

## *~ONE WARM COAT~*

One Warm Coat is a national coat drive which was started in 1992 by a woman in San Francisco who collected coats locally to help people in her community. Since then, it has become a national drive with groups collecting coats from coast to coast. Since its inception, One Warm Coat has collected more than 400,000 coats, all of which were distributed free of cost to those in need. This year, the Girl Scouts of Palm Glades Council has joined efforts with the One Warm Coat non-profit organization and is collecting coats, jackets, and warm sweaters for distribution to local adults and children in need of warm clothing. Palm Glades Council is the only council in Florida participating in the One Warm Coat program.

Our troop, 239, is a local Junior Girl Scout Troop with 12 girls ranging in age from 10 to 12. Most of the girls started in girl scouts in 2nd grade and have been participating in local charitable events for the past four years, including raising money for the Susan Komen Breast Cancer group and participating in Race for the Cure, collecting baby items for distribution to needy children in the Belle Glade area, baking cookies for the families at Quantum House at St. Mary's Hospital, volunteering at senior citizen centers and collecting books for needy children. The troop will be collecting coats, jackets and sweaters of all sizes from November 1 through November 19th. To make a donation, you can either call the troop and arrange for us to pick-up the donation or drop them off at one of the drop boxes which will be located at several local public schools, including Beacon Cover Intermediate, Independence Middle School, Jupiter Middle School, and BAK Middle School of the Arts. The coats will be distributed around Thanksgiving time to homeless shelters and charitable organizations in our immediate area and in other areas in northern Florida. To make a donation, please call Adrienne Rabinowitz, 744-0860 or 315-1891 or stop by one of the drop boxes at the schools listed above.