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“Share the Warmth” campaign collects winter accessories and wellness items for BCPS students

The Education Foundation effort focuses on collecting items through January

Towson, MD – Community members are invited to contribute new/unused winter accessories and wellness items to support Baltimore County Public Schools students during the winter months. The Education Foundation of BCPS, Inc.’s “Share the Warmth” campaign accepts such items year-round but focuses its collection efforts from the fall through January.

“Recent chilly mornings remind us that even harsher weather will arrive soon,” said Deborah Phelps, executive director of The Education Foundation. “Contributing items such as jackets, mittens, tissues, and hand sanitizer can help protect students’ health and well-being and therefore positively impact their academic achievement and personal growth.”

“This school year, we have placed renewed emphasis on partnerships with the community and our shared responsibility for our youth,” said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. “This campaign is yet another opportunity for individuals, organizations, and businesses to demonstrate their support for student success. Please help us keep students warm and safe.”

Most needed items include:

- Coats/jackets
- Scarves/hats
- Mittens/gloves
- Socks
- Fleece blankets
- Facial tissues
- Hand sanitizer/antibacterial wipes
- Small size toiletries (e.g., shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion)
- Games/puzzles/craft kits

“Share the Warmth” donations can be dropped off at one of the foundation’s educator resource centers operated in partnership with Merritt Companies. The centers are called the Exchangeree: Gizmos and Gadgets Galore. BCPS educators can visit these centers year-round to receive donated supplies to share with their students and school communities.

The Exchangeree in Rosedale/Golden Ring accepts donations every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The center is located at 6929 Golden Ring Rd., Baltimore 21237.

The Exchangeree in Windsor Mill accepts donations every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The center is located at 2034F Lord Baltimore Drive, Windsor Mill 21244.

Last school year, more than \$8,600 of winter accessories and wellness supplies were distributed to students throughout BCPS. More information about the campaign can be found on [The Education Foundation’s website](#).

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