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Company and Employees Help fight Homelessness in Detroit

(Detroit, MI) - Detroit Thermal and its employees worked with Coalition on Temporary Shelter - Detroit (COTS) to help solve the problem of homelessness in Detroit.

The company contributed funds to help COTS meet the expenses involved in providing emergency shelter, transitional housing and supportive housing for physically or mentally challenged homeless adults. Detroit Thermal employees are contributing in other ways, and in December, they donated new and almost new clothing for COTS residents.

"We collected bags full of clothing, including many men's coats, which COTS officials said they badly needed," said Kimberlee Simuel, administrative assistant in the steam distribution department. Simuel had served as a volunteer at the COTS and brought the needs of the organization to the attention of Detroit Thermal management.

Employees intend to stay involved with COTS and to assist in activities such as preparing and serving food at the shelter.

COTS is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping homeless individuals and families break the cycle of homelessness. It serves approximately 2,000 homeless individuals a year at its emergency shelter and close to 260 individuals and families in its transitional and permanent housing program. More than 20 percent of those served in the shelter are children who enter with their families.

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