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## **‘Donation Drop’ gives spring cleaning a cause**

*Local woman asks for community’s unwanted items for charity*

CLARKS SUMMIT, Pa.— As an increasing number of Northeastern Pennsylvanians tighten their purse strings, more of our neighbors are looking to adopt gently-used items rather than purchase new goods. Local non-profit organizations are experiencing rises in demand for a variety of items ranging from cribs to eyeglasses to clothing and more. The One Stop Donation Drop planning committee is gearing up to meet these demands.

The One Stop Donation Drop gathers charities and volunteers and pairs them with individuals who have unwanted, usable goods. As the event’s name implies, community members can make one stop to drop off all their donation-worthy goods at one place on one day. Participating charities accept the donations and distribute them to neighbors in need. Now in its second year, the event has expanded to two locations. Events will take place at the United Methodist Church in Clarks Summit and at The University of Scranton, both from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Saturday, April 17.

Nancy Sarno de los Rios, event founder, is thankful for the outpouring of community support that has enabled the event’s expansion.

“Since last year’s ‘Drop’ we’ve continued to receive positive feedback from the community, the charities, and even the people who directly benefited from the goods we collected. Our community donated thousands of items and helped countless neighbors. And the icing on the cake is that the things people donated wound up in wanting hands instead of the landfill,” Sarno explained. “This is a mission that’s easy to rally around. That’s why we’ve been lucky enough to receive extensive support from businesses, individuals and groups like Leadership Lackawanna,” she continued.

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The One Stop Donation Drop in Scranton is a project of the Leadership Lackawanna Class of 2010, a group of emerging community leaders participating in a program run by the Scranton Chamber of Commerce. One of the group's members was a part of the Clarks Summit event last year and knows firsthand the benefits of the cause.

"Last year my business, 1-800-GOT-JUNK?, participated as an event sponsor. I saw then the profound impact this event had and could continue to have in our community. I'm proud that we're a sponsor again this year, but I'm just as proud to be a part of Leadership Lackawanna, because this has allowed me to be largely involved with growing the event to include the Scranton-area community," Steve Zayac, member of Leadership Lackawanna, said.

The Clarks Summit and Scranton events have published a joint Wish List detailing the types of items for which area charities are in immediate need. The Wish List also names the participating charities and their contact information for those unable to donate at the event but who want to provide goods to non-profit organizations. Sarno encourages those interested in the event visit [www.donationdrop.org](http://www.donationdrop.org); the Web site contains a full list of needed items, event details and information about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities.

"We are still recruiting volunteers to unload, sort and pack items the day of the event, and there is absolutely a need for financial assistance to cover packing, shipping and event costs," Sarno confirmed.

Community members are welcome to load their vehicles full of unwanted, gently-used goods, which they can drop off with a suggested \$5-per-carload donation to help offset costs. Because of the recent decline in local food pantries' stock, the One Stop Donation Drop will also host a canned food drive. Those wishing to forgo the \$5 per carload donation may instead bring at least one non-perishable food item, which will be donated to local food banks. Event participants are encouraged to enjoy free, unlimited document shredding by Shred-Doc and can also bring home a free Arbor Day tree to plant where they wish.

With events in Scranton and Clarks Summit, One Stop Donation Drop committee members hope the event will be even more convenient for donators this year than last. They are also hoping that convenience will translate into more donated items to benefit participating charities.

"We know that this is a tough time for many people, but we urge those who have something to give to take the time to pack up unwanted items and give them to the charities at the event. When it comes down to it, as difficult as these times are for many of us, there are those who have less, and they deserve our help," Sarno finished.

*The One Stop Donation Drop is a yearly event in Northeastern Pennsylvania that gathers together charities, volunteers, and community members to provide gently-used goods to neighbors in need while reducing landfill waste. For more information, e-mail [info@donationdrop.org](mailto:info@donationdrop.org) or visit [www.donationdrop.org](http://www.donationdrop.org). OSDD is also on Twitter and Facebook. OSDD Scranton is a project of Leadership Lackawanna; for more information about the program, visit [www.leadershiplackawanna.com](http://www.leadershiplackawanna.com).*