

Frostburg Lions Club gears up for third Coats for Kids Drive

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FROSTBURG — The Frostburg Lions Club will conduct the third annual Coats for Kids (and adults) drive on Oct. 30 at the Hotel Gunter and First United Bank, Frostburg. Coats will be collected at both locations from 9 a.m. to noon.

The coat collection program, begun three years ago by the Frostburg Lions, has netted some 650 coats for the Salvation Army, the benefactor of the drive. Coats for all are collected.

"This is a great program," said club president Bill Munck. "No child should be cold at the bus stop."

Donations should be clean and in good repair. Cash contributions are also accepted, and all funds will go directly to the Salvation Army for coat purchases.

Garments will be delivered to the Salvation Army in Cumberland for free distribution to those in need this winter. Last year the coat drive happened right at a cold snap, and the Salvation Army had run out of



Standing with some of the more than 300 coats collected in the Coats for Kids drive last year, from the left, are Lions Cindy Powers, Joe Mills, Tina Gormley, Pat Gormley and Bill Munck.

coats. More than 300 coats were collected.

Winter outdoor drives are conducted by other Lions Clubs including the Hagerstown Lions, who have collected nearly \$1 million in used coats for free distribution in that area. At \$20 a coat, the value of last year's collection

by the Frostburg Lions would be \$6,000.

Coats can be dropped off at the Gunter Hotel on Main Street, and at First United Bank, state Route 36, Frostburg.

For more information about the Coats for Kids Program, call 301-687-0212.