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Arthur Anton, Jr., VP of Anton's Cleaners; Mary A. Shepherd, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Newton; Michael J. Parillo, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Newton.

Success for Coats for Kids

Anton's Cleaners' Newton store was the location and Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Newton was the donor as Coats for Kids reached an impressive milestone this month by collecting the 500,000th coat since the drive began 14 years ago. Anton's also has stores in Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Mary A. Shepherd, Coordinator, Health Education and Promotion for Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, and Michael J. Parillo, Medical Payments Posting Representative for Harvard Vanguard, presented the coats to Anton's Cleaners' Vice President, Arthur

Anton, Jr.

"We are very proud of this success," Anton said. "This achievement confirms the hard work and dedication of the many individuals, schools, and businesses, as well as our promotional and distribution partners and the many Anton's employees, who have worked hard over the past 14 years to make Coats for Kids the success it has become. But most importantly, this number reflects the half-million people who have benefited from the generosity of their friends and neighbors for the past 13 winters."

Now celebrating its 14th year, the Coats for Kids drive

runs through Dec. 31, with the goal of collecting 60,000 gently used children and adults coats. The coats are cleaned at no charge by Anton's and distributed throughout eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire by social services organizations through the Coats for Kids' distribution network. Coats can be dropped off at any of Anton's 44 stores, or any Jordan's Furniture outlet.

For more information about Coats for Kids, or to sign up as a Corporate Partner or Distribution Partner, visit www.anton.com or call the Coats for Kids hotline at 800-659-0069.

