

# Heart 2 Heart Hugs Spreading Love Across Delaware

DOVER – Valentine’s Day is not just for sweethearts. Thursday, February 14 is the day that Schools and Foster Care Programs throughout Delaware will be able to pick up all the warm winter clothes collected by GACEC in their Heart 2 Heart Hugs annual campaign. Donations can still be dropped off at the GACEC office located in the old train station at 516 Loockerman Street in Dover.

Sue O’Day from Fleece for Keeps of Wilmington donated 65 blankets. (see photo and cutline below) Project Warm donated 800 winter coats and people from the community and other state agencies donated new store bought and handmade items for distribution.

This years distribution is on Valentines day with distribution to schools and foster care programs across Delaware. Some claim that this is too late for such a campaign. Wendy Strauss responded, “ Some of the items do go to students this winter. Mostly the schools need their inventory restocked so they have it when the need arises at the beginning and throughout the school year. Right now, retail stores are reducing their winter wear so it is a good time to buy and donate to the campaign.”

There is still time to donate! Staff will be at the office today until 4 p.m. if you would like to drop off donations. For additional information please contact Kathie Cherry by calling 302-739-4553 or email her at [Kathie.cherry@gacec.k12.de.us](mailto:Kathie.cherry@gacec.k12.de.us) and if you would like to donate items for Delaware’s homeless children.

