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COMPTROLLER MYCHAJLIW KICKS OFF COSTUMES FOR A CAUSE CAMPAIGN

Our Erie County Comptroller and fellow public servants from Cheektowaga and West Seneca begin an effort to collect Halloween costumes for underprivileged children across Erie County

(Buffalo, NY) – Erie County Comptroller Stefan Mychajliw was joined by a “tri-partisan” group of elected officials to kick off the “Costumes for a Cause” charitable initiative. The program gives children in need free Halloween costumes for Trick-or-Treating.

The costume collections begin now and end Wednesday, October 22nd. For one week beginning Thursday, October 23rd through Thursday, October 30th, children and their families will be able to visit the Seneca Babcock Community Center to select a free Halloween costume. The Seneca Babcock Community Center is located at 1168 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY, 14210.

“This effort is near and dear to my heart. Growing up poor near William and Fillmore, I understand how tough it is for families to make ends meet. My siblings and I grew up without a lot. Now we have an opportunity to help show that we are the ‘City of Good Neighbors.’ It is great to have local leaders from all parties come together for a great cause,” said Mychajliw.

Joining the Erie County Comptroller in this “tri-partisan” charitable effort is New York State Senator Timothy M. Kennedy (D), New York State Assemblyman Michael P. Kearns (D), Erie County Legislator Joseph C. Lorigo (C), and Cheektowaga Councilwoman Diane Benczkowski (D).

“These children deserve to enjoy Halloween just like everyone else. Any help we can give them really helps make the holiday special,” said Senator Kennedy.

“Giving children a chance to enjoy Halloween is certainly not a partisan issue. We can all get behind our community’s kids,” said Assemblyman Kearns.

“As public servants, we have a unique opportunity to give back to our communities. This campaign for kids is something truly special and I’m honored to be a part of it,” said Legislator Lorigo.

“All of us involved were elected to help people. There’s nothing like the feeling you get from lending a hand to young people in need,” said Councilwoman Benczkowski.

“It’s refreshing to be able to put politics aside and join together for such a phenomenal cause. I know the children are extremely grateful to live in such a generous community,” said Legislator Burke.

New and gently used costumes are being accepted at multiple drop-off points during regular business hours, including:

- Buffalo: District Office of NYS Senator Timothy M. Kennedy, 2239 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY, 14220
- Buffalo: District Office of Erie County Legislator Patrick B. Burke, 155 Cazenovia Street, Buffalo, NY, 14210
- Buffalo: Seneca Babcock Community Center, 1168 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY, 14210
- Cheektowaga: Recreation Center Arena, 2600 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga, NY, 14225
- Cheektowaga: Alexander Center, 275 Alexander Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY, 14211
- Cheektowaga: Dartwood Community Center, 222 Autumnwood Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14227
- West Seneca: Lorigo Law Firm, 101 Slade Avenue, Unit 2, West Seneca, NY, 14224
- West Seneca: District Office of NYS Assemblyman Councilman Michael P. Kearns, 1074 Union Road, West Seneca, NY, 14224

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