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Laguna Niguel Residents Donate 548 Coats for South County Outreach & Family Assistance Ministry

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**Laguna Niguel, CA** – On Monday, December 10, 2018, the City of Laguna Niguel’s Coat Collection Drive came to a close and residents donated a total of 548 coats to be donated to both South County Outreach and Family Assistance Ministries for distribution to area needy individuals this winter.

Volunteers assisted with the sorting of donated items in the Community Room at City Hall. Handel’s Ice Cream was there to provide volunteers with a holiday treat to thank them for their time and for giving back to the community.

The City’s Coat Collection Drive started on November 9 and continued until December 10. Laguna Niguel residents and organizations were asked to donate new or gently used coats of all sizes for men, women, and children. Residents also donated blankets, socks, gloves, hats, scarves and other cold weather gear.

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart to the many that donated to our Coat Collection Drive,” said Mayor John Mark Jennings. “We asked our residents and organizations to give the gift of warmth for the holiday season by donating coats; and, I am overjoyed by the response with more than 500 winter coats collected. The Laguna Niguel community never ceases to amaze me.”
Items collected were divided equally between South County Outreach and Family Assistance Ministries. The two groups will be distributing the items to those in need.

South County Outreach is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to helping low-income individuals, families and seniors in crisis through preventing hunger and homelessness by helping people help themselves.

Family Assistance Ministries is a faith-based charitable non-profit organization assisting those in need within Orange County with resources for food, shelter, and personalized supportive counsel and aid, helping clients bridge the gap from dependency to self-sufficiency.

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