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Hope Ministries, Burlington Coat Factory team up to provide *One Warm Coat* for homeless, impoverished

DES MOINES—Winter is just around the corner and for Iowa's homeless and impoverished, cold temperatures present a threat. That's why Burlington Coat Factory in Des Moines and Hope Ministries are stepping in to provide warm winter wear for those in need.

From Saturday, November 1, until Friday, January 16, Burlington Coat Factory will collect coats and jackets as part of this year's **Warm Coats & Warm Hearts Drive** coordinated by the national organization **One Warm Coat®** and ABC's Good Morning America. The coats will be distributed through Hope Ministries to homeless and low-income men, women and children who would otherwise go without.

"We welcome coats of all sizes," said Leon Negen, president/CEO of Hope Ministries. "The Warm Coats & Warm Hearts drive is a wonderful way for caring individuals and families to pass along coats and jackets they no longer need."

Donors can bring clean, gently used coats to Burlington Coat Factory, 4094 Merle Hay Road in Des Moines, during business hours. All donated coats will be given to Hope Ministries for distribution in the low-income and homeless community.

"We are grateful to Burlington Coat Factory for their commitment to the homeless and hurting in our community," said Leon Negen, president/CEO of Hope Ministries.

One Warm Coat® is a national, non-profit organization that began in 1992. Since its inception, more than 750,000 coats have been collected and distributed.

Hope Ministries is a local, privately funded organization dedicated to providing food, shelter, clothing and recovery support to Iowa's homeless and hungry.

To learn more about Hope Ministries and the **Warm Coats & Warm Hearts** drive, contact David Burrier, community relations officer at (515) 729-4673 or dburrier@hopeiowa.org, or visit www.hopeiowa.org.

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