

Mocha House Rewards Fabric Service Students for Good Deeds



Old man winter is on his way. Very soon, students will be bundled up in their coats as they wait for the school bus in the morning. **But what if they didn't have a coat?** This is a story about students who are working very hard to make sure this does not occur.

Dr. Patrick Ensminger, a local chiropractor, sponsors a clothing drive for homeless shelters. Many of his patients donate coats for this purpose. These coats are delivered to Mrs. Cathy O'Brien, the instructor of the Fabric Services Program at the TCTC.

The students in the program use their skills to make sure that the coats are mended, washed, dried and are suitable to be worn by others. In early December, they are taken to the Warren Family Mission where they are disbursed to individuals who need them. Additionally, the students purchase socks at Wal-Mart for the residents of the mission.

The Fabric Services students are also involved with Dress for Success. This is an organization that provides dress clothes to women for job interviews. Faculty members at the TCTC donate clothing that is refurbished by the students and delivered to the organization

The best reward for a kind deed is the knowledge that you are doing something to make life better for someone else. In this case, however, the Mocha House decided to go one step further. They repaid the students' thoughtfulness to others by rewarding them with a

large chocolate mousse cake. There were smiles all around when the dessert was delivered. During this experience, the students in Fabric Services absorbed a powerful lesson not part of their daily curriculum. Kindness is contagious. It should be passed on to others.

