

Winter coats welcome refugees settling into the Fox Valley Families are equipped for the cold weather, thanks to local partnership

FOX VALLEY – As colder weather has arrived; Wisconsinites know how important it is to have a winter coat. This year, Goodwill North Central Wisconsin (Goodwill NCW) is partnering with World Relief Fox Valley to provide nearly 50 children and adult coats for refugees newly settling into the community.

“We are glad our partners at World Relief reached out to us to help meet this need for refugee families,” Jill Henselin, Goodwill NCW retail leader said. “Owning warm winter wear is a critical part of adjusting to a healthy, productive life in Wisconsin.”

Daniel Vang, Resource Coordinator at World Relief Fox Valley, expressed his gratitude for the coats, saying that they could not come at a better time. World Relief Fox Valley welcomes refugees into local communities, from Appleton to Oshkosh, and supports them during the initial resettlement period with services including supplying basic necessities, securing housing and enrolling children in school.

“We value our partnership with World Relief Fox Valley, which extends beyond meeting basic needs. We also provide skill training sessions that focus on helping refugees transition into the workforce as they look for sustained employment to become financially stable,” Mike Garrigan, Manager of Programs and Partnerships at Goodwill NCW said.

The ongoing partnership with World Relief Fox Valley advances Goodwill NCW’s mission of Elevating People by Eliminating Barriers to Employment and strengthens communities through the power of work.