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West Milford shelter seeking donations

Sandra Ramos, executive director of Strengthen Our Sisters (SOS), a West Milford based shelter program serving homeless/battered women and children, announces the start of a program that, she hopes, will keep children warm during the winter months.

Ramos founded the first battered women's shelter in North America 30 years ago. "Our goal is to offer a warm, safe haven for the children. Over the past years, we have received many wonderful gifts of toys, games and books which we greatly appreciate. . .but we are now in need of funds to help us defray our winter utility bills."

The shelter has created a special utility fund, called Cozy Toes, to support their winter endeavor. Anyone contributing will receive a specially-designed linen certificate. The certificates are created by SOS Depot, one of the shelter's economic development businesses providing job training opportunities for shelter residents.

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Columbia Savings Bank, 1501 Union Valley Rd., West Milford, NJ 07480. Checks should be made out to SOS Cozy Toes Fund and donors can specify how they want their donation certificates to be inscribed.

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