

COMMUNITY CLOTHESCLOSET



The Clothes Line

Fall 2019

DONATE

Clothing Donation Hours:
Monday-Friday: 9 AM-1PM
Monday: 6-8 PM

Visit us on Facebook to learn more and donate online!



SOLES HELP THE SOUL

Fall is officially here, which means the coming chill of the winter months is on its way too. For many families, these unavoidable seasonal changes brings with them inevitable stress because they know that they do not have the basic necessities to adapt to the new school year and the upcoming winter.

Every parent wants to see their child thrive and be able to give their kids decent clothes, shoes, warm winter clothes and accessories to make it safely through the cold weather months. Sadly, some parents just don't have the financial tools to meet these needs; that's **where you come in**. You, our generous donors, help parents all over the Fox Valley and beyond give their children the things they can't...the basic necessity of clothing. You give them the opportunity to feel confident and secure and free from anxiety all because they have nice, quality tops, athletic pants, sweatshirts, coats and, the often overlooked necessity, shoes. Nothing speaks to this more than Wanda and her preteen daughter Natalie.



Wanda and Natalie attended our Cool for School event earlier this fall. There, our volunteers helped Natalie choose new, fashionable school clothes from head to toe. Kids also received a brand new pair of gym shoes. Natalie said, "I really want a pair of high tops but I doubt you'll have those." The volunteer smiled because she knew we had several pairs that were donated by a partner organization. Much to Natalie's surprise, we had the exact ones she found in a department store, but her family couldn't afford! She was grinning from ear to ear and hugged the box so tightly she started crushing it and said, "Oh my gosh, I can't believe I got these!" Natalie's soul was nourished and so were the other 600 kids just like her who attended the event. Thank you, you make a difference and your financial support helps kids like Natalie and people from all walks life right here in the Fox Valley.

Diane MacDonald - Executive Director

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YOUR DOLLAR\$ OPEN THEIR DOORS

The Community Clothes Closet relies on generous businesses, foundations, individual donors and fundraising events to keep our doors open and lights on for those that need us the most.

Thank you for all who shopped our Pop Up Shop during Mile of Music and Octoberfest. Thank you XE Wine bar for hosting a Fashion Show fundraiser, thank you King's Daughters Silver Cross Service Circle for the Opportunity Way Runway Fashion Show, and thank you to our board of directors who organized the 2nd annual "Chippin in Fore a Cause" golf outing fundraiser.

Do you have a passion for helping others? How about hosting a fundraiser that benefits the CCC? Like our Facebook page to learn more about upcoming fundraising events.

DID YOU KNOW THE CCC...

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

INTERGENERATIONAL VOLUNTEERING BENEFITS ALL AGES

Volunteering with mom can be fun! Just ask Kyle and Linda who currently volunteer with their moms at the CCC!

Kyle has been volunteering with us since he was in middle school. Even though he was pretty young, he and his mom, Jacki, believed that giving back is important. "Volunteering together is a great way to spend time with my busy teenager. Plus, he gets exposed to people from different backgrounds and generations. I can tell he really enjoys it" said Jacki.

Linda says spending time with her mom is important, especially as they both get older. Marie is closing in on the better part of two decades as a CCC volunteer; giving back to the community has always been a part of Marie's lifestyle. In fact, she used to bring her granddaughter to volunteer here many years ago. Now she and her daughter, Linda, volunteer weekly hanging clothes in the backroom.

"Marie enjoys helping out at the Community Clothes Closet and gives her some much-needed social time," said Linda. I love that I get to help her and help others at the same time. We just love it here; it's such a great community of people!"

To learn more about volunteering and getting involved, please stop over and talk to our friendly staff or call us at 920.731.7834



Kyle & Jacki

Linda & Marie

SERVES over

5,500

CLIENTS- an all-time record

does NOT

receive any FUNDING from state or federal grants

Gave away OVER

9,000

pairs of shoes in the last year

Is about to CELEBRATE it's

40th

ANNIVERSARY

Relies on OVER

100

regular VOLUNTEERS throughout the month to serve our MISSION

Gave AWAY

2,847

pants, boots, snowpants and coats last year

COOL FOR SCHOOL 2019

593

students

64

volunteers

6,087

new clothing items and gym shoes given away during 2-day event

321

new chapter books were given out

ENDLESS SMILES



for the KINDNESS

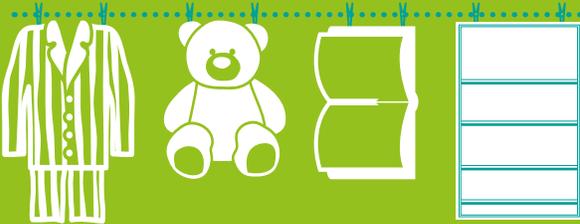
SAVE THE DATE!

