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All You Need Is (g)Love and Coats For Kids Foundation
Donate Winter Clothing to CPS Homeless Students

More than 300 homeless and needy Chicago Public Schools students received winter clothing to help keep them warm this season thanks to a partnership donation from the All You Need Is (g)Love winter clothing drive and the Coats For Kids Foundation Chicago office.

The donation, worth more than \$1,400, was made last December and will benefit homeless and needy students at Bouchet Math and Science Academy, located at 7355 S. Jeffrey Blvd.; Curtis Elementary School, located at 32 E. 115th St.; and Gale Elementary Community Academy, located at 1631 W. Jonquil Terrace.

Total donations included 102 winter coats, 22 complete sets of scarves, gloves and hats; 13 individual scarves; 79 individual hats; and 80 pairs of gloves. Both brand new and gently-used winter clothing was donated.

Though the winter clothing donation will benefit some of the district's neediest students, homeless students received the majority of the winter coats. As of last December, 11,136 CPS students were classified as homeless, up from 9,134 a year ago.

The All You Need Is (g)Love winter clothing drive is in its third year and was created to directly connect the Chicago legal community with a charitable function committed to helping needy Chicago kids stay warm during winter.

Co-sponsored by The Horton Group, Coats for Kids, Signature Bank, and the Metropolitan Club of Chicago, All You Need Is (g)Love has delivered more than 1,000 winter clothing items to CPS students in its three years of operation.

Coats for Kids was established in January 2004 as a public charitable foundation with the mission "to ensure that every child who needs a winter coat receives a new one." The foundation only distributes new winter coats, and includes a new pair of gloves and a new winter hat as part of their outreach efforts.

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