

ANNUAL COAT EXCHANGE



Every year people all over the United States spend the day after Thanksgiving kicking off the holiday season by taking advantage of the many opportunities offered by retail outlets.

The Community Coat Exchange is a collection and distribution of winter coats and other winter clothing items, organized by Blue Sky Institute (BSI). The event is held every year the day after Thanksgiving between 10am and 1pm.

This year the event will take place at Pioneer Park.

“The Community Coat Exchange focuses on concerns about the ecological and psychological consequences of our consumer culture and the impact of our consumerism on society,”

--Deanna Taylor

Deanna Taylor, founder of BSI and resident of Fairpark, reflects about past coat exchange events: *“This event is brings the whole community together. We have people come with coats from many communities in Salt*

Lake City, Park City, Provo and all along the Wasatch Front. The coat exchange has become an annual event that people look forward to. ”

Several locations around the country have organized Coat Exchanges besides Utah's events, in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Oregon.

“I would love to see the Fairpark Community, the community in which I live, become active in this event,” -- Deanna Taylor.

People can bring their coats to the event itself.

Coats can also be dropped off at any of the drop off centers before Thanksgiving (listed at the website). To become listed as a drop off center, people and organizations should contact Taylor.

At the event, no questions are asked: If you need a coat, come get one. If you want to exchange a coat, bring the coat you want to donate and take one in exchange. If you have a donation of coats, we know people who can use them.

Leftover coats are donated to the [Crossroads Urban Center Thrift Store](#), a project of the Crossroads Urban Center which advocates for low income and homeless people. The Crossroads Urban Center Thrift Store gives clothes away to low income people and also sells clothes and other goods in its retail shop to the general public to help fund the Crossroads Urban Center programs.

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