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# Coats for Kids

Knights of Columbus Council 6488



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Through the Stella  
Charitable  
Foundation, we  
have donated over  
100 coats for 2023

Winter is just around the corner which makes us think about searching our closets for warm outerwear. Unfortunately, there are many who find their closets bare when it comes to putting warm coats on our children. We want to make sure that this is not the case in Calgary especially in our community and the surge of newly arrived evacuee families, refugees and the migration from other provinces..



## Charities Supported

2023 has been a demanding year with an excessive influx of immigrants, migration of people and added poverty. We were allocated 108 coats for the year and unfortunately all our donor needs were not fulfilled. Coats were distributed to the following agencies:

-Saint Vincent DePaul Society

St John's Reception Centre

-Made by Momma

-St Stephen's Ukrainian Church

-St Augustine School

-St Catherine's School



## WHO WE ARE

Stella Charitable Foundation is an arm of the Knights of Columbus Council 6488. Under this mandate, we have allocated 108 coats of different sizes for both boys and girls. The demand had been so great that we were not able to supply numerous agencies with their full allocation.

Under the direction of our Community Director, Paul Thompson and his two volunteers Wally Smelski and Mark Banjevich, we used our discretion of where our coats were to be distributed.

We saw many excited children and parents knowing that they will receive some comfort and warmth this coming winter.

Council 6488 members of St Gerard's Catholic Church are a vibrant and enthusiastic small group of men with big hearts. Under our leadership of Grand Knight Greg Bertsch and support of Fr. Ignatius Tran many families received gifts of monies, supplies and food.

