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Dear Citizens:

Last week I was reminded of another example of the generosity of our citizens.

As far back as the 1980's, Jim Acker at Corsicana Cleaners has managed a coat drive for the less fortunate. People donated their gently used coats to him and his dry cleaners would clean the coats and provide them to those who needed them. The operation grew larger than the space he had, so Jim and his son Mark partnered with the Northside Baptist Church to distribute the coats.

This year Mark estimates they will accept and dry clean more than 350 coats. He says the Northside Baptist Church does a great job of matching up garments with those who really need them. "We usually have a good supply of coats for adults, but what we really need is children's coats."

Although their coat drive is nearing an end, with this unusually cold and wet winter, I wanted to encourage all of us to take another look in the back of our closets and pass along coats probably not being worn. Mark and Jim assure me they will clean and donate coats coming in now, and will accept coats all year and store them until the next seasonal coat drive.

This effort is a three-prong selfless act – our citizens for showing compassion to those less fortunate than they while recognizing that abundance is easy to share, for the Corsicana Cleaners and their original idea and approximately 40 years of contributing something special they have available, and to the Northside Baptist Church, for their part in getting Corsicana's care and compassion into the hands and homes which need it the most.

Do you know someone in Corsicana who makes our city a better place to live for others? I would like to hear about them. Please contact me at [ddenbow@ci.corsicana.tx.us](mailto:ddenbow@ci.corsicana.tx.us) or 903-654-4807.

Sincerely,

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Mayor