

**Consignment shop in Ansonia hopes to spread warmth to needy**

By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - Do you have an extra scarf you can donate to help warm a needy person in the cold weather?

If so, Phyllis Hyde at Barb's Corner Consignment Shop, 25 W. Main St., would be happy to accept it in the hope it would help someone else.

Hyde said she had read about the idea of *tying scarves to trees* for anyone who needs one to take one and decided to put scarves on a tree branch outside the shop.

"I thought it would be a nice gesture for our community," she said in an instant message.

Hyde said she has seen several people who she described as "our city wanderers" trying to keep warm in the waiting area at the nearby train station, and in the alley and area doorways.



She hopes those who need a scarf will take one.

"A few people have come in (to the shop) and asked if they could have one, but I know there are those that will not ask so I want them to be available out there," Hyde wrote.

*Left:* Scarves tied to tree along West Main Street

*Right:* This scarf was spotted Wednesday tied to a tree on Wakelee Ave. next to the parking lot at Nolan Field in Ansonia.



**Irving School in Derby asks community support for playground upgrade**

By Patricia Villers

DERBY - Attention friends and supporters of Irving School: Principal Jennifer Olson has penned a request for support for an upgraded playground for the school.

She wrote in part in an email, "The Together Counts Foundation has set up a sweepstakes for high-need schools to apply for a \$30,000 grand prize grant to transform their school's playground. Smaller \$5,000 prizes will also be awarded to three runners-up.

"The winners will be selected by random lottery drawing, so the more of us who nominate Irving School, the better our chances of winning! Anyone in the community can enter on behalf of the school (parents, teachers, etc.).



"A new or upgraded playground would support Irving School's Healthy Initiative and would give our students more opportunities to engage in physical activity and play," Olson added.

The school is at 9 Garden Place.

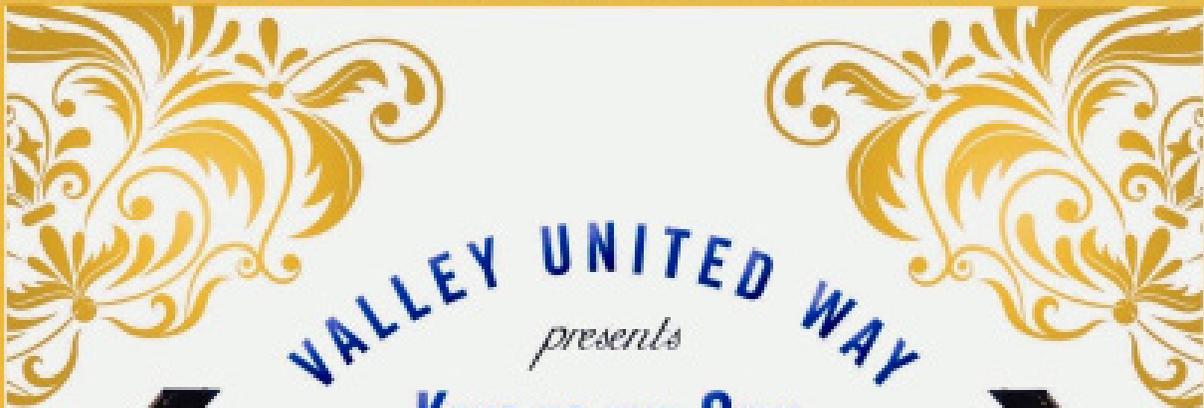
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Here is the link:

<http://www.togethercounts.com/at-school/win-for-your-school/sweepstakes>

*I entered to support the effort, and I urge Valley residents to do so, to help the students who attend Irving School now and in the future.*





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