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Thank you for your past support of **Warm The Children.** We are grateful! We are pleased to continue our program of providing new winter clothing and footwear for our area's needlest children and once again we ask for your help.

Warm The Children Shoreline Fund serves local families in need in Old Lyme, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Essex, Centerbrook, Deep River, Chester, Westbrook, Clinton, East Haddam and Killingworth. Families will once again have the opportunity to shop for new warm clothing and footwear at Walmart in Old Saybrook.

The program is managed by Warm The Children Shoreline volunteers and the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. A Warm The Children Shoreline volunteer coordinator receives family referrals from town social service offices and assigns them to volunteer shoppers. Shoppers and families meet at Walmart where, with the volunteer shopper's approval, parents and children select new winter clothing and footwear. No money changes hands, Walmart bills Warm The Children Fund for all purchases. Youngsters ages birth to 3 years will receive \$50 worth of new clothing, while those 4 to 18 will receive \$100 worth. Last year 192 families with 404 children were helped because of more than \$32000 in donations from generous people throughout our area.

To simplify donating by mail this year, please use the enclosed envelope. Complete the donation form, make your check payable to **CFMC/Warm The Children Shoreline**, and mail in the enclosed envelope.

If you would like to make your donation by credit card to the **Warm The Children Shoreline Fund**, enter this link in your browser: **bit.ly/WTC-Shoreline or use the QR code below.** You may also visit **MiddlesexCountyCF.org**, click on the "Make A Donation" button for the Fund Catalog, and search Warm The Children Shoreline.

We greatly appreciate your past support and hope we can count on you again this year!

Beebe Miller Fund coordinator Missy Campbell & Susan Denman program coordinator

