

# COMMUNITY CLOTHESCLOSET



## The Clothes Line

Summer 2020

### DONATE

#### Temporary Clothing

#### Donation Hours:

Monday Evening: 6-7 PM

Tuesday & Thursday: 9-11 AM

*Hours are subject to change based on capacity. Visit us on Facebook and our website for updates and to make a donation online!*



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### HELLO FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR

My name is Lisa Jones and I am the new Executive Director for Community Clothes Closet. I've been with the organization for 3 years as the Operations Director and am very excited to step into this new leadership role and continue working with our staff, board, donors, clients and volunteers to continue the Clothes Closet's good work and growth of our mission.

My husband and I, along with our four daughters, moved to the Fox Cities 10 years ago and love this community. We've been so inspired by the giving nature of so many which has been even more evident since the pandemic hit.

This year marked Community Clothes Closet's 40th anniversary. None of us could have foreseen this would also be a year marked by a pandemic. As a community and organization, we've seen a lot of changes since COVID-19. Lives have been turned upside down for so many families with job losses, cut wages and anxiety of not knowing day to day what might happen. Even with so many unknowns, our community has come together and worked tirelessly to provide for those that need assistance – proof at how incredible you are and how we will persevere!

Over the next weeks and months, the CCC anticipates an increase in the number of clients it serves. Through your continued material and financial support Community Clothes Closet is ready and able to help all those in need of clothing in our community. We're looking forward to carrying on for another 40 years!

Executive Director



# GIVING BACK - A LIFE LONG ENDEAVOR

Mary Miller and her good friend, Lori Berry, have been giving back all their lives. When the pandemic hit, Lori knew she needed to do something and enlisted the help of Mary and Mary's daughter, Lauri, to help make masks. In a short period of time they were able to make more than 300 masks! Then Mary's daughter Corinne Miller, who is the Infection Preventionist at St. Paul Home in Kaukauna, expressed the lack of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) available for nursing homes. St. Paul Home was going through 200+ gowns a day and with supply shortages, there was a real concern of running out. Corinne asked her mother and Lori if there was a way to make gowns that could be reused – and that's when the isolation gown made out of sheets was born!

Mary knew the CCC collected and provided sheets to its clients. When she explained their desire to sew reusable gowns for St. Paul Home's residents, the CCC was excited to help and jumped into action to provide boxes of sheets for this amazing cause. Lori was able to create her own pattern and worked with Mary and Laurie to sew more than 75 gowns! The gowns have been very popular among the residents. With so many different colors and patterns, these gowns brighten the residents' day.

We're glad the CCC could assist Mary, Lori, Laurie and Corinne in giving back during this challenging time. Such an inspiring group!



(Seated left to right: Mary Miller, Laurie Miller,  
Lori Berry; Standing: Corinne Miller)

## WISH LIST

- Financial donations
- New bed pillows and pillowcases for PajamaRama
- King and queen sheets and comforters
- Children's clothing sizes 2T - 16
- Men's jeans
- New kids back to school clothing including athletic pants, leggings, fashion tees, socks, underwear and gym shoes for kids ages 4 - 18
- Masks (disposable and/or cloth)
- Multipurpose cleaner
- New infant outfits 0-6 months

# BEING RESOURCEFUL DURING A PANDEMIC – YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The CCC has had many requests during the pandemic. From baby clothing to clothing for a new job to scrubs – we've worked with existing and new clients to meet their needs during this difficult time. One of the things none of us could have foreseen was the shortage in cleaning products, paper products and sanitizer. But for one family, the unexpected shortage of wipes was a huge concern and completely unexpected. You see, their adult son is autistic and non-verbal. He wears adult diapers and the family was in desperate need of wipes – but there was no place to buy them! His father, "John", reached out to the CCC and was hoping to get a few towels to help them out, but the CCC was able to do better than that! Over the past 3 months, we've supplied John's family with beach towels, packages of wipes and adult disposable underwear – and this is all because of your support!



# COOL FOR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Hard to believe, but school is just around the corner. Our annual Cool for School event is scheduled for late August. Each year Community Clothes Closet provides a new back to school outfit, socks, underwear and a pair of gym shoes to more than 600 children ages 4-18. For many children, it's the one time they receive new clothing and you can feel their excitement.

This year's program is especially important. Children spent the last 2 ½ months of this past school year being homeschooled, many in less than ideal circumstances, during the pandemic. Many children are still experiencing isolation and disappointment with the cancellations of sports and other social activities. This program will give these kids a much needed boost!

You can make an impact today by providing a financial donation or donating new clothing for this program. Sponsor a child today for \$75.00 and provide a new outfit, socks, underwear and a pair of gym shoes or check out our Amazon Wish List and purchase an item to ship directly to us.

<https://communityclothesclosetwishlist.com/kids>.



## JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

Do you have 2-4 hours a week to spare? Join our volunteer team today! You can apply now at [www.communityclothescloset.org](http://www.communityclothescloset.org). Opportunities include working with clients, supporting office staff or helping behind the scenes in our donation area.

Have fun while giving back!

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### BRAT FRY

### SAVE THE DATE AND LET US COOK!

**Saturday, August 1st**

Brats and Burgers @ Festival Foods in Darboy  
Take a meal off and let us do the cooking!



### NEW DONATION TAX INFORMATION

As of March 27th, Congress passed the CARES Act for Nonprofits allowing annual charitable deductions for up to \$300 per taxpayer who take a standard deduction and deductions up to 100% of 2020 adjusted gross income for tax payers that itemize. To learn more, visit our website at: <https://communityclothescloset.org/donate/>.