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EBR Schools to Help Provide Holiday Coats for Students, Families

BATON ROUGE, LA — The East Baton Rouge Parish School System, in partnership with the Good Fellows–Good Samaritans charitable organization, is helping provide coats to families.

Elementary school counselors from across the district will gather from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the old Louisiana Resource Center for Educators building (now Belfair Baptist Church) at 5550 Florida Blvd. They will collect donated coats from the organization to distribute to students whose families have signed up through their school.

Each year, Good Fellows–Good Samaritans provides coats and other holiday gifts to families identified by school counselors based on need. Counselors submit forms on behalf of participating students and Good Fellows fulfills each request. They typically purchase a coat for every child under 13 years old in a qualifying household.

“This partnership means everything to us,” said Barbara Tate, of the Department of Counseling. “We love being able to give back to the community. Good Fellows–Good Samaritans takes on this task of donating to our students, and we’re excited about just being able to serve and make sure those kids have a great Christmas.”

This year, counselors said about 300 EBR Schools families will receive coats through the program.

During the pickup event, counselors will check in, receive their assigned bags and load them into their vehicles. Most counselors hold the items until just before the winter break to provide families with holiday-timed support.

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