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## CLOTHING OUR KIDS (COK) – DECEMBER 1

### COK IS SERVING ALL SEVEN SUSSEX COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAMS

During COK's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in 2022, we pledged to redouble our efforts to reach the kids in the Sussex County Head Start Programs. Of course, Head Start was established to help babies living in poverty obtain a "head start" with their education, so we're aligned in our missions.

Stalled during the pandemic with some facilities closing permanently and others short on staffing, Sussex County has reestablished seven Head Start Programs to date serving more than 200 children in need. Under the persistent work of Head Start Manager Susan O'Doherty, COK Volunteer Center staff shopped for and filled bins of clothing for three of the locations in 2022. This year COK is fully operational at all seven programs. All bins contain an assortment of hoodies, socks, pants, and shirts. COK also appreciates the support of the Long Neck Methodist Church which is currently hosting a clothing drive for Head Start sized children.

Pictured are COK Head Start Manager Susan O'Doherty and her husband Jim after helping Center Staff pack and label the bins for delivery to the Head Start Programs.



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

