

# THE CLOTHES LINE



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## Help Beyond Clothing

At the Community Clothes Closet, we provide help to our shoppers in the form of free clothing. Receiving free clothing allows our shoppers to spend money on other needs such as food, housing, utilities, and transportation.

Recently, we received an email from, Bethany, a former client. She said that we had helped her in the past. Now that she is more stable, she said, we can help her again by taking donations from her.

During her toughest times, the CCC and other non-profits had assisted her. With her anxiety, she had a hard time parting with her possessions and she had held on to too much. But thanks to a support team, she was ready to donate her extra possessions to us to provide help to others like the help she had once received. It was another big step in her life to part with things that had helped her during her time of need.

Her large donation reaffirmed what we all know here: Yes, we give clothing to those in need, but our help goes beyond the clothing. Our help can provide relief physically, mentally, and spiritually.



## Hello from the Director's Office

My name is Diane MacDonald, and I am the new Executive Director of the Community Clothes Closet. It's been a whirlwind since I started back in February and I'm so very grateful to work with such a remarkable organization. I've seen firsthand the impact our services make on our clients who are struggling to make ends meet, clothe their children or seek employment. It's very gratifying to help our clients; the services we provide are quite unique, so it's easy to see why the CCC is such a special place.

My background is rich with non-profit work; it's something I've enjoyed my whole career from starting off as a social worker, volunteer liaison, fundraising manager and a founding board member of another successful non-profit. I live in Menasha with my husband, Drew, our sons Jack, a sophomore in college, Max, a sophomore in high school and our beloved English Setter, Maisy.

I want to thank our board of directors, volunteers, staff and numerous community

members who have wholeheartedly welcomed me and shared their time, talents and resources to ensure the CCC remained strong during the transition. Together we will continue to develop our programming to ensure our vulnerable populations within our community are supported.

Have you seen our facility lately? Please stop in and say hello- we'd love to give you a tour!

Sincerely,

*Diane MacDonald*

Diane MacDonald



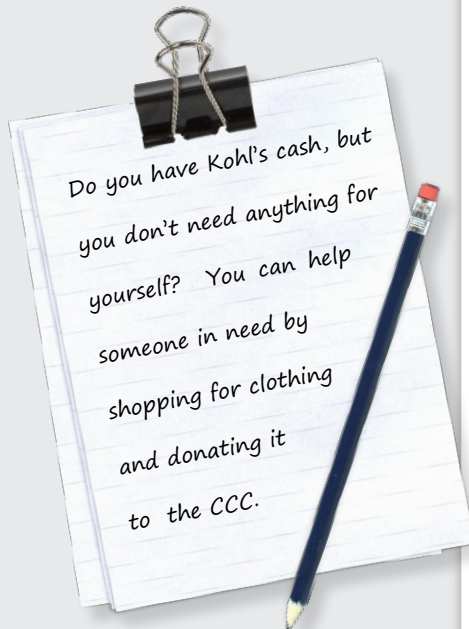
# COOL FOR SCHOOL

Each August, the Community Clothes Closet serves children in need with new school outfits.

Do you remember how you felt on your first day of school? How did wearing that new outfit make you feel? Confident, proud, ready to make a good first impression and meet new friends? Now, imagine what it would have been like if that "new" outfit was not new at all. Instead, it is two sizes too small. You have holes in your knees and stains that seem to be everywhere. How do you feel walking into your first day of school now? How is your confidence and your desire to take on new challenges?

Many families in the Fox Valley do not have enough money to buy new clothing. At the Community Clothes Closet, we believe every child should start each new school year feeling confident and proud. We are hosting our annual Cool for School event in August to provide new clothing to children in need. With your support, we helped over 1,200 kids last year by providing them with new clothing, school supplies, and gift certificates for shoes!

Please consider making a financial donation to support our Cool for School program. Your donation will be used to purchase shoe gift certificates or new clothing, allowing kids the chance to focus on learning and friendships, not what they have to wear. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by our parents and children.



## Pinot's Palette Paint and Sip Fundraiser

Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00pm  
Pinot's Palette at 226 E. College Ave. in Appleton  
Sign up today because seating is limited!  
For more info, and to register, visit [communityclothescloset.org](http://communityclothescloset.org)



Yes, you can paint this! Join us for a fun night of painting to support the CCC!



## BUNDLE OF JOY

A HUGE thank you to the Altrusa Club of Appleton for donating brand new baby items and 70 diaper cakes which they made at their annual conference. The cakes are absolutely adorable! Our clients and their newborns really appreciate the layettes we give out containing much needed items such as clothing, wipes, toys, bibs, and diapers. We really appreciate the Altrusa Club for supporting our new moms and babies!

## DOOR-TO-DOOR CLOTHES AND MORE

There are many people in our community who need clothing, but due to physical limitations or other factors, cannot come in to pick it out themselves. Thankfully, we have a program to help **home-bound** people called *Door-to-Door Clothes and More!* We collaborate with the Aging and Disability Resource Center to get clothing and personal care products to people who need them. We also work with foster care services to provide clothing for kids in their care. So far this year, our volunteers delivered over 300 clothing items through *Door-to-Door Clothes and More!* thanks to your generous donations.

Find us on Facebook to see the latest news at the Community Clothes Closet:  
[facebook.com/communityclothescloset](https://facebook.com/communityclothescloset)





# OUR VOLUNTEERS



## Thank you, CCC Volunteers

The 2016 Volunteer Luncheon was a success. Judging from the smiles we received, the volunteers thoroughly enjoyed themselves. With games, a personalized video, and an abundance of food, our volunteers were able to relax and visit with each other.

The CCC staff and board are so appreciative of their hard work. We can never thank our 100-plus volunteers enough for all they do. From sorting, to hanging, to organizing, boxing, cleaning, and caring for our clients, our volunteers make the Community Clothes Closet function. Without our volunteers, we could not serve the number of clients we do each year. We could not give out the number of items or take in the amount of donations that we receive each year.

Our volunteers treat each other like family. Miss a day? They'll call to make sure you're

okay, and when you come back, you will know you were missed.

If you're interested in becoming part of the Community Clothes Closet volunteer family, Sandy, our volunteer coordinator wants to hear from you. We have a variety of different opportunities available. You can contact us at 920-731-7834 or send an email to [sandy@communityclothescloset.org](mailto:sandy@communityclothescloset.org).



"We love volunteering here!"

Join us at the CCC!

What would you do with \$10,000? Hmm...a vacation, buy a car, support a worthy charity?

Let's find out! The CCC is hosting a raffle. Grand Prize is \$10,000 cash!

Tickets are only \$20.00 each. Support a great cause and take a chance at an exciting prize! One lucky winner will be \$10,000 richer! Drawing to be held at 9 am on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

For more information, contact us at [info@communityclothescloset.org](mailto:info@communityclothescloset.org) or visit us Monday-Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm or Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm to purchase a ticket. Thank you for your support!

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