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Portneuf Medical Center Press Release

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Portneuf Medical Center Shares Warmth of the Season With Those in Need

Portneuf Medical Employee Association donates over 200 coats to area needy

Pocatello - Portneuf Medical Center employees delivered over 500 pounds of donated coats and shoes to the Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA) today. Winters are cold in Southeast Idaho, and for those with few resources buying a warm coat and shoes can be challenge. To help our community keep warm this winter, the Portneuf Medical Employee Association (PMEA) organized a coat and shoe drive in early October. Representatives placed donation boxes throughout the hospital and employees and community members contributed over a quarter ton of coats, shoes, and other winter items. "This is only the second year we have done this so we had no idea what to expect, but when had two giant bins filled after the first week, we knew the project would help a lot of people," said Amber Tubbs, president of PMEA. "It's overwhelming and a desperately needed donation for area residents" said Rilla James, Bannock County Coordinator of SEICAA. The agency will distribute the coats and shoes to those in need throughout southeast Idaho and can expect more from Portneuf employees in the future.

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