

The Glad Rag

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WELCOME

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Welcome to the first edition of the Community Clothing Closet Quarterly Newsletter. After 9 years of providing free clothing to the region surrounding Dallas Oregon, the volunteers thought a newsletter might be a useful way to inform our customers of needs, changes, opportunities, future plans and highlights.

Tell us what you think. How is your experience at the Closet? Have you been able to find what you need? What information would you like us to share? How can we best serve you, our customers? We consider the donors, the recipients and the volunteers as customers, so we hope we are serving everyone with dignity and respect. Our goal is two-fold: to help you clean out your closets of unwanted clothing and to help others refresh their wardrobe.

As a side benefit, this is one way of closing the loop of recycling textiles. A win-win all around. We hope and pray this year is your best year yet!

Future Plans

The Closet is indebted to the Dallas Evangelical Church for granting space for the Closet to operate. We started out with one room and 4 tables and have expanded to over 1700 square feet, taking over the entire basement and one other room for storage. The activities of the Church are expanding. With that, space is at a premium. Therefore, in cooperation with the Church, we are in the beginning phase of a new building project. The building will be located on the vacant lot just north of the Church. When the building is completed, the Closet will move to the street level floor, opening up an additional

1000 square feet for racks and bins.

What can you do to help? From cash donations designated to the building project to recyclable bottles and cans, nothing is too small to count towards a successful outcome.



Speaking engagements: Do you have an organization that needs a speaker? Let us know. One of the volunteers will be happy to tell your members about our exciting plans.



FEATURE RACK

January 1-January 16:
New Arrivals - Mostly Women's

January 17-February 14:
Valentine and Wedding fashion

February 15-March 17:
St Patrick's Day Green

NO SHIRTS? NO SHOES? NO PROBLEM!

Kristi Stebbins



HELP WANTED

Volunteers needed:

Long term or short term

Tasks are as follows:

Pull hangers

Sort Clothing

Hang/fold clothing

Organize racks/bins

Vacuuming

Remove rubbish

What's In It for You?

Give back to the community

Improve your resume'

Community Service hours

Learn customer service skills

Reduce boredom

Have fun 😊

Facebook Guru needed

Help keep our Facebook Page fresh and interesting.

Work from home.

What's in it for you?

Improve your computer skills

Improve your resume'

Watch the Facebook Community grow

Feel good 😊

**On average, 30 men,
women and children
visit the Closet per
3-hour shift.**

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION

We make every attempt to be open at our stated hours of operation. In the event of ice, snow, or other emergency, the safety of our volunteers and customers is paramount. If you are coming from out of town, please call to confirm the closet is open for business.



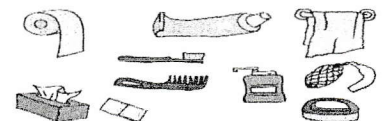
The stairs into the basement can be particularly treacherous. Please use extreme caution.

CURRENT NEEDS

Winter weather clothing: For all sizes- Coats, socks, long sleeved and flannel shirts, warm pajamas, sweat pants and thermal underwear. Gloves, both knit and waterproof, boots, kids snow pants, men belts.



Hygiene items: deodorant, hair conditioner, lotion, razors and shave cream. Preferred is the travel sized items. Towels and washcloths.



Clean cans and bottles to recycle.
Cash donations for the building project.



REMINDERS

Donations of clean, good to excellent condition clothing, belts, handbags, hats, shoes and linens are always needed. No books, housewares, toys, or other "non-wearable" items accepted.

Donation receipts available on request.

No picking for the purpose of reselling.

Please be respectful and considerate of the needs of others when you shop.