

## Essex Manufacturing donates many items to God's Marketplace; facility will close Fri.

Essex Manufacturing at the present location was started in 1945 by Alfred Moses and employed well over a 100 people. It was sold to Baum Bros. in New York in the early 1990s and Baum will be closing the shipping facility here in Washington as of this Friday, July 17. All shipping will be moved to Riverside, California. There are 20 employees at the Washington facility. The owners in New York, Peter and Bill Baum, and the Washington employees wanted to do something to help the community and show their appreciation for the support of the town for so many years. To that end, a donation of raincoats, jackets and umbrellas has been donated to God's Marketplace. The raincoats and jackets will be for sale in the Thrift Store in time for cooler weather, according to David Toburen, director of GMI. Umbrellas from Essex are already on sale and God's Marketplace expressed its thanks Essex for the generous donation. Pictured above accepting the donations are Tanya Fair, GMI Sewing Center manager; Tena Blakey, Thrift Store director; and Rhonda Keen, Thrift Store manager. The inset photo is the familiar Essex Mfg. building on W. Robert Toombs Avenue.

