

# CARING CLOTHES CLOSET (CCC)

**A clothing ministry by people who care to help provide comfort and support to others. Offering free clothing to those that might need a little extra care in their lives.**

At the core or heart of Christianity is the fact that we should be caring people. Having a heart that cares shows that we are seeking to be like Jesus.

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”*

John 15:12

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The Caring Clothes Closet is a local project designed to address the immediate needs of people here in our community by providing free clothing to families experiencing financial difficulties or crisis. There are two ways you can help:

\*First, forward any needs, individual or through an organization and the needs will be met on a first come, first serve basis based on the contents of the closet.

\* Secondly, donate! The CCC needs new or gently used clothing of any gender, any size and a tax receipt can be provided upon request. (In addition, we are always in need of new under garments and socks for kids of all ages.) See below for updated donation guidelines and needs.

If you yourself are of need, please contact us and we will make every effort to help. The CCC does not have any set hours but arrangements can be made to meet people on an as needed basis. We also have open houses every few months, so let us know if you need a schedule.

## Donation Guidelines

We welcome your clothing and shoe donations for the Shady Grove United Methodist Church's Caring Clothes Closet. Some guidelines for your donations:

- In desperate need of all kids clothing, boys and girls, size toddler to 20 (no shorts unless boys gym shorts).
- In need of all ages and gender shoes (no sandals or flip flops please).
- In need of women's dressy clothing and jeans of all sizes.
- Children's pajamas only....please no used adult sleepwear. (Please no used undergarments of any kind.)
- No work out clothing except gently used gym shorts for kids and young men and dri-fit shirts for kids and tweens/teens.

- No t shirts with imprints except for sports related ones such as Nike and clothing store ones such as Aeropostle, Abercrombie, etc.
- Tweens/teen clothing always needed and greatly appreciated.
- Only taking Men's clothing if in really good condition. Casual clothing such as jeans, sweatshirts, sweatpants mostly needed at this time.
- Please only donate for the current season we are in. We have very limited storage space for out of season clothing. Check back for seasonal needs.
- Clothing can be dropped off at the church at any time and should be put in wicker trunk located in the open shed next to the clothes closet shed.
- Please fold clothes nicely and put in paper shopping bags or grocery bags. Clothing in garbage bags gets really wrinkled and sometimes sits in the bags for a while before we get to sort them. Clothing folded nicely and stored in paper bags makes sorting and putting away so much quicker and easier.

Thank you for your help in making our Clothes Closet a success for those in need and for helping make a positive difference in the lives of those within our own community!

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