

The Closet

Our goal is to connect teens with whatever basic resources they need to be both comfortable and successful at school.

81% OF OUR STUDENTS ARE CONSIDERED LOW INCOME... WHAT ARE THEY GOING WITHOUT?

Details about the program

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How it began

While talking with students, we became aware that some of their basic needs were going unmet. Things that many staff and students take for granted like clean clothing, winter coats and deodorant are difficult for some families to provide. We began brainstorming ideas, asking permissions and laundering available clothing from unclaimed lost and found items and locker clean-outs.

What we are hoping to provide to Students (Donations welcome!)

- New or gently used clothing
- New socks and underwear
- New or gently used winter coats, hats and gloves
- Deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, maxi pads and other toiletry items
- Use of washing machines/dryers, laundry detergent/dryer sheets
- School supplies

Monetary Donations

No matter how hard we try to stock items, there will no doubt be students who need items such as clothing or shoes in particular sizes that we do not have available. In addition, being able to offer students some new items at times would be nice. Donations may also be used to help buy materials such as laundry detergent. Donations of items can be dropped off at DDE, just call!

BECOME A PART OF THE PROJECT TODAY!

Referrals and Confidentiality

Students can be referred through teachers, social workers, counselors, parents or themselves. Student information will be kept confidential. We will keep the entire process as private as possible.

To make a donation, please make checks out to the D218 Foundation & write "The Closet" in the memo line. Mail it to Eisenhower High School (attn: The Closet) 12700 S. Sacramento Blue Island, IL

60406.

You will receive a letter thanking you for your monetary donation in time for tax season since this will be a tax deductible donation.

ANY QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Ask in person or email us! We would love the input!

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