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American Airlines pilots donate leather jackets to keep communities warm

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When American Airlines pilots began wearing their new uniforms this past September, the Flight department organized a systemwide effort to donate the leather jackets from the previous uniform to people in need.

“While many don’t think twice about buying a jacket for the winter season, it’s not a luxury known to everyone,” says Captain Kimball Stone, vice president – Flight. “Giving these jackets a new life by donating them to others just seemed like the right thing to do.”

Since October, more than 1,500 leather jackets have been returned to Flight offices across the country for donation to community organizations and shelters throughout the U.S., including Catholic Charities of Fort Worth (CCFW).

A CCFW employee recently wrote a letter of gratitude to the Flight office at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport to express the impact this effort has had on her local community in need.

“Warmth [is] something most of us take for granted, but for those in our community experiencing homelessness, I have heard it referred to as a luxury. Once, when I offered hand warmers to a man experiencing homelessness, he declined because ‘he didn’t want to spoil himself.’ Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our amazing friends at American Airlines, we were able to give these ladies and gentlemen a taste of Christmas in the form of warm leather pilot jackets.”

Together with its employees and its customers, American is dedicated to supporting the communities in which we all work, live and play.