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Dear National Board members, Metropolis Board members, Chapter presidents, stewards and friends of Philoptochos,

So many of us have experienced the chill of an unexpected cold snap, that shiver that gets into your bones and lingers until we can wrap ourselves in the warmth of coats and outerwear that crowd our closets. In our midst however there are so many people who do not have that luxury and for whom the cold and harsh weather is a constant and unwelcome companion.

With winter quickly approaching, National Philoptochos is excited to announce our partnership with **One Warm Coat**, a San Francisco based organization that has facilitated the distribution of more than four million coats to the needy and unfortunate.

This partnership will allow friends and stewards of Philoptochos to participate in a project that will directly benefit the people in your own community. Participating chapters will gather coats and outerwear and then choose an agency that will distribute the coats. And, if you are unable to identify a distribution center, **One Warm Coat** will help you find one in your community.

Do you have an extra coat or jacket or coat deep in the recesses of your closet? Well, this is the time to put it to good use. Philoptochos and **One Warm Coat** will help you organize a coat drive that your entire community can participate in. After registering on line with onewarmcoat.org you will receive free tools to help organize the event, along with banners, flyers, a thermometer for your goal, stickers, thank you letters and much, much more. If you would like the name and location of an agency that will accept and distribute your coats, free of charge, please go to onewarmcoat.org and choose "Select a Nonprofit Drop off Partner", enter your zip code and the information will be available.

Philoptochos has chosen the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to gather and distribute the coats. Chapters may select the dates of your drive so that the coats and jackets can be distributed during the holiday season. **One Warm Coat** will also keep track of all the **Philoptochos** donations so that we can accurately assess our impact nationwide, which will also be reported on our website at www.philoptochos.org.

We hope that you will join in this team effort to collect clothing items that will keep our brother and sisters in Christ warm as we enter the holiday season. What a great way to involve our entire church family as we do this vital ministry!

Your sister in Christ,

Maria Logus
National Philoptochos President