

# The Luna Light

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## LCC students sponsoring "LCC Cares Coat Drive"

Luna Community College students led by both student government and the student nurses association are currently conducting an "LCC Cares Coat Drive." Although the emphasis will be on coats, any type or article of cold weather clothing such as hats, gloves, and scarves are welcome.

Items will be distributed on Saturday, Nov. 23. The last day to donate a coat and other items will be Friday, Nov. 22.

"With the winter quickly approaching, and our hard economic times, people are forced to make hard choices," said LCC Student Government President Victor Ramirez.

"Those choices being—buying warm clothing, or providing basic needs such as putting food on the table, heating your home, or paying your rent on time. Our goal is to give those that have to make that decision one less thing to worry about. Also, our homeless population will throw the warm clothing they have in the summer months and are not prepared for the cold weather."

Ramirez said that items collected will be made available to anyone who expresses a need. All they have to do is show up when the distribution takes place.

"It doesn't matter who they are or what walk of life they come from, if someone needs a coat to stay warm, then they

should get one," said Ramirez.

Statistics researched by Ramirez shows that in the last United States Census figures, approximately 7300 people in San Miguel County live below the poverty level.

"Ideally, I would like to get a coat for each and every one of them. If we collect a hundred coats, that still only comes to about 1.4 percent of that population," says Ramirez.

"However, that is 102 people that we have helped stay warm for the winter.

Although the LCC Student Nurses Association and LCC Student Government are sponsoring the coat drive, Ramirez says it is a school effort.

"We all have unwanted clothing that is buried somewhere in our closets," says Ramirez. "If each student, faculty and staff member would bring one coat, the number of coats collected would increase dramatically. I would like to challenge the students and employees to fill up our office with coats and winter clothing. If we are unable to distribute it all on the distribution date, I would not mind keeping the coats in the office for when someone needs one. So instead of that 1.4 percent, let's go for 10 percent."

To read the full article, see Monday's Luna Light

**Dr. Elizabeth Juarros' active learning based general physics I class launched their rocket to gather data from the altimeter that was mounted inside, recently. Luna Community College students will compare the altimeter readings with their numerical calculations of the maximum height of the rocket. For more information on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program, call 505/454-5370.**

