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City of Jersey City Partners with Jersey Cares On Winter Coat Drive

Coat Donations will be Collected at City Hall Through Dec. 15th

JERSEY CITY – Mayor **Jerramiah T. Healy** announced today that the **City of Jersey City** has partnered with the volunteer organization **Jersey Cares** on the **16th Annual Jersey Cares Coat Drive** to help needy Jersey City residents stay warm this winter.

Clean, gently used coats in all sizes will be collected in a large bin at **City Hall, 280 Grove Street**, now through **December 15th, 2011**. Residents wishing to make donations can come to City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

“During this Holiday season, we are asking everyone to take a few minutes, go through their closet, and see if there is a winter coat they no longer use and donate it to someone in need,” said **Mayor Healy**. “If everyone does this, I know we can reach hundreds of children and adults.”

The coats will be distributed to shelters, religious organizations, and community centers in Jersey City that have people in need of warm clothing for the winter. Those organizations who have contacted Jersey Cares to receive coats are: The Sharing Place, Hope House, the International Institute of New Jersey, Mt. Sinai Gospel Church, the York Street Project, and the Parish of the Resurrection.

Any organization wishing to become a coat recipient can register online by Friday, Dec. 2, 2011 by logging onto to the Jersey Cares website at jerseycares.org.

About Jersey Cares

Jersey Cares increases civic engagement in New Jersey by coordinating volunteer opportunities to address community-identified needs.

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Jersey Cares, a nonprofit organization, established in 1993, recruits and engages volunteers in rewarding, effective efforts that address community-identified needs. We partner with local nonprofits to identify needs and implement volunteer projects to meet these needs. We provide individuals, families, corporate employees and community groups with a wide variety of volunteer opportunities that range from tutoring children to painting new murals in schools.

Jersey Cares is an affiliate of the Hands on Network, an innovative alliance of volunteer catalysts throughout the world. Volunteering with Jersey Cares is easy; once you have registered and logged in, choose from hundreds of opportunities in our Monthly Calendar Projects, participate in an Annual Event, run a Collection Drive or get your company involved in our Corporate Service Program.

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