



LOST AND FOUND

Makeover Program



About Us:

The Giving Closet Project, Inc. provides clothing and hygiene products to students in need, elevating their self-esteem and dignity. Our grassroots, organization was founded by a former Duval County teacher in April 2016. Today, we are a one-stop shop for educators, making sure that their students' basic needs are met throughout the school year. Weekly, we receive student referrals from counselors, case managers, social workers, and teachers. Our volunteers fill orders at our Giving Closet district "hubs" and then deliver care packages out to schools within one week. Upcycling unclaimed lost and found clothing from schools are the roots from which the GCP began. Learn more about why our Lost and Found Makeover Program is perfect for your school!



Benefits

- Organized and functional area
- Beautifies school
- Clean, sanitary, less germs
- Efficient system to maintain
- Burden off school faculty
- Upcycle clothing to a good cause

Impact

- Less dirt, mildew, bugs = healthier school
- Students easily reunite with lost belongings
- Engaging service-learning project for students
- Less lost and found waste
- Happy parents and students
- More students have access to basic needs

Sign your school up for a Lost and Found Makeover TODAY!



1. Visit www.givingclosetproject.org and click on "Lost and Found Makeover"
2. Fill out school information and upload a "Before" photo of your current L&F area
3. How do you think this program will impact your school community? (1-2 sentences)
4. A member from our GCP team will contact you to schedule your consultation





Delores Barr Weaver Fund

established 2012

The GCP's Lost and Found Makeover Program is supported by a grant from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund.

About the Delores Barr Weaver Fund

Delores Barr Weaver established this Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida in 2012 to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that do work she has supported over many years and to encourage others to do so as well. Mrs. Weaver has an extraordinary legacy of philanthropy, and she has provided transformative support to dozens of nonprofit organizations that uplift, enlighten and advance our community. Her establishment of the Delores Barr Weaver Fund (\$50 million) in 2012 was the largest gift in The Community Foundation's history.

Lost and Found Sponsors and Donors



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Did you know?

“According to teachers nationwide, one in five students struggle with access to clean clothes, which leads to students missing school - and those kids who miss school are seven times more likely to drop out.” - Good News Network Article

- Over **5,000** students are identified homeless in Duval County and **72,000** in the state of Florida - (Rethinking Homelessness)
- In 2018, one out of five students reported being bullied at school. - Center for Disease Control
- Homeless students demonstrate a lower level of proficiency in academic subjects
- Over 30,000 children in Duval County Schools live in poverty and potentially lack the ability to get access to essential items deemed necessary for school.
- **34.3%** of children in Duval County are receiving public assistance and **25.4%** live below the poverty line - 2014 Census Bureau report



We Are Here For You!

The need for providing clothing and other basic essentials for students in need is greater than ever. Whether virtual or back in the brick and mortar, The Giving Closet Project wants you to know that we are here to assist students in need by providing them with clothing and hygiene products. We count on teachers, counselors, social workers, and case managers to identify the students, and work with families to get the information we need to fill care packages. School personnel is the bridge between families and the services we provide. By starting with a school Lost and Found Makeover, this partnership will be the beginning of a collaborative effort to raise awareness of poverty within our school communities and make a difference in a child's life.



Lost and Found Makeover Agreement

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In partnership with _____,

The Giving Closet Project will provide:

- ___ Storage/baskets for lost items (water bottles, lunch boxes, lanyards, etc.)
- ___ Number of clothing racks (Minimum of 2)
- ___ Number of bundle of hangers (25 in each bundle)
- ___ 3 bins to keep lost items separated (clothing, lunch items, miscellaneous)

Select Quarterly Pick Up: (Circle all that apply)

2nd quarter/winter 3rd quarter/Spring 4th quarter/end-of-year



Lost and Found Toolkit:

- 2 custom GCP Laundry bags for donation pick up
- 1 box of plastic gloves
- Tips for keeping up with and managing new lost and found area
- Poster ideas for communicating with students and parents
- Teachers, counselors and other school personnel can access our online student referral form at www.givingclosetproject.org
- Training to student, teacher, and parent Lost & Found volunteers
*Once a week, lost and found items will need to be organized (clean out bins, throw food away out of lunchboxes, wash water bottles, hang clothes, etc.) *The GCP will train volunteers to accomplish these tasks and support volunteers as necessary.*

In partnership with The Giving Closet Project, your school agrees to:

- Provide a volunteer base from school community: students, teachers, and/or parents (recommended volunteers: (2 - 5)
- Donate unclaimed items to the GCP in the provided laundry bags (must be packed ahead of time by volunteers)
- Maintain the functionality of shelving, racks, and bins, notifying The GCP if additional organizational tools are necessary
- Follow the tips and guidelines provided by the GCP to keep space organized
- Host 2 drives a year for our organization and help spread awareness of the GCP and our mission

___ Yes, I have read the proposal above and agree to a partnership with the Giving Closet Project organization.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____