

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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HELP THOSE AT HOME AND/OR OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS

Legislator Browning's Office Drop-Off Site for Several Donation Programs

Mastic, NY - Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) would like to inform her constituents about several collection boxes in her office where donations will go towards families in need or troops overseas.

During these tough economic times even more families are finding themselves in need of assistance to stay warm during the winter. These local families desperately need: **COATS, SWEATSHIRTS, SWEATERS, and BLANKETS (NEW OR GENTLY USED – ALL SIZES NEEDED)**.

The effort is being organized by Every Child's Dream. In December Every Child's Dream is having a Holiday Celebration for approximately 400 homeless and needy individuals in Suffolk County to share in the spirit of the season.

In addition, there is a Christmas drive called "100 Gifts for 100 Soldiers" to help collect needed supplies for our troops serving overseas. The items will be delivered to the 173rd Paratroopers located in Afghanistan to remind our soldiers the we appreciate all that they do.

Each soldier will receive a camouflage stocking. Items needed include: **snacks, gum, tic tacs, slim jims, granola bars, protein bars, candy, tooth paste, toothbrush, foot powder, deodorant, baby wipes, shampoo and bar soap.**

"Whether it is a local family struggling to pay their LIPA bill or a soldier celebrating Christmas in Afghanistan, we can all give a little to make a difference in their lives," stated Legislator Browning. "I am glad to offer my office as a drop off location and encourage everyone to lend a helping hand."

The deadline for donations is **Wednesday, December 8, 2010**. Legislator Browning's office is located at 1120 Montauk Hwy., Suite G, Mastic, NY 11950. If you need help with directions, please call 631-852-1300. You can make donations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Donations are appreciated and will help keep families warm this winter season. They will also let our troops know we appreciate the sacrifices they make every day so we can enjoy our freedoms here at home.

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