



EMPOWERMENT PLAN

Update as of August 3, 2023

EMPWR Coats

With the February grant, the Brothers Trust allocated half of the awarded funds to sponsor 166 EMPWR sleeping bag coats for the EP Coat Fund. As outlined in the application, the sponsored coats helped the organization meet a match goal, which in total impacted 1,000 lives. Twenty-seven of your sponsored coats were distributed in March to a group of high school students raising funds for unsheltered individuals in Brookline, Massachusetts. Through their fundraising efforts and the support of donors like Brothers Trust, the high school seniors were able to distribute 100 coats to those in need in their community last winter. The remaining 139 coats will be distributed over the course of the coming fall/winter to various organizations who are impacting the unhoused in their community yet do not have the funding needed to sponsor EMPWR Coats.



The students with an EMPWR Coat

Production Manager

Jessica West continues to thrive in her new role as Production Manager! She leads with grace and is always looking for ways to become an even better manager. Jessica is charged with leading the entire manufacturing floor - which is currently buzzing with 39 machines. Jessica does a phenomenal job managing the production and training supervisors to ensure coat numbers are met and trainees are provided with the support they need. Since February the organization has produced 5,940 against a goal of 6,560 (90% to goal). Jessica works closely with the organization's Director of Operations to lead inventory at the end of each month and is constantly being given more responsibility.

Jessica recently completed an active shooter training course and will now be teaching the course to the rest of the team. While it is sad that this training is needed, with heightened numbers of domestic violence amongst those served, the organization strives to protect the wellbeing of its team and to create an environment where people feel safe coming to work.

Other Updates

The organization recently hosted Family Day - an end of summer celebration for the families of those served by Empowerment Plan. The kids could enjoy jumping in the bounce house, getting their face painted, planting flowers, painting, playing games, and more. It was such a fun day for everyone and a true opportunity to see the generational impact of our work.



Family Day Fun!