

“Baby, It’s Cold Outside”



Unfortunately, there are many among us who do not have the appropriate clothing to stay warm during the cold winter months. Thanks to a joint effort between Marshal Kim Mihelic of Reno Municipal Court and the Volunteers of America, over 100 cold weather jackets and about 150 hats, gloves and socks were collected for those in need in our community. The event was organized to allow court staff and the general public to easily donate new or slightly used clothing at the courthouse.

Marshal Mihelic states there were two primary reasons for her overwhelming desire to help others. Prior to coming to work at Reno Municipal Court, Marshal Mihelic was employed with Nevada’s Department of Parole and Probation (P&P). During this time, her home was burglarized during the Christmas season. In addition to jewelry, electronics and clothing, all of the wrapped presents for her two sons were stolen. When she returned to work the following week, her office was filled with wrapped gifts for her sons, gift cards to replace clothing and thoughtful notes from children of other law enforcement officers throughout Northern Nevada. Suffice is to say the family had a warm and happy Christmas due to the generosity of others. The second reason for Marshal Mihelic’s strong desire to help others was a court case where an in-custody defendant was being charged with petty theft for stealing a hat and gloves because he was homeless and cold.

All the items collected were given to Volunteers of America, who will redistribute the clothing through Good Shepherd Clothes Closet. Volunteers of America also operate emergency shelters for women and families as well as the Northern Nevada men’s shelter.