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# **Labor Department Employees Check Their Closets, Toy Boxes and Pockets for Charitable Causes**

*Donations Made to Salvation Army of Greater Hartford*

WETHERSFIELD, Nov. 18, 2011 – Labor Department employees are working with the Greater Hartford Salvation Army once again, running simultaneous, charitable events – collecting new and gently-used winter apparel and toys for Hartford area residents from Nov. 16 to Dec. 15.

### **Coat and Sweater Drive – runs through Dec. 10**

Employees from the Labor Department’s Central Office and Annex locations will be donating new or gently-used coats and sweaters. At the project’s end, all the collected apparel will be donated to the Salvation Army of Greater Hartford and will be distributed by that organization to people in need living in the Hartford area.

For the past 15 years, the coat and sweater drive effort has been a huge success and organized as a competition event among employees from different floors of the Department of Labor’s Central Office building and the offices located in its Annex location. Employees from the winning floor or DOL Annex office will receive a “dress down day”.

“The Department has been conducting the coat and sweater drive in this manner for some time now and our employees are always more than happy to contribute,” Labor Commissioner Glenn Marshall said. “It’s always rewarding to know that we’re making a contribution and helping others.”

### **Information Technology Unit’s Annual Toy Drive – runs through Dec 15**

Hoping to help spread some extra holiday cheer to young people living in the Hartford area who might otherwise do without, employees in the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Information Technology unit are once again working with the Salvation Army of Greater Hartford to sponsor the groups’ annual toy drive now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year.

Labor Department employees are asked to bring in new, unwrapped toys, or make donations via cash or check to the Salvation Army to buy whatever additional toys are needed or requested.

“Our IT Toy drive is a holiday tradition in this agency,” Commissioner Marshall notes. “It’s always gratifying to see the generosity of DOL employees; they are always so willing to reach out and help make the holiday season a little happier for the young people who live in the area. I’m confident that our employees will come through again this year, as they always have.”

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