

# COMMUNITY CLOTHESCLOSET



## The Clothes Line

Spring 2019

### DONATE

#### Clothing Donation Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9 AM-1PM  
Monday: 6-8 PM

Visit us on Facebook to learn more and donate online!



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We are excited to announce our new program -- Community Clothes Closet Retail! This program will provide our organization an additional revenue stream without impacting our mission of providing free clothes to people in need.

Our Retail program will feature a variety of opportunities for us to sell gently used items to a new customer -- charity-minded bargain shoppers. We're still working out the details, but we envision launching pop-up shops at popular places like community events, local businesses and other venues that would support this new enterprise.

By purchasing items from Community Clothes Closet Retail, shoppers are not only receiving high-quality goods at low costs -- they're providing the vital support needed to **ensure Community Clothes Closet is able to continue its core mission of providing free clothes to children, women and men in our community.**

Please consider donating gently used items of resale value (designer handbags, high value shoes and clothing) so that we can stock our Retail program and make this a success.

We are also looking for a vehicle that we would be able to retrofit into a "pop-up truck or van" to easily transport and sell our goods. If you or anyone you know could help us with this automotive need, please contact us.

Thank you for your continued support of the Community Clothes Closet, you have allowed us to provide clothing to thousands of children, women and men right here in the Fox Cities.

Diane MacDonald - Executive Director

# HAPPY 99<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY JEANETTE!

Volunteer Jeanette has been volunteering with us for over 30 years. Jeanette's smile and sunny disposition lights up the room whenever she enters the CCC twice a week. "It keeps me off the streets" she says with a chuckle. Want to be like Jeanette and join our awesome volunteer team? Learn more about opportunities by contacting us at 920.731.7834 or apply online at [www.communityclothescloset.org/volunteers](http://www.communityclothescloset.org/volunteers).

We'd love for you to join us in carrying out our mission. Groups welcome!



## PAJAMARAMA 2018 - NOT A SLEEPY

### KID IN THE MIX!

The kids and their parents were excited and grateful for the annual PajamaRama event. This year, 185 kids had the opportunity to pick out their very own brand **NEW** pair of pajamas, books, blanket and sleeping buddy! Plus, our partners at the Menasha Library, St. Joseph's Food Program, Tri-County Dental and United Way educated the kids on healthy bedtime routines. Through programs like PajamaRama, kids have the opportunity to increase their reading skills, improve their vocabulary, spark their imagination and form better sleep habits.

*Thank you to our partners, donors and volunteers for another successful event!*



# FUN FACTS 2018

5,357

Number of clients

948,876

# of items distributed in total including clients, missions, churches, other agencies and recycling

2,472

Number of kids (46% of our clients!)

33,841

Client shopping visits

123

Volunteers

12,968

Volunteer hours

75

Job seekers using New Start

1,561

Number of coats given away

723

Cool for School kids

8,915

Pairs of shoes given away

# WE DID IT!

**NOT ONLY DID WE REACH OUR GOAL OF \$50,000... WE SURPASSED IT!**

A big thank you to Mary Beth Nienhaus and all our supporters who stepped up to help us surpass our \$50,000 goal!

## MORE GOOD NEWS

The Myra M. & Robert L. Vandehey Foundation is offering another opportunity to make an impact. Now through April 30, your gift will be doubled up to \$10,000, through this generous offer. The funds will be used to replace aging equipment, support our programming and go to saving up for a large truck that will be used for our new retail program, pick-ups and deliveries. Want to learn more about this fantastic opportunity to help support our new vehicle and programs? Please reach out to us at 920.733.4514 for more information.

Take the  
**\$10,000**  
 Myra M. & Robert L.  
 Vandehey Foundation  
 Challenge!




Got 4 hours a week to spare? Join our volunteer team by applying now at [communityclothescloset.org](http://communityclothescloset.org). Work with clients, support our office staff or volunteer behind the scenes in our clothing donation area. Either way, you'll have fun and do good!

# MID-DAY WOMEN'S ALLIANCE BLACK AND PINK BALL UPDATE:

The ladies of Mid-Day executed another successful event. We raised over \$14,000 from the silent auctions, purse raffle, chocolate wall and the CCC's mini Pop Up Shop!

*“We were thrilled to learn about the Community Clothes Closet and the special work they do with women in our community. Choosing them as the recipient of funds was a natural fit; we're happy to support them and the special work they do in our community”* said Sheila Vetrone, Black and Pink Ball Co-Chair.

In fact, Sheila was so taken with our mission of providing FREE clothing to children, women and men in need that she signed up to start volunteering, along with her twins, as a way to give back and teach her children the importance of helping those less fortunate.



## MEET ALICE

ALICE...an acronym which stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, is a way of defining our friends, families, neighbors and colleagues who work hard, earn above the federal poverty level, but don't earn enough to afford all of life's basic necessities like food, housing, child care, healthcare and clothing according to United Way Fox Cities.

We help clients who are part of this group on a daily basis at the Community Clothes Closet. Thankfully, we also have partners who help us in a big way! The J.J. Keller Family Foundation helps the CCC serve families in need throughout the year and they've gone above and beyond this year. Not only did they provide hundreds of pairs of gym shoes to students returning to school last fall, but they supplied over 600 pairs of snow pants to kids in need this winter. Plus, J.J. Keller & Associates hosted a kids' winter clothing drive that provided new coats and mittens to the kids we serve.



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*OUR MISSION: Providing free clothing to men, women and children in need.*

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## SAVE THE DATE



Join us for our second annual **Chippin' in Fore a Cause Golf Outing Fundraiser** to support the CCC and its unique programs on **Thursday, July 18** at **Royal St. Pats in Wrightstown**.

Your support provides individuals and families the opportunity to ace a job interview, increase their self-esteem and stay warm and safe from cold Wisconsin winters. The Chippin' in Fore a Cause fundraiser includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, dinner, drinks, silent auctions, raffles, hole prizes and a good time! All proceeds benefit the Community Clothes Closet.

*Together can help strengthen families  
in the Fox Valley.*

**CHIPPIN' IN FORE A CAUSE | JULY 18 | ROYAL ST. PAT'S - WRIGHTSTOWN**