



OUR MISSION

The Giving Closet Project (GCP), established in 2016, provides clothing and hygiene products to students in need, elevating their self-esteem and dignity. Its vision is to reduce barriers to student success including bullying, chronic absenteeism, and the inability to focus in the classroom. Headquartered in Jacksonville, FL, GCP serves children in both Duval and Palm Beach counties.

THE ESSENTIAL ANGELS PROGRAM



Upcycling unclaimed lost and found clothing from schools was how GCP started, but has blossomed into a dynamic and unique organization that continues to innovate and provide emergency wrap around services to homeless and low-income youth.

The Essential Angels program is a referral-based care package distribution system that provides clothing, hygiene items, and more to students in grades Pre-K through 12 who are experiencing homelessness and/or persistent or situational poverty. Teachers, social workers, and other service agencies identify students in need and refer them to the

program through our online portal. The program provides one month's worth of hygiene products, a week's worth of clothes, along with shoes and a backpack.

THE EVER-GROWING NEED

The services we provide are unique in Florida. GCP partners with over hundreds of service agencies, schools, teachers, social workers, case managers, and other referring partners.

GCP provided \$600,000 worth of custom care packages to over 5,000 students last year alone. The demand for our services is high, and the needs of your constituents are growing exponentially.

GCP is dedicated to ensuring that ALL students have an opportunity to build their self-esteem, positively engage with their peers, improve academically, increase attendance, and receive the education they deserve.

Main Hub

Northwestern Legends
2100 W 41st Street

Satellite Locations

Biltmore Elementary School
2101 W Palm Ave

Mandarin Middle School
5100 Hood Road

George W. Carver Elementary
2854 W 45th Street

Hidden Oaks Elementary School
6127 Cedar Hills Blvd

Frank H. Peterson High School
7450 Wilson Blvd

Kids Hope Alliance
1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd

Emmett Reed Community Center
1093 W Sixth Street



WHO WE SERVE

Imagine an 8-year-old wanting to skip school only because their clothes are filthy and have not been washed in weeks or months. A special needs student who comes to school without socks or underwear under her jeans, which hurts and makes her walk slow and awkwardly because she is in pain. A student whose mom is a victim of domestic violence and she needs hygiene products including tampons. These are just a few of the children that GCP has helped recently.

1,644 LMI STUDENTS SERVED

22.49% Identified as Homeless

REFERRAL SOURCES

32.91% Case Manager
24.87% Social Worker
19.72% Family Liaison
11.31% Counselor
9.55% School District Staff
1.63% Teacher

ETHNICITY

71.36% Black or African American
12.81% White
9.42% Hispanic or Latino
6.16% Multiracial
0.13% Asian
0.13% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

GENDER

51.88% Male
46.98% Female
1.13% Other

AGES

53.89% Elementary
(Kindergarten-Grade 5)
20.23% Middle School (Grades 6-8)
13.82% High School (Grades 9-12)
12.06% Other: Toddler, Virtual Pre-K, Daycare, Headstart

Data collected July 2023 - July 2024*

*Not all participants responded to each question. Throughout this report GCP calculates category percent by using the number of participants who answered the question being analyzed.

"KT and her dad lost everything once he was injured at work. He is no longer able to provide the basic necessities."

"Benjamin is in fifth grade and needs any type of clothing if possible. He comes to school in clothes that are dirty and have holes in them. It breaks my heart to see him in clothing like this."

"Child lives with a single mom and one younger sibling. The parent works 2 jobs to make ends meet and often still falls short due to the high cost of living. Child's dad lives in another city in Florida and offers little to no financial assistance. The family values education. The parent enrolls the child in afterschool activities to offer activity and socialization."

"Youth is currently staying with a friend as we work with her to get her into an independent living program. In the fall she'll be going into her senior year and is in need of new uniforms."



