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Dear Volunteers, Donors, Sponsors, and Friends

COK is now in its eleventh year, and it's clear that since our inception, the need for school clothing assistance in our community is significant. Over the past ten plus years, COK has distributed nearly 183,000 articles of clothing to approximately 31,000 children and is able to meet that demand for new school clothing thanks to your continued support of COK's Mission.

The year 2022 came with several challenges which will continue into 2023. These include supporting all the Sussex County middle school kids in need -- larger size clothes are expensive! Late in 2022 we answered many calls for clothing from family shelters and emergency family relief services. Clearly, the need is great. We have re-doubled our efforts to reach out to all head start and preschool programs while keeping up with the elementary school demand thanks to Karen Borges and her group at the Center.

Appreciation also goes to Chris Kellogg and his team for managing a very successful golf outing and to Monica Anthenelli and Diane Poletti for their efforts organizing several new clothing drives last year.

On many levels and in many ways, we are all "behind the scenes" when helping the kids. Having the school nurse/counselor/teacher present the clothes is a big deal. Some have said they're touched by the reaction when the child receives the clothing package, and they feel like superheroes.

COK has come a long way in eleven years but none of our work would have been possible without support from each and every one of you. So, for your kindness and for providing hope and promise to those who have so little: Thank You So Very Much from me personally and the COK Board of Directors

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Blouin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bob Blouin, President
It's all about the Kids!

As Founder Mary Rio recently said: "It's not just about new clothes, it's about a new life."

