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Subject: Senior Center Keeps Those in Need Warm

TRAVERSE CITY – The Senior Center has hosted a “mitten tree” every December for the past four years. Based on the popular children’s book *The Mitten Tree*, by Candace Christiansen, this timeless classic tells the tale of a woman who knits mittens for the needy neighborhood children and hangs them on a tree in her yard so the children can help themselves.

“This year we collected over 220 items on our tree,” said Ericca Hovie, Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network Program Coordinator. Throughout the entire month of December 2016, the Senior Center Network collected 98 hats, 28 scarves, and 92 pairs of mittens/gloves, including some headbands and baby sets. These warm and wonderful accessories were donated to the Goodwill Inn to be distributed to those in need in the Traverse City area throughout the winter.

“We will surely put them to good use,” says Joanne Romanowski, Operation Manager, of the Goodwill Inn.###