



**"You Do NOT Want To Be Stuck Out
In THIS Weather This Year. No. No.
No!"**

**(Parents, please ensure your
children are bundled up...Especially
if YOU are.)**

APRIL, 2012 UPDATE
Because of your Prayers
of Support, over 140
Families in Our
Community were

Warmed; WE MET THEM
IN THE STREETS!!!!

Living Canvas of America
is a self-funded, grassroots
nonprofit that believes
people deserve to be
treated with dignity and
self-respect—especially
youth and seniors, whose
voices are oft times
ignored.

Scarves/Hats/Gloves 'n Hugs!

by M. D. MillerJones

Can you imagine walking several blocks out in the blistering cold, and having to wait at the bus stop for 5, 10, maybe up to 30 minutes? Or hanging out downtown where gusts of wind and ice-cold drizzle numbed you to the bone, while a family member smoked a cigarette between transfers?

Now picture those scenarios, but you are only 5 or 4 or 3 or 2 years old. Your mom put **no hat** on your head, **no gloves** on your little hands, **no scarf** to stop the cold from whipping down your t-shirtless neck. It's a reality all over this community. (ONE SO AVOIDABLE!!!)

There are hundreds of babies and toddlers all over the west side who do not have the basic necessities to keep warm, as they go back and forth with

their moms to daycares, who ride the RTA; and countless more school-age kids walking to school under the same set of circumstances!

You can help keep another warm this winter by donating **new** or ***gently-used** scarves, hats, gloves, earmuffs, baby blankets and mittens during the:

"SCARVES, HATS, GLOVES 'n HUGS" **Winter Accessory** **Acquisition and Distribution Drive**

Running from now until mid Feb., 2012, drop-off locations are:

- ✓ Bella Vista Homes Mgt. Office (3804 Nicholas Rd.),
- ✓ Just for You Laundromat (1601 N. Gettysburg)

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Goin' Back to Church?

by M. D. MillerJones

Been thinking going back to church is long overdue? Well, if you haven't worshipped for some time (or EVER), it probably is!

While it might be "overdue", it is never "too late" --not yet, anyway. There's room for you and your family at just about every church in the Dayton area.

All six of those I have attended, over the past 45 years, here in Dayton,

have taught me a wealth of good news about God and His wonderful Son, JESUS. Don't deny yourself, nor your kids the opportunity to learn about God's promises to those who accept His Son and do His will. One day it'll be too late— "*Church ain't like no flu shot; one day you really gon' need it!*"

CHECK OUT THESE CHURCHES:

(There are many more places to worship within the city; these happen to be one's I and my family have not only spiritually benefited from, but are locations where blessings, gifts and healings manifest,

*Please WASH Gently-Used Garments, then ZipLock. This Helps Us Distribute.

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Scarves/Hats...Hugs (cont.)



**Be a Blessing,
Especially When
Another Needs It
Most!**

AND IT NEEDN'T STOP WITH YOUR DONATION: IF ABLE, VOLUNTEER TO HELP DISTRIBUTE!

When temps. drop below 40° the Living Canvas of America team hits the streets of Downtown Dayton (hub) and Westown Shopping Center (and routes all along the way) to hand out the much-needed accessories to kids and adults alike; volunteers to help are needed.

If you are an abled-body individual, please consider helping distribute to those in need. Imagine the impact you will have on someone without! I can tell you from experience, there's no greater joy than seeing the smiles on little ones' faces, as their cheeks return to their natural colors, given the body's new-found warmth!

No need to wait on LCoA to schedule, just get own your supply, load them in your car and go!

Times of Best Impact:

M-F 7:30 – 10:00 AM
4:30 – 10:00 PM
Sat: 10 — 11 AM
4 — 6 PM

...Back to Church? (cont.)

and where the move of the holy spirit is felt by adults and youth alike.)

Impact w/ Truth Ministries, in the former Splash Moraine: Sunday 12:30-2:00 PM

A New Beginning Ministries, 2 blocks north of McDonald's, 1365 Gettysburg: 11:45 AM – 2:00 PM.

RCMI (Revival Center Ministries, Inc.), on Oakridge, behind the old Krogers: Services 8-9:30AM, 10-11:30AM, and also 12-1:30PM (pick one!)

Maranatha, on Wolf Rd. across from Meadowdale HS: 11:00AM – 1:30

Trustfully, the amount received from our Drive will enable your team to obtain a supply of garments from LCoA (inquire at 242-2094 Dec. 1 and Feb. 15).

Creative ways you can acquire new or gently-used hats/gloves/scarves etc:

- ✓ Ask your church to make an announcement for inkind or a cash donation (then buy).
- ✓ Get together with adult siblings, co-workers or friends, head down to Dollar Store or Deals, where each cost \$1 a piece (get an entire baby set for only \$1!!!).
- ✓ Visit Salvation Army Thrift Store, on Patterson, near Stewart (Wednesdays, items are half off!)

If nothing else, please make a donation directly to: Living Canvas of America, 2968 Louella Ave., Dayton, OH 45417 and direct on use of funds, accordingly.

So that you may be properly acknowledged, please email us at info@q4qualityservices.vpweb.com or lcoa@q4qualityservices.com, give us your name, address, name of add'l sponsors, the amount spent or value of in-kind donations, dates you distributed, and number of Daytonians whose lives you impacted though your giving.

Remember: **Matthew 25:40!**

Mt. Carmel, on Dayton Liberty in Jefferson Twnshp.

RockHill Missionary Baptist, as you go up Gettysburg's hill (right of Nicholas)

Time will not wait until anyone is 'ready' to go to church and develop a relationship with God. So, tell a friend or loved-one you care about.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

YouTube's "23 Hours Dead" (56min37sec. version)

Thanks for Your Help!

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