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Mayor Fulop and City Council Members to Recognize 12 Jersey City Senior Citizens for Their Donation of Handmade Clothing to More than 100 People in Need

Hope House and Women Rising to Receive Hats, Scarves, Shawls and Baby Blankets Crotched and Knitted by Local Seniors

- What:** Mayor Steven M. Fulop and members of the Municipal Council will recognize 12 seniors at the Maureen Collier Senior Center as they present their hand-made creations to two local organizations – Hope House and Women Rising. For the last several months, the senior ladies at Maureen Collier have been gathering together to knit and crochet various items including hats, scarves, shawls, baby blankets and gloves which they will donate to more than 100 people in need. Not only did this activity draw them closer together as a group, but it also inspired them to give back to their community and those in need.
- When:** Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 11 a.m.
- Where:** Maureen Collier Senior Center, 335 Bergen Avenue (at Ege Avenue)
- Who:** Jersey City Mayor Steven M. Fulop
Jersey City Municipal Council members
Representatives of Women Rising and Hope House
Jersey City senior citizens

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About Women Rising:

For over 100 years, *Women Rising* has been assisting women and their families in need of jobs, providing safety from domestic violence, freedom from substance abuse and providing safe homes for children. This is accomplished by providing counseling, crisis intervention, workforce and job development and shelter for victims of domestic violence.

About Hope House:

Hope House, an emergency shelter for homeless women with children, helps the families become self sufficient by giving them an opportunity for decision making and for assuming responsibility for improving their situation under the support and guidance of the shelter staff.

About the Maureen Collier Senior Center:

The Maureen Collier Senior Center, named after former Councilwoman Maureen Collier is one of two senior citizen centers owned by the city and is under the direction of the Jersey City Department of Health & Human Services. The center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and senior can enjoy billiards, cards, exercise, dance, and other activities, all free of charge and a hot lunch is served every day.

For more information about the Maureen Collier Center, please call (201) 434-3794.

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