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**COMMUNITY CLOTHING CENTER  
NEEDS WINTER DONATIONS**

ELMHURST – The harsh days of winter are upon us, and, difficult as it is to imagine, many adults and children do not have winter coats. The Clothing Center at First United Methodist Church of Elmhurst is in desperate need of warm items such as coats, jackets, snowpants, sweaters, shirts, scarves, boots, hats, gloves and mittens and socks. The community clothing center is open to patrons in the Elmhurst and outlying areas who find themselves in need of free, gently-used clothing.

In this challenging economy, the center's activity has been steadily increasing. On average, **more than 200 families** are served each month; a new record for the ministry. The Clothing Center partners with the Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry and other local social service agencies.

As you go through closets for winter, please think about donating outgrown or gently-used clothing to the Clothing Center. You literally could change someone's life. The clothing center is in need of both adult and children's clothing and welcomes all donations, including shoes, accessories, toys and games and bedding items. No furniture please. You may drop off your donations at First United Methodist Church at 232 S. York Road between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Enter the single red door on the north side of the church and place donations at the bottom of the steps. Items on hangers are terrific! Tax receipts are available. For more information, call the church office at (630) 834-2440.

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