

## COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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## SPRING IS COMING!

### *Don't Throw Away Old Coats, Donate for a Good Cause*

**Mastic, NY** – It has been a warm winter but the need for coats for the less fortunate continues to rise. Over 3,000 families throughout Suffolk County are in daily need of food and clothing. That's why Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) is teaming up with Lighthouse Mission Inc. of Bellport to collect coats and food for their programs within the community.

Spring is around the corner and many families will be discarding old and excess coats. Winter or spring jackets are welcome. Legislator Browning is asking that families drop these items off to her office in Mastic so that these vital items can be distributed to families for the remainder of this year as well as next winter. Additionally, there is a great need for food for the less fortunate in Suffolk County. Lighthouse Mission Inc. distributes food at various locations throughout the third legislative district and they are in need of non-perishable items.

“Organizations like the Red Cross and their Meals on Wheels programs are either being reduced or shutting down,” stated Pastor Jim of Lighthouse Mission Inc. “With the economy still struggling to rebound the need for food and clothing continues to go up. We are in desperate need of clothing and food, and this joint effort with Legislator Browning will be a blessing for the 3,000 plus people that are served every day here in Suffolk County.”

“I am honored to be teaming up with Pastor Jim and all the wonderful volunteers at Lighthouse Mission,” stated Legislator Browning. “We are lucky that it has been such a warm winter, however the need for coats has never been greater and food supplies continue to lag behind the demand in Suffolk County. I am hopeful the residents of the third district will continue to display the goodwill they have always shown for those in need.”

Coats and non-perishable food can be dropped off at Legislator Browning's office at 1120 Montauk Highway, Suite G in Mastic, NY 11950. Interested residents can contact the legislator at 631-852-1300 if they have any questions.

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