our mission

Operation Warm is #morethanacoat

For a child, a brand new winter coat can be #morethanacoat—it can change a child’s life and empower them with greater self-confidence and increased school attendance. We manufacture and provide a thoughtfully designed collection of brand new winter coats to children in need, helping improve self-confidence, peer acceptance, school attendance and overall wellness. Give to Operation Warm or start your own fundraiser or run your own community coat program to be part of our cause and make a real difference today.
More than 15 million children - nearly 1 in 5 kids - live in poverty in the United States.

In addition to experiencing a lack of adequate food, clothing and shelter, a typical child living below the poverty line:

- Experiences developmental delays that put him two to four years below grade level
- Suffers from obesity and nutritional deficiency
- Is often ill with chronic conditions
- May have elevated blood lead levels, which are associated with serious behavior and learning problems
- Misses a high percentage of school days and is likely to drop out of school before graduating high school
- Is likely to remain poor and uneducated as an adult.
What does it mean to partner with Operation Warm?

Operation Warm functions as a highly efficient nonprofit organization. Last year, 95% of the funding we raised went directly to our coat programs. In order for us to accomplish this, we rely heavily on our program partners, who act as an extension of our mission.

Each year, we work with thousands of organizations across the country. Our program partners are essential in allowing us to reach more children and continue our national growth.

Our partners come from a variety of backgrounds – from civil servants and municipal clubs, to local businesses and corporate sponsors. Some help us identify children in need and deliver coats to children, while others assist us with funding, volunteering or cause marketing.
firefighters

Providing a gift of warmth to children in each community they protect, Firefighters have become the heroes on the front lines of Operation Warm’s mission – giving brand new, USA-made coats.

corporate

Business and corporate partners are important in bringing the Operation Warm mission to life. We are grateful for the support of businesses of every size – from small mom-and-pop shops to Fortune 100 companies.

rotary clubs

Operation Warm got its start as a project of the Rotary Club of Longwood in Kennett Square PA. Since that time, hundreds of clubs have provided our new winter coats to children in their communities.
brand new winter coats

Why do we offer kids in need brand new coats? Operation Warm believes that every child, regardless of circumstance, deserves their own brand new coat. While other organizations collect used coats, Operation Warm works with manufacturers to create our own line of carefully crafted winter coats.

By making our own coats, we control the quality and ensure these brand new winter coats become a daily source of pride and joy for children, who rarely feel the emotion associated with receiving a gift that was made just for them.
leadership

Dick is a lifelong entrepreneur and philanthropist. He began his career at Arthur Anderson and was VP of Finance and Executive Vice President of Commodore International. He went on to found Intelligent Electronics, which grew to a $3.7 billion dollar wholesale distributor of micro-products and services. In 1998 Dick started The Sanford Foundation to support disadvantaged children. The first charter school in Pennsylvania was an early product and today that school, known as The Chester County Family Academy, operates in West Chester, PA. He has served on the Board of the Brandywine Museum and Conservancy. In 1998 Dick founded Operation Warm.

Stephanie Cohen currently serves as Chief Financial Officer. She brings more than 20 years of finance, operations, and consulting experience with a focus on business development (mergers & acquisitions, public offerings), process improvement, and financial control in both public and private companies. She served as SVP and CFO of Alliance Consulting (acquired by Safeguard Scientifcs); EVP and CFO of XLConnect Solutions (acquired by Xerox, formerly owned by Intelligent Electronics); and in various executive capacities at Intelligent Electronics. Ms. Cohen has a BS Accountancy from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and is a CPA, having started her career with KPMG Peat Marwick
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COATS FOR KIDS NIGHT
Levante Taproom
Fri Sept 8th

Operation Warm Coats for Kids Night at Levante
Tomorrow 4:30 PM - Levante Brewing - West Chester
You like RUN INSPIRED Race Series

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Brand new coats bring happiness to kids in need #WednesdayWisdom

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."
~ Mahatma Ghandi

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Run Inspired 10K

At Winterthur, 9:30 a.m. Entry is $50 by Oct. 20; $55-$75 thereafter. Amenities include tech shirts, finishing medal, goodie bag, refreshments. Awards to top three overall male and female finishers and top three in age classes. Benefits Operation Warm. Visit www.runinspiredraces.com.
testimonials

“Thank you for the warm and toasty coat. When I put it on, I was amazed. I felt like a fire. I feel like spring in very cold weather. I love it!”

Cecilia, Operation Warm Kid

“In 2017, we will celebrate our 10th year of serving underprivileged children in greater Philadelphia. We will give our 300,000th coat through our Driving Away the Cold program. Operation Warm has been an indispensable partner since day one. The talented and compassionate team has guided us through the logistics and helped us connect with strategic beneficiaries so that our new coats land in communities where the need is greatest.”

Mary Lynn Alvarino
Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation