Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) has announced that the Brookhaven Youth Bureau's 2015 Coat Drive collected 925 coats, 30 pairs of winter boots as well as many hats, scarves, gloves and sweaters. The items, generously donated by residents, have been taken to a number of shelters and churches throughout Brookhaven Town for distribution to the homeless and needy. This year's coat drive ran from January 12 through February 13. Pictured left to right with Supervisor Romaine are Brookhaven Youth Bureau staff members Amy Gironda, Josephine Lunde and Lizabeth Derkevics.

"The extreme cold temperatures we've had this winter can be dangerous, especially for children and seniors who do not have the proper clothing to keep them warm," said Supervisor Ed Romaine. "I commend the efforts of the Youth Bureau staff and thank our residents for making the coat drive such a success."