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Boston Properties coordinates collection of winter wear for veterans in need at 200 Clarendon Street

Boston, MA – In the spirit of giving back during the winter season, the 200 Clarendon Street property management team at Boston Properties participated in a warm clothing drive for homeless veterans. Building customers, vendors, employees and community members dropped off new coats, sweaters, and winter wear to benefit the 22 formerly homeless veterans living at the Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center in Somerville, MA.

The 200 Clarendon Street team took the initiative to set up donation collection bins in the building lobby in November and encouraged all to participate. The drive was ultimately a huge success.

The 200 Clarendon Street building community donated a carload of winter outerwear to the Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center, a program owned and operated by Volunteers of America Massachusetts. The program provides transitional and permanent housing to veterans, while also offering them opportunities to seek addiction counseling, mental health care, employment, education and public benefits resources. For many veterans living at the Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center, gifts like new winter coats are treasures. They are reminders that the community appreciates the sacrifices they’ve made to serve our country.

“I’ve had my old coat for almost 10 years now, and it’s definitely worn out,” said one veteran. “I usually just layer sweatshirts. But I know this will keep me warm,” he said holding up a black parka. “It’s really nice to know that people care about us.”

President and CEO of Volunteers of America, Thomas Bierbaum commented, “These gifts are so meaningful to the veterans we serve. This commitment to serving our veterans is truly inspirational, and we are honored to receive their generous donations.”

About Volunteers of America Massachusetts:

Volunteers of America Massachusetts is a trusted community provider, a passionate advocate for individuals struggling to get back on their feet, and a partner helping other community based organizations throughout Massachusetts. Volunteers of America Massachusetts provides vital social services to thousands of women, men, and young people each year. To learn more, visit us online at www.voamass.org.

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