

COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY: FHALLEN WARM COAT DRIVE

Frank Howard Allen Seeks Warm Coats; Drive Benefits Six Local Organizations

NOVATO, CA, November 10, 2008 — Though it seemed like the warm weather might last forever, the cold has finally arrived. Sadly, there are many community members who are without even the basic necessity of a warm coat. To help remedy that, Frank Howard Allen is collecting clean, reusable coats and jackets as part of a **Warm Coat Drive** to help those less fortunate in our communities.

Donating a coat is easy. Just bring clean, reusable coats and jackets to one of several Frank Howard Allen offices from **Friday, November 14 through Wednesday, November 19** between **10 am and 4 pm**. Coats of all shapes and sizes are welcome and children's sizes are most needed. All donated coats will be distributed to the following local organizations: Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa, Committee on the Shelterless (COTS), Homeward Bound of Marin, Open Closet, Petaluma People Services Center, and Social Advocates for Youth (SAY)*.

"Frank Howard Allen has a long history of giving back to the community, and now more than ever it's important to keep others in mind," said Ronna Somers, General Sales Manager, Frank Howard Allen Realtors. "Donating a coat offers even those on a tight budget a great way to help people."

Donations are accepted at the following locations:

Greenbrae: 511 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard
Mill Valley, Downtown: 25 East Blithedale Avenue
Mill Valley, Strawberry: 1204 Strawberry Village
Novato: 915 Diablo Avenue
Petaluma: 905 E. Washington Street, Suite 109
San Rafael: 700 Fifth Avenue
Santa Rosa: 460 Mission Boulevard
Tiburon: 1660 Tiburon Boulevard

The coats collected by Frank Howard Allen will benefit the following charities:

Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa • www.srcharities.org

707.542.5426

Emergency homeless shelter for children and their families. Case management and diverse support services plus linkage to community resources leading to family stabilization and housing placement/retention.

Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) • www.cots-homeless.org

707.765.6530

Offers help and hope to homeless persons in Sonoma County by providing safe shelter and housing, helping people develop steady incomes and helping them get back under a roof of their own.



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Open Closet (at Redwood Covenant Church) • www.redwoodcovenant.org

707.528.8463

Provides food and clothes on the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 am.

Petaluma People Services Center • www.petalumapeople.org

707.765.8488

Provides hands-on, face-to-face support through 34 human services programs that focus on wide-ranging care, including: counseling, job placement, gang prevention, daily hot meals, case management, information and referrals.

Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) • www.socialadvocatesforyouth.org

707.544.3299

Offers education, counseling, family support, psychotherapy, job training, mentoring and substance abuse prevention services for children, youth and their parents residing in Sonoma County.

* Marin County donations to benefit Homeward Bound of Marin; Petaluma donations to benefit Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) and Petaluma People Services Center; Santa Rosa donations to benefit Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa, Open Closet, and Social Advocates for Youth (SAY).

About Frank Howard Allen

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