GCP Sites, Jacksonville FL

Northwestern Legends - District Hub
 Biltmore Elementary
 Mandarin Middle School
 George W. Carver Elementary
 Hidden Oaks Elementary
 Frank H. Peterson High School
 Kids Hope Alliance
 Emmett Reed Community Center

Agencies Using Our Services

Big Brothers Big Sisters of NEFL
 Bridge to Success Academy at St. Clair
 Evans
 Casa Boricua
 Cedar Hills
 Center for Children's Rights
 Child Guidance Center
 Children's Home Society of Northeast
 Florida
 Chrysalis Health
 Communities in Schools of Jacksonville
 Daniel Inc. Full Service Schools
 Daniel Kids
 Deliver the Dream
 Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center

DEM KIDZ INC
 Duval County Public Schools - McKinney
 Vento Dept.
 Families of Slain Children
 Family Promise of Jacksonville
 Florida Virtual Future Faces Of
 Tomorrow
 Global Outreach Academy
 Grand Park Education Center
 Horizon Institutes
 Jacksonville Parks and Recreation
 Kids Hope Alliance
 Krumpin 4 Success
 La Casa Boricua Community Resource
 Center

Lighthouse Christian School
 Lutheran Social Services Head Start
 Multilingual Psychotherapy Center
 Nemours Children's Health for Ribault
 Middle School
 Overflow Health Alliance
 Pace School for Girls
 Police Athletic League
 R.E.S.T.O.R.E
 Sponsored By Grace
 The Better Dads Society
 THE PLAYERS Center for Child Health
 UCOM Jax
 Wolfson's Children's Hospital

Schools Utilizing Our Services

A Phillip Randolph
 Alden Road
 Alfred I Dupont Middle School Anchor
 Academy
 Andrew Jackson High School
 Andrew Robinson Elementary
 Annie R Morgan Elementary Arlington
 Heights Elementary Arlington Middle
 School
 Atlantic Beach Elementary
 Atlantic Coast High School
 Beauclerc Elementary School Biltmore
 Elementary
 Biscayne Elementary
 Bridge to Success
 Bridge to Success Academy -ASA Philip
 Randolph
 Butler Middle School
 Charger Academy
 Chimney Lakes Elementary School
 Crossroad Christian School
 Crystal Springs Elementary
 D. U. Fletcher Middle School
 Darnell Cookman
 Dupont Middle School
 Duval Charter School at Baymeadows
 Ed White High School
 Englewood Elementary
 Fletcher High School
 Fort Caroline Elementary
 Fort Caroline Middle School

George Washington Carver
 Global Outreach Charter Academy –
 Intercoastal
 GRASP Academy
 Greenfield Elementary
 Gregory Drive Elementary
 Henry Kite Elementary
 Highlands Elementary School Hogan
 Spring Glen Elementary Holiday Hill
 Elementary
 Hyde Park Elementary
 Icon Preparatory School
 Idea Bassett
 J. Keller Intermediate
 Jacksonville Classical Academy
 Jacksonville Heights Elementary
 Kernan Trail Elementary
 Kings Trail Elementary
 KIPP/Bessie Coleman
 Lake Lucina Elementary
 Lake Shore Middle School
 Long Branch Elementary
 Loretto Elementary
 Louis Sheffield Elementary School
 Love Grove Elementary
 Mandarin High School
 Mandarin Oaks Elementary
 Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary
 Matthew Gilbert Middle School
 Mayport Middle School
 Merrill Road Elementary

Neptune Beach Elementary
 New Berlin Elementary
 Northshore Elementary
 Northwestern Legends Elementary
 Ortega Elementary
 Pickett Elementary
 Pine Forest
 Pinedale Elementary
 Ramona Boulevard Elementary
 Riverside High School
 Royal Academy School of Preparatory
 Arts
 Rufus E. Payne Elementary
 Ruth Upson Elementary
 Rutledge Pearson Elementary
 Sabal Palm Elementary
 Sadie T Tillis Elementary
 San Jose Elementary
 Seabreeze Elementary
 Southside Middle School
 Springfield Middle School
 St. Clair Evans Elementary
 Susie Tolbert Elementary
 Terry Parker High
 Timucuan Elementary School
 Waterleaf Elementary
 Waverly Academy
 Westside Middle School
 Westview K-8
 Woodland Acres Elementary