



**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated  
Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter**

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**Local Service Organization is Providing Warmth to Those in Need During the Cold Winter Months.**

Sterling, VA--The Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is providing warmth to those in need during the cold winter months.

For many, the holidays symbolize a time of joy, a time to celebrate with family, give and receive gifts, and snuggle up by the fire with loved ones; however, for some in the Loudoun County community, the holidays are causing more despair than joy. With the holidays soon approaching, the weather is getting colder and colder. The need for coats, warm clothes and blankets is becoming more and more evident. For those without the financial means to purchase these items, the need for comfort and warmth can become more of a luxury than a necessity. If not for the help from organizations who provide these goods for free or little to no cost, many would go without these bare necessities. And while these organizations such as the Volunteers of America Chesapeake Leesburg Homeless Shelter and the Resourceful Women's Thrift Store (benefitting a local abused Women's Shelter) are amazing at providing families in need with warm clothes, coats and blankets, they are only as good as those who donate to them, to allow their continued good works.

The Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta (LCAC) is partnering with the Oak Grove Baptist Church and Sigma Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi to collect new and used clothing for men, women and children for the Volunteers of America Chesapeake Leesburg Homeless Shelter and the Resourceful Women's Thrift Store. This Warm Clothing Drive will take place on December 7, 2013 at Oak Grove Baptist Church located at 22870 Dominion Lane in Sterling, VA. The event will take place from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The donations that will be collected directly impact those who call these shelters their homes. They are a needy population that depend on these donations to cloth them during the winter months. At a time when people are busy planning for their personal holiday festivities, the shelters find the holidays to be one of the toughest times of the year, due to lack of donated

goods. This is the second year that LCAC will be conducting a Warm Clothing Drive to benefit these organizations. Last year it was noted that LCAC was the only organization donating large items of warm clothing during the winter months stating that they (the Leesburg Homeless Shelter) were down to almost no clothing at the time LCAC's donations were received, completely replenishing their stock.

If you wish to donate, please visit the LCAC website for a detailed list of needed goods and details of the Warm Clothing Drive—[www.lcacadst.org](http://www.lcacadst.org).

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*Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter (LCAC) is among 980 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a private, non-profit organization with over 250,000 members worldwide. LCAC has about 115 college-educated, predominantly black women who are registered voters and actively engaged in Loudoun County using the national organization's five-point thrust – Educational Development, Economic Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement. Sheryl Tolbert-Johnson is the Chapter President.*