WARM WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY

This unique service project not only provides children with cold weather necessities, but introduces kids and their families to all that their neighborhood library branch has to offer. At each library event, 150 children receive an Operation Warm coat and up to two new books. This project is done in partnership with Operation Warm.

STEP 1
Find a Library

Before applying for this project, contact your public library to review the program objectives and get their buy-in. Once the Lodge’s public library agrees to participate, visit Operation Warm’s Community Partner Registration Page to make an account and review a step-by-step guide for hosting a successful event. Please note: This program costs approximately $4,000 to complete. Consider combining a Beacon, Gratitude or Promise Grant to complete this project.

STEP 2
Identify Children in Need

Work with local connections to identify families and invite up to 150 disadvantaged children to attend the event. Examples of organizations to reach out to include schools, the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Head Start, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

STEP 3
Help Children Get Properly Fitted

Coordinate staff and volunteers to help the event run smoothly. Examples of volunteer roles include helping children get properly fitted for a coat, registering children for library cards, or leading various activity stations. The roles are entirely dependent of the needs of the Lodge and its event.

STEP 4
Make it Your Own

Invite a balloon artist or puppeteer, or create a make-believe dress up area with a mirror and props. Activities will contribute to making your coat giving event a memorable experience.