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## City of Bristol Tennessee

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### **Spread the Glove program begins December 1**



It is getting cold out there! Lower temperatures are the first sign that it is time for the city 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Spread the Glove” program. The program will kick-off Friday evening, December 1, 2017 with a “yarn-bombing” of downtown Bristol. This will be followed in the coming months with city staff and volunteers blanketing parks and public spaces throughout Bristol with scarves, hats, and gloves for all ages. Knitters from throughout the area work all year to supply the items needed for the project. Neighbors watch for sales after the winter season and purchase new items for children to be distributed during the coldest months of the season. In years past, children from different schools have brought gently used items and helped in placing them on park benches, light poles, and other places where anyone needing a little something extra to keep warm could find it.

Each of the items have a tag attached stating that the item is not lost, but is there for anyone who needs the winter accessory to keep warm.

Last year the city distributed a number of cozy hats, scarves, and gloves that were donated by the community. “Before the season ends we will have distributed well over 500 items within the downtown area and in other outlying areas in Bristol, Tennessee. I am reminded each year just what kind of community we live in and how blessed we are to live in a place like Bristol where there are such loving and affectionate people,” said Terrie Talbert, Director of the Office of Community Relations. “Over the past three years we have distributed over 2,000 donated pieces.”

For more information on locations and dates of distribution please go to the City’s website at [www.bristoltn.org](http://www.bristoltn.org) and click on Spread the Glove on the left at the home page. To donate, please contact the Office of Community Relations at 423-989-5500 Ext. 2055 or email [tsmith-](mailto:tsmith-)

[talbert@bristoltn.org](mailto:talbert@bristoltn.org). Donations of new or slightly used winter accessories may be dropped off at any Bristol, Tennessee Fire Station or at Bristol, Tennessee City Hall lobby customer service desk.