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Japhet School Holds Coat Drive for South Oakland Shelter in Royal Oak

Madison Heights, Michigan - Japhet School, the award-winning school in Madison Heights, is hosting a coat and winter gear drive through the month of January to benefit Royal Oak's South Oakland Shelter (S.O.S.). The drive is sponsored by the school's Recycling Committee, a group of teachers and parents who work together to help Japhet maintain its Michigan Evergreen School status by recycling, integrating environmental education into the curriculum, and creating opportunities for students and the school's families to help others with "green" initiatives.

The school is collecting used and gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, boots, and blankets in all sizes. During these cold winter months, these items are especially needed by homeless shelters such as the S.O.S.

"What better way to reuse and recycle than by donating warm winter clothing to help our community?" says Cathy Mohan, Head of School. "This initiative also supports the teaching of *respect for others* and *thrift* - two of Japhet's 18 character qualities that are integrated into our academic curriculum."

To contribute, visit Japhet School, which is located at 31201 Dorchester in Madison Heights, near the intersection of 13 Mile and Campbell roads.

About Japhet School:

Founded in 1973, Japhet School is an independent school, serving children the metropolitan Detroit area in preschool through eighth grade. Its mission is to nurture and prepare children for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program. The school provides small classes, which are purposefully designed as "blends" or two-grade classrooms. This setup enables teachers to challenge students with academic material that is appropriate for their intellectual readiness, regardless of age or grade. Integrated with strong academics is Japhet School's national award-winning character education curriculum, which builds a peaceful community within the school and creates leaders with integrity. Japhet is a National School of Character, and was the first school in Michigan -- and the first independent school in the country -- to receive this award.

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