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GRANVILLE HOMES AND FOUNDATION FOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS PROVIDE 2,000 COATS FOR CENTRAL UNIFIED STUDENTS

Granville Homes and the Foundation for Central Schools are providing 2,000 new coats and school spirit sweatshirts to Central Unified School District students. Members of the Central Unified Board of Trustees and administration will distribute coats to students at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, at Saroyan Elementary in a drive-through format.

This year marks the 16th anniversary of Granville Homes supporting the Foundation’s Coats for Kids Program with a $15,000 grant. Granville Homes helped nearly double the number of coats distributed to students in pre-school through third grade and also assisted in providing older students with school spirit wear.

The Foundation for Central Schools offered an additional $7,000 in funding to provide the remaining spirit wear sweaters to students in grades 4-12, many of whom have experienced increasing economic hardships due to the effects of COVID-19.

The Foundation for Central Schools is a non-profit organization that encourages community investment and involvement. The Foundation supports staff with classroom grants and student events such as Ag Day, Peach Blossom, Young Authors’ Faire, the Holiday Joy Food Drive and the Janessa Ramirez Scholarship Fund.

Granville Homes President and CEO Darius Assemi stated, “We are proud of our 16-year partnership with the Foundation for Central Schools and their Coats for Kids program that provides some of the basic essentials to our underserved families here in Fresno! I am sorry I can’t attend this year’s event due to my COVID infection, but I am there with you in spirit! God speed in your education. You are the future of our community!”
“More than 70% of our students deal with food insecurity and a lack of winter clothing. To make matters worse, our community has felt the deleterious effects of COVID-19 with job losses or a reduction of their income. I’m grateful to Granville Homes and our annual sponsors, Harris Construction and SIM-PBK, that continuously support the efforts of the Foundation for Central Schools,” states Superintendent Andrew G. Alvarado.

Members of the media are invited to attend this Coats for Kids distribution event:

- DATE & TIME: 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2020
- LOCATION: Saroyan Elementary, 5650 W. Escalon, Fresno, CA 93722
- CONTACT: Sonja Dosti, Communications and Public Relations Officer, at 559-274-4700 x63119.