

COATS FOR KIDS

# Business is collecting for charity

Anton's Cleaners in Chelmsford is once again calling on residents to help make this winter a little warmer for children, teens and adults in need throughout eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

Anton's has just kicked off its 15th annual Coats for Kids winter coat drive with a goal of collecting 60,000 coats in good, wearable condition before Jan. 9, 2010. In Chelmsford, coats can be dropped off at the Anton's store, 288

Chelmsford St.

Since its inception in 1995, Coats for Kids has distributed more than 550,000 coats, representing \$6.5 million in donated cleaning costs. Last year alone, nearly 65,000 coats were collected with a large number of those coming in through the Corporate Partners and school program.

Once collected and cleaned, coats will be distributed through the Coats for Kids Distribution Partners network, which includes organizations such as Massachusetts Community Action Programs (MASSCAP),

Salvation Army, Cradles to Crayons, Middlesex Human Service Agency, BUMC: Outreach Van Project, Lowell Wish Project, Community Giving Tree, Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell, Strafford County Community Action, Catholic Charities, Dorchester House MSC, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, Carolina Hill Shelter, Taunton State Hospital, South Shore Day Care Services, Codman Square Health Center, Children's Services of Roxbury and Harbour House Family Shelter.

