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Rocktown Rallies Blanket and Children's Coat Drive for Syrian Refugees

Harrisonburg, VA – November 4, 2015: Rocktown Rallies, a grassroots effort in Harrisonburg, is collecting blankets and children's coats for Syrian refugees from November 7th to December 4th.

The group's volunteers are working a northern Virginia coalition, Help Syrian Refugees, to bring warmth to Syrian refugees in the midst of the history's largest humanitarian crisis. Blankets and coats will be delivered to refugees in camps in southern Turkey in January.

Rocktown Rallies was founded in early September, and focuses on raising funds for international aid organizations working with Syrian refugees, as well as raising awareness about the international Syrian refugee crisis. The group is also involved in efforts to support local refugees from all over the world that have resettled in Harrisonburg.

Rocktown Rallies volunteers understand how critically important it is to help Syrian refugees as winter approaches. "We live in a tremendously generous community," said Alysia Davis, one of the Rocktown Rallies organizers. "Our hope is that local residents will drop off new or their gently used blankets and children's coats so that our community can be a beacon of hope and a source of warmth for people desperately in need."

There are numerous drop-off locations for blanket and coat donations in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. To find a complete list of collection sites, please visit www.rocktownrallies.org/blanket-drive.html. For business sites, drop-off will be available during regular business hours.