THE STORY OF THE GIVING TREE

Beginning in November 2009, PMHA has set up a giving tree each year for the cold weather season, from November through February. The tree contains hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, earmuffs and small blankets. Individuals and families who visit the PMHA Office lobby are invited to take what they need from the tree. Also, anyone in the community who needs these items can take items from the tree for free – they do not have to be participants in one of PMHA’s housing programs in order to receive items. Anyone who is in need can take the items she/he needs, no questions asked. The only rule is that a person must take only what he/she needs for themselves and/or the children in their household, so that others in need may also have access to the items they need as well. The PMHA office is on the PARTA bus route, so many people of all ages stop in during the winter if they need any cold weather wear and cannot afford to purchase it. The tree is sustained by donations from PMHA staff, various community organizations including KTN, and individual community members. Your donation will help PMHA to stock the giving tree for this cold weather season. Thank you, Suffield Knitters, for your hard work and generous donation!

Did You Know…?

- PMHA provided 1008 items from the giving tree to those in need during the 2018-2019 winter season.
- PMHA received donations from Knitting for Those in Need (KTN), Fit Chicks Inc., Ravenna Rotary, PMHA staff, and individual donors.
- Throughout the winter, PMHA experiences challenges in keeping up with the demand for cold weather wear. We typically run out of items quickly as the weather turns cold and snowy, and it is difficult to keep stock all winter long.
- Your donation today will provide approximately 20-25 infants and toddlers with warm hand-made hats for the 2019-2020 winter season. This is wonderful! On behalf of these infants and toddler, we thank you and express appreciation of your kindness.

“Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.”

-Martin Luther King Jr.