move in, you might be looking for your favorite jacket in the back of the closet to keep warm. Some local families are not so lucky. Dutchess Outreach's annual Susan DeKeukelaere Memorial Coat Drive, sponsored by Guardian Self Storage, needs your help by donating adult and children's winter coats and jackets, especially plus sizes, that are clean and in good condition. There are eight distribution sites around Dutchess County that will give coats to those in need to help them keep warm this winter. Last year about 5,000 coats were collected and distributed. With your help we hope to match that number this year.

Coats can be dropped off at any Guardian Self Storage location throughout Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties. Other drop off sites are all Red Cap Cleaners locations, Scheer Cleaners in Red Hook and Rhinebeck, and Town and Country Cleaners in Poughkeepsie. Coats will be collected from Oct. 1 through Oct.31. Coats also can be dropped off at the Rhinebeck Bank branches from Oct. 1 through Oct. 25. For more information call Dutchess Outreach at 845-454-3792.

Dutchess Outreach has been serving clients since 1974, providing temporary basic needs for individuals and families when no other resources are readily available to them. In addition to the Annual Coat Drive, the Beverly Closs Food Pantry and the Lunch Box meal programs, the staff at Dutchess Outreach provide advocacy for people in need of emergency housing, rent, medicine, and other social services. Their services are free to clients in need. For more information, visit [www.dutchessoutreach.org](http://www.dutchessoutreach.org).

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