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ALLEGANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DISTRIBUTES WINTER COATS TO NEEDY FAMILIES

BALTIMORE –The Allegany County Department of Social Services will provide nearly 600 new winter coats to children in Allegany County as part of their *Safe and Snug* program. *Safe and Snug* recently concluded its 10th year of operation. This year's collection surpassed the 500 coats collecting in 2009. The Allegany County Board of Education is instrumental in identifying children in need. Various organizations and private citizens make new coats and monetary donations. Susquehanna Bank and the department of social services are collect sites for the coats.



Sharon Gero and Barbara Thomas with a sampling of the coats collected

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The Allegany County Department of Social services is a field office of the Maryland Department of Human Resources, which is the state's social service provider. The agency collaborates with 24 local jurisdictions to: provide foster care, adoption, and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; provide protective services, case- management, supportive housing, in-home aide services, and respite care to vulnerable adults; and provide temporary cash, food stamps, and medical assistance to families. It also funds programs for homeless persons, refugees, and migrant- workers, victims of crime and women who are displaced, battered, or assaulted. Last year, DHR served 760,000 people in need. In terms of its annual budget, DHR is Maryland's fourth largest state agency.

- Martin O'Malley, Governor
- Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
- Brian Wilbon, Interim Secretary