

Plainedge Community Coat Drive

For over twenty years the Plainedge Council of PTAs has organized a Community Coat Drive. This year 1,412 coats were collected, sorted and distributed to local organizations that get them to people in need. The coats are collected in all of our schools and brought to John H West.

The coats are then sorted, bagged and distributed to local outreaches and families who need them. The coats were collected by the PTAs, Merchants Insurance Group and the Independent Insurance Agents of Nassau and Suffolk, the Case Management Society of Long Island and Boy Scout Troop 205 from Syosset. These coats were distributed by the Knights of Pythias to outreaches and shelters on Long Island, NYC and Westchester. They also went to many local families and outreach centers.

The drive was coordinated by Joan and Jack Geagan. The individual Chairpersons were Judy /Szalay (High School), Siobban Marsh (Middle School), Maria Freeman (Eastplain), Denise Dimakopoulos (Schwartzing), Kerry Gruter, Cathy Dietz and Karyn Orlando (West). This endeavor would not be possible without the continued cooperation of Mrs Muscarella and the staff at John H West. Since the start of this undertaking, our community has continued to come together and helped to keep over 35,000 people warm.