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JCC Crafters Wrap Up Scarf Project with Donations Made to Watertown Urban Mission

WATERTOWN (December 15, 2011)—Crafters on campus at Jefferson Community College (JCC) will be keeping community members warm this winter season! On December 5, a newly formed knitting group called Needlers and Hookers comprised of JCC faculty, staff and students, donated 35 handmade winter accessory items including scarves, mittens, hoods and hats to the Watertown Urban Mission for its annual coat distribution.

“We are just thrilled and so thankful that the faculty, students and staff involved in this club have made such a generous donation of their time, talents and resources,” said Erika F. Flint, Executive Director of the Watertown Urban Mission. “Too many of our friends and neighbors in this community do not have enough winter gloves, mittens, or scarves and this donation will go a long way toward addressing the need. Plus, there’s always something special when an item is handmade.”

The Needlers and Hookers guild, open to the entire campus community, formed in 2011 by colleagues who enjoy fellowship and working with fiber. “We are an EIS (Equality in Stitching) community that does not discriminate based on type, quality, quantity, or speed of needlework produced, or lack thereof,” says C.J. Jackson with a laugh. The group grew to a diverse bunch of novice and seasoned crafters. Over the course of three months, the humanitarian bunch produced twenty-seven scarves, four pairs of mittens, three hoods and a hat for what originally started out as a “scarf” project earmarked for Watertown Urban Mission.

The Watertown Urban Mission brings together community minded individuals, organizations, businesses and churches to help people through difficult times with programs that provide food and drink, offer clothing and other household needs, assist the homeless in finding housing, give the addicted a second chance, aid the sick, and more. With generous donor and volunteer support, the Watertown Urban Mission helps people rise above their circumstances, which, in turn, strengthens the community as a whole.