

Marilyn Flanders and Friends

Marilyn Flanders has a big heart and was looking for a way to help others when she came up with an idea that warms her heart and keeps families warm in the cold winter months. Marilyn, good friends, and lots of volunteers help run her brain-stormed idea for a free clothing program. They run this program from a building belonging to the United Methodist Church of Cherryvale.

The ladies stress that the program is for people in the community with real need. After a little over a year and a half it continues to run smoothly and serves an average of about 50 people a month. The ladies who give their time to this endeavor get a great feeling of reward. As reported in the Independence Daily Reporter, Sunday, December 6, 2009, Marilyn says, "It gives you a really good feeling. I hope they (customers) get a feeling of appreciation and goodwill." She also adds that, "I just feel like the Lord has really worked with us on all this and makes it possible." It is good to hear about the work these ladies are doing in their community. Marilyn is a member of the Coffeyville Area Retired School Personnel.

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