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National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis

WHAT IS KIDS COMMUNITY CLOSET?

Kids Community Closet (KCC) provides underserved children with clothing, coats, backpacks, school supplies and personal care items in their school to allow them to attend school every day, which maximizes their learning potential.



"I am truly appreciative of the support we can count on from NCJW STL and the stability it gives our students and their families."

-Social Worker, Dewey International Studies Elementary

WHO DO WE HELP?

Kids Community Closet helps students who attend elementary schools where at least 80% of students qualify to receive free/reduced price lunch. The program also helps schools and faculty members provide for their students without the burden of paying for items out of their own pocket. We serve 7 school districts throughout the city and county.



"It was heartening to hear that children were given warm coats during winter. Things that we often take for granted are literally life-savers for these kids." -NCJW STL Volunteer

HOW DO WE HELP?

We work with school social workers, counselors and nurses to determine the needs of underserved children at their school. When a child needs an item from the closet, they are discreetly assisted by school staff and parents are notified.

Each school has two NCJW liaisons who work with school personnel to stock and maintain the closet. We continually adapt inventory at each school to meet their evolving needs as the seasons change and as the children grow.

Volunteers pick up and deliver what the school needs. The frequency of visits depends on each individual school's needs and the availability of the volunteers.

WHAT IS OUR IMPACT?

We opened the first Kids Community Closet in 2008. Since then, we have built 25 closets serving 29 schools and have the capacity to help over 10,000 children on any given day. Attendance rates have largely increased at the schools we serve.



"We are grateful for this partnership and thank you for your continued support for our students. I look forward to continuing our work together."

-School Social Worker



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

There are several ways you can help:

VOLUNTEER

Sign up to become a school liaison and work with school personnel to help stock and maintain a closet.

DONATE

We always accept new donated items, as well as in-kind donations, including clothing, school uniforms, winter coats, personal care items, laundry detergent and washers/dryers.

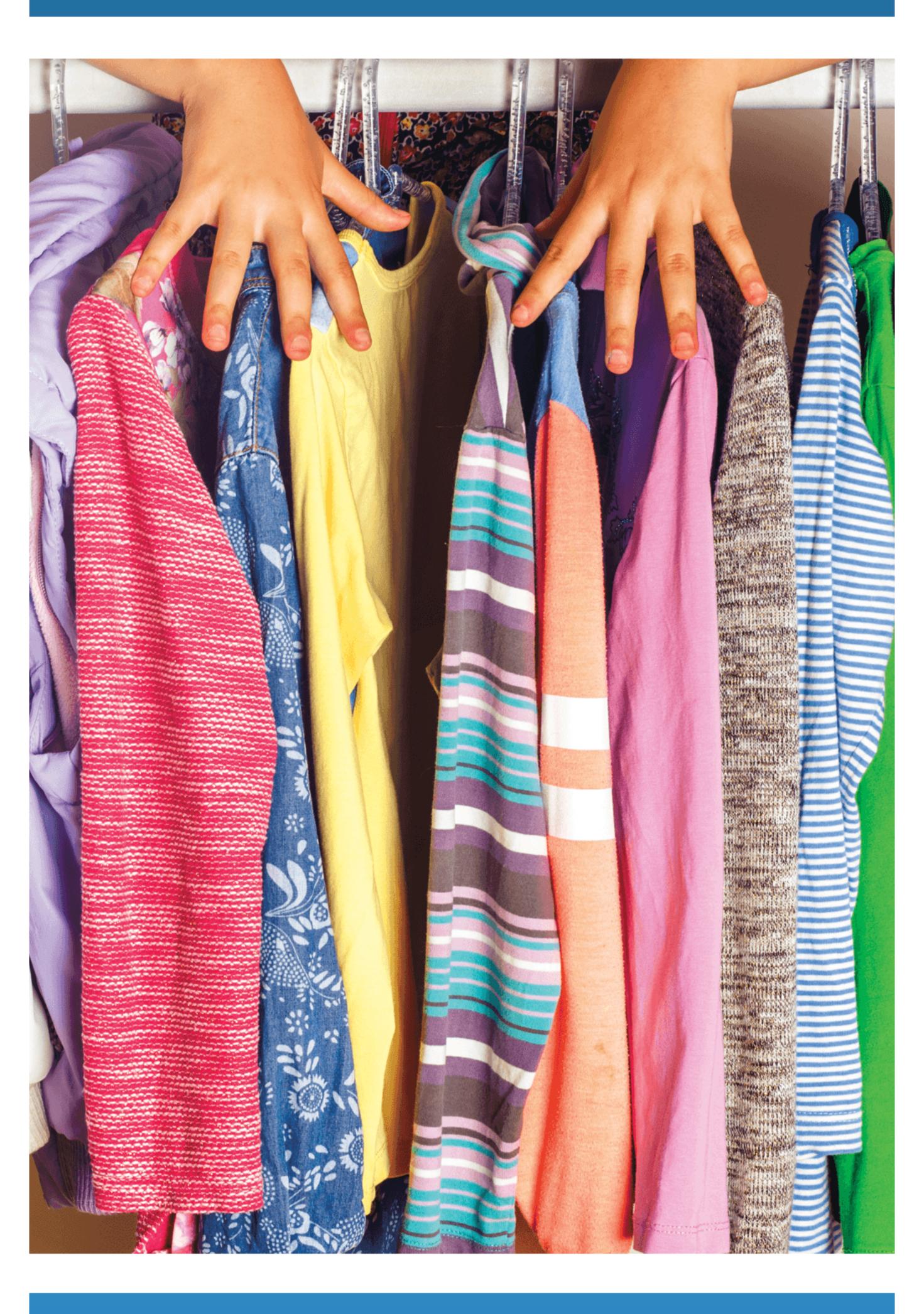
SPONSOR

We offer two sponsorship opportunities for Kids Community Closet. You can build and stock a new closet for one year for \$2,000 or stock an existing closet for one year for \$1,200.

Learn more, get involved or make a donation by visiting ncjwstl.org or by calling 314.993.5181

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