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### Overview

- Refugee families who move to Kansas City often come from tropical climates.
- Kansas City Average Winter
  - 21.5 -37.1 deg F (Dec-Feb)
  - 18.8" snow fall (Oct– April)
- Children's Mercy (CM) residency partners with local partners to collect warm winter apparel.
- This year, to broaden outreach we paired with The University of Kansas Health System Internal Medicine Residents.

### Methods

Partnership Organizations:

- Jewish Vocational Services
- Catholic Charities Kansas City

Collection sites:

- Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics
  - Resident Lounge
  - Broadway Clinic (3)
- University Health Medicine-Pediatrics Clinic
- The University of Kansas Health System
  - Pediatric Clinical Sites (5)
  - Internal Medicine Resident & Staff Lounges/Offices
- Virtual Amazon Wishlist via QR code

### Results & Conclusions

- Partnering with KU Internal Medicine Results resulted in more clothing of clothing to partners compared to previous years.
- 6 shipments of clothing were required compared to 1 from the previous year.

### Conclusions

Partnering with other residency programs broadened the outreach and likely resulted in increased item yield and families served. In the future, pairing with more programs may continue this trend.

