



October

STAR: Students Together Assisting Refugees

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COAT DRIVE

FOR REFUGEE HOPE PARTNERS

One of STAR's goals was to work with local and global organizations to help refugees in our own community. With the North Carolina winter approaching, our friends at Refugee Hope Partners (RHP) told us about their urgent need to provide refugees with warm coats. RHP believes in the importance of creating independence for refugees. As a result, these coat donations are sold to local refugees at a minimal price to emphasize their new financial independence.



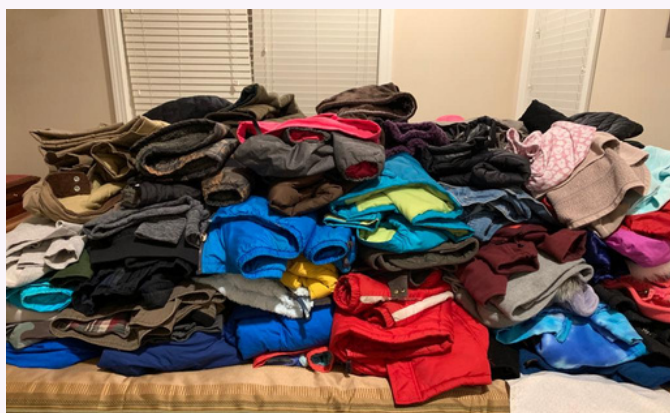
Over 100 coats donated!

Over the course of two weeks, STAR (Students Together Assisting Refugees) donated over 100 coats towards Refugee Hope Partners. The donations continued to come in, leaving STAR with enough donations to provide refugees at CWS Durham with some warm coats as well. Refugee Hope Partners commented on how they were so happy to see STAR's donation already providing tens of refugees with warm coats!



Picture Gallery

coat drive



OCTOBER UPDATE

1. **Slovakia:** As of October 2022, close to 900,000 refugees from Ukraine and neighboring nations have entered Slovakia. Slovakia has granted 90,790 people temporary protection status. Slovakia is facing the largest influx of refugees ever. UNHCR has been conducting protection profiling to help Slovakia through monitoring and documenting data at border points and point of transit [1].
2. **Rohingya Refugees:** As of October 2022, there are over 900,000 Rohingya refugees in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazilas. One site, the Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion site, hosts more than 635,000 Rohingya refugees. The UN High Commissioner on Human Rights calls for a halt on forcibly returning refugees to Myanmar due to the rising coup [2]. More on the Myanmar crisis in our next issue.



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