PAJAMARAMA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

We're currently collecting **NEW** pajamas, chapter books, blankets and stuffed animals for kids 2-12 years old. Children will learn about healthy bedtime routines like teeth brushing, nutritious bedtime snacks and reinforce the importance of reading before bedtime.

Want to sponsor a child for **\$25?**



VOLUNTEER

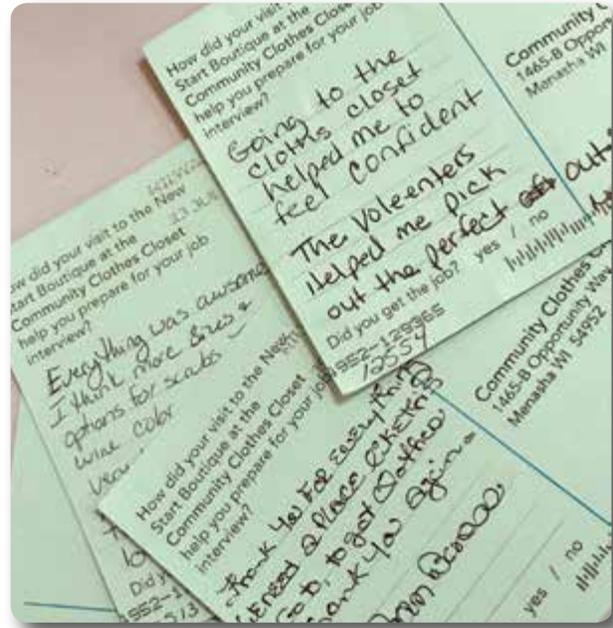


Got 4 hours a week to spare? Join our volunteer team by applying now at communityclothescloset.org. Work with clients, support our office staff or volunteer behind the scenes in our clothing donation area. Either way, you'll have fun and do good!

NEW START NEWS...

The Community Clothes Closet helps people get back into the workforce by providing interview attire, coaching and starter wardrobes for people in need. We serve upwards of 100 highly motivated men and women throughout the year seeking assistance with getting into, or reentering, the workforce. These folks come from all walks of life: graduating college students, young veterans, stay-at-home moms, the formally homeless and those branching out into a new career. In the last several months, we've seen an increase of those getting jobs in the healthcare field and in factory settings. The new recruits are in need of scrubs, non-slip shoes and steel toed work boots to start their new jobs. These items are costly and that's **where you can help**. Your donations of scrubs, slip resistant shoes and work boots are appreciated by people who really need these items to start their career but who can't yet afford them.

Jamie, a 26-year-old single mom to two kids, visited New Start earlier this summer. She had just graduated from a 2-year program to become a CNA. The good news was Jamie was hired on the spot at a local facility! The bad news was she wasn't sure how she was going to afford the required navy blue scrubs and nonslip footwear. Thankfully, she received a referral to the CCC and the rest is history. Jamie found several pair of scrubs and even found a pair of Dansko 'nurses' shoes in her size. She was thrilled and beyond grateful for the help. "This was so great! I will be sure to pay it forward to someone else once I get on my feet." Jamie said.



WISH LIST

- Financial donations
- Men's jeans
- Men's t- shirts
- Boys athletic pants
- Boys sweatshirts and hoodies
- Plus size women's and plus size men's clothes
- King and Queen sized sheets and blankets
- Forever stamps

Mobile Closet Pop Up Shop

We're taking our mission on the road... the Mobile Closet Pop Up Shop is coming soon to a town near you! Currently, we are working on the finishing touches inside of the truck with paint and flooring. We're also working on funky graphics for the outside of the truck. Come spring, we'll use the Mobile Closet Pop Up Shop for free clothing drops for people in need to receive your donations. We'll also use the truck for retail Pop-Up Shops at local venues to sell vintage clothing and other valued items that help us raise funds so we can continue our mission. Stay tuned for the latest updates!

