



Community Clothes Closet
1465-B Opportunity Way
Menasha, WI 54952
920-731-7834

Donation Hours

Mon-Fri: 10 am - 1 pm
Mon & Wed: 6 pm - 8 pm

Clothing may also be
dropped off at any
Gunderson Cleaners location.

Wish List

Financial Contributions
Children's clothing (6X-Preteen)
Children's boots/shoes
Men's clothing (especially large sizes)
Jeans
Sheets & blankets (full, queen, king)
Volunteers
White copy paper

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The Clothesline

Summer 2011

THE LITTLE CLOSET THAT COULD

by Diane Bishop, Executive Director



The little Closet began its life of providing free clothes to people in need over 30 years ago. A handful of women wanted to make a difference in their community and began distributing clothing to those in need. The Community Clothes Closet actually began in an actual closet and soon outgrew its four walls.

The little Closet changed locations several times during its lifetime and finally settled into its current location in Menasha. The CCC has provided more than 5 MILLION pieces of clothing to poverty stricken people throughout the community free of charge!

Now the little closet isn't so little anymore. We have several special programs to help people struggling in life:

- **Shopping Floor:** Relieves some of the financial pressures from people because they don't have to spend money on clothing. Helps to build self-esteem by allowing clients to look good while they interact in the community. Provides peace of mind for those in need because they know they can count on us.
- **New Start Boutique:** Appropriate clothing for job interviews to inspire confidence.
- **Being Cool for School:** More than 51,000 new clothes, school supplies, and shoes given to children to help them start the school year off right.
- **Cinderella Boutique:** All about finding the dress and accessories for girls attending prom!
- **Pajama-Rama:** Children feel safe and secure in their new p.j.'s, blanket, pillow, stuffed animal and book.

In 2010 the Closet clothed more than 16,000 people, which was a significant increase from 11,500 people in 2009. We averaged out the number of items distributed during open hours and discovered that we gave away 107 items per minute. Amazing!

Clothing is so much more than a basic need—it is a step out of poverty towards a better life. The right clothes can open doors and provide opportunities that wouldn't be available if one wasn't dressed appropriately.

Just like the handful of ladies who had the vision to make a difference in their community, you too can make a difference by sending a financial donation today.



VINTAGE FASHION SHOW IN REVIEW



The models seemed to enjoy the show as much as the audience!



What a fun look back at the past!



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Follow our tweets at **ClothesCloset** on Twitter. We would love to hear your tweets too.

YouTube

Ever wonder what goes on at the CCC? Check us out on YouTube at Clothes Closet—you may be surprised at what you see!



QR Do you have a smart phone? Scan our QR code to go directly to our website—a fast and easy way to find us on the web. Or, check us out at communityclothescloset.org

Without YOU....there is no US!

+ 1,323 children
51,728 brand new items

Being Cool
for School



Here's the deal...last year your donations enabled us to help over 1,323 kids by giving away more than 51,728 new items! Kids received

brand-new pants, shirts, undies, socks, shoes, school supplies, plus a bunch more.

Here is how you can help:

- ✍ Start a new clothing drive within your circle of friends & family.
- ✍ Donate a new clothing item for a child returning to school.
- ✍ Send us a financial donation to support this program.

After all, it is all about...
"Being Cool for School"

NEW STAFF MEMBER

Hello readers;

My name is Patrick McHugh and I am a recent addition to the staff of the Community Clothes Closet. As the Development Outreach Coordinator, I focus on grant writing to raise much needed funding for this wonderful organization.

I began working here in October of 2010 as an intern from Fox Valley Technical College and was offered the opportunity to stay on after completing my degree in marketing. I am continually inspired by the smiling faces of the many volunteers and the sincere appreciation expressed by the clients for what the CCC provides them.



WHEN YOU LOSE EVERYTHING.....

A FRIEND'S PERSPECTIVE:

Recently a friend of mine had a tragedy strike her family. At about 2 a.m. a fire broke out in her daughter Robyn's home. The house was a total loss. Robyn was severely injured by a back draft that burned her nose, throat and mouth. She was in a medically induced coma for 10 days and has suffered a 30% loss of her lung function. On top of that her husband Mike suffered smoke inhalation and burns. Their children Aiden (6 yrs.) and Joey (1 yr.) were in the house and suffered minor smoke inhalation. Their daughter Haley (12 yrs.) was staying at a friend's house. Thank the Lord, because the fire started close to her bedroom.

I'm writing this letter to say that in the face of tragedy the Clothes Closet was contacted by a wonderful lady by the name of Juanita, with whom I work. Diane and the CCC were a blessing to Robyn and Mike's family. Clothes, toys, blankets, pillows, diapers, and a number of gift cards were given to the family.

I personally want to thank everyone at the CCC. Your organization was a blessing to the family, and I know that they will never forget the compassion and generosity shown to them. Neither will I. Thank you for everything you do for families in need. The CCC gives them hope when they may feel hopeless. May you all be blessed for the work you do.

Thank you, Jodi

GRANDMOTHER'S PERSPECTIVE:

I just want to thank you very much for everything you did for my daughter and her family. You were truly a blessing when we needed it the most.

God Bless You!
Cheryl

CCC'S PERSPECTIVE:

We at the Community Clothes Closet are happy that we are here to help families like this who are in need. We love putting smiles on faces where frowns have been.





Losing everything in a fire is a traumatic event—read about one family that we helped.

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