



# WARM THE CHILDREN

*Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need*

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### **COMMUNITY HELPING TO KEEP CHILDREN WARM THIS WINTER**

Although Western New York enjoyed beautiful, autumn weather, cold temperatures, snow and ice are now in the forecast. This fall, more than 500 youngsters are prepared for the cold weather.

As temperatures dip, youngsters participating in this year's *Warm the Children* program have winter jackets, warm hats, gloves and cuddly pajamas, courtesy of caring individuals, organizations and local foundations, which have made generous contributions to this year's *Warm the Children* program. "For a single dad dealing with cancer, he is relieved that his two children have the warm clothes they need for winter," notes Elizabeth Angelbeck, who coordinates the program for Rotary each fall. For many children, selecting new clothing helps them feel that they fit in, adds Angelbeck.

Over 85 community volunteer shoppers, who accompany families to Walmart, share stories of gratefulness on the part of parents, grandparents and even great grandparents, after they've shopped for their children. "I am so blessed to be a part of this wonderful program," expressed a Hamburg grandmother, who is helping raise her grandchildren.

*Warm the Children* is the grateful beneficiary of donations from East Hill Foundation, Hamburg & Frontier Central Retirees Associations; Alice L. Say Foundation, West Herr Auto Group, along with other community organizations and caring individuals. Warm the Children truly kicks off the season of giving!

Tax deductible donations are still being accepted. Giving levels include: *Joyful Benefactor* (\$500 or higher); *Caring Supporter* (\$200-\$499); *Special Friend* (\$100-\$199). However, donations in **ANY** amount are greatly appreciated! Those wishing to contribute may do so by making checks payable to **Warm the Children Fund**, and either mailing or bringing donations to EBT Bank, 5999 S. Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY 14075. Or, contributions may be made online at [www.hamburgrotaryclub.org/SitePage/warm-the-children](http://www.hamburgrotaryclub.org/SitePage/warm-the-children).

