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Erin Cummings a star at fundraiser

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"Detroit 1-8-7" actress Erin Cummings is not ashamed to admit that she's having a love affair with Detroit. She's constantly spotted at local restaurants or in the stands cheering on all of our professional sports teams, but to date, her most impressive participation in Motor City affairs is her mission to collect and distribute new gloves and mittens for all Metro Detroiters who are in need, especially children.

On Dec. 15, Cummings teamed with Dr. Daniel Haddad of Laser Eye Institute in Troy to host a holiday mitten drive and cocktail party. About 150 guests mingled throughout Haddad's eye clinic and eyeglass boutique called Blink.

Guests played dress-up with the latest in fashion frames while noshing on hors d'oeuvres from Mon Jin Lau and Kona Grill, and dessert from Just Baked Cupcakes. Liquid refreshments were provided by Vitamin Water, Cuatro Ciriros, Ketel One and Market Square.

DJ Hush kept the mood upbeat with an impressive repertoire of recorded dance music. The party was invitation only, and the admission cost was to donate a pair of new mittens or gloves.

"I've met so many people in Detroit with such wonderful spirits," said Cummings, who wore a stunning black silk chiffon outfit, adorned with Swarovski crystals. "I am always amazed at how quickly we're able to collect large amounts of mittens and gloves in short periods of time. Detroiters really know how to step up when asked to do so."

In addition to Cummings, several other "Detroit 1-8-7" cast members came to the event, including Aisha Hinds, Natalie Martinez and Jon Michael Hill. Motor City Denim founder Joe Faris also attended, along with WXYZ-TV's Erin Nicole.

The evening ended with an after-party at Mon Jin Lau in Troy. More than 500 pairs of mittens and gloves were collected.

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