

GAB: DJJ collecting clothing for victims

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AUGUSTA -- The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice has announced that staff members have collected hundreds of pounds of warm clothing to be donated to women and children who have been victims of domestic violence.

Since Nov. 26, staff members from facilities like the Gwinnett Regional Youth Detention Center partnered with organizations like the Partnership Against Domestic Violence in the efforts.

Some facilities were so overwhelmed with donations that they had to arrange for early drop-offs to shelters in the community. All drop-offs will be complete by Jan. 9.

"In these difficult times, more families in our communities are finding themselves in need of help," said Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner L. Gale Buckner.

"With this clothing drive, we at DJJ hope to help those in need as well as raise youth and staff awareness about domestic violence and encourage our youth to have empathy toward others who are in need," Buckner said.

For more information about the DJJ or to learn about other charitable efforts, visit www.djj.state.ga.us.

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