

## Who We Are

The OCPS Kids' Closet is a clothing closet and food pantry created to serve students and families enrolled in Orange County Public Schools. The Kids' Closet serves approximately 800 students each year providing over 9,000 items to students and families experiencing homelessness or in financial need.

## What We Provide

One staff member operates the Kids' Closet year round and all items are provided by generous donations. Financial donations allow us to purchase new clothing items for students in styles just like their peers as well as any needed uniform items for school. Hygiene items, school supply, and backpack donations also provide students the needed items to succeed in school. It is the donations to our Kids' Closet that provide a sense of normalcy to students who feel out of place due to the loss of a home or financial hardship. Our food pantry is maintained by the Christian Service Center Love Pantry program.

## How We Operate

Individuals from local schools (Social Workers, SAFE Coordinators, Guidance Counselors, administrators, etc.) can place requests for clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, backpacks, or food items for individual students and their family members. Our Kids' Closet coordinator and volunteers from our local high schools fulfill the order requests. School staff picks up the order and delivers it to the students at the school. Any families in need of items should contact their local school guidance counselor or social worker. Requests are filled on a first come first serve basis.

## Contact Us

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## Financial Donations

Financial donations can be made via the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools at <https://foundationforocps.org>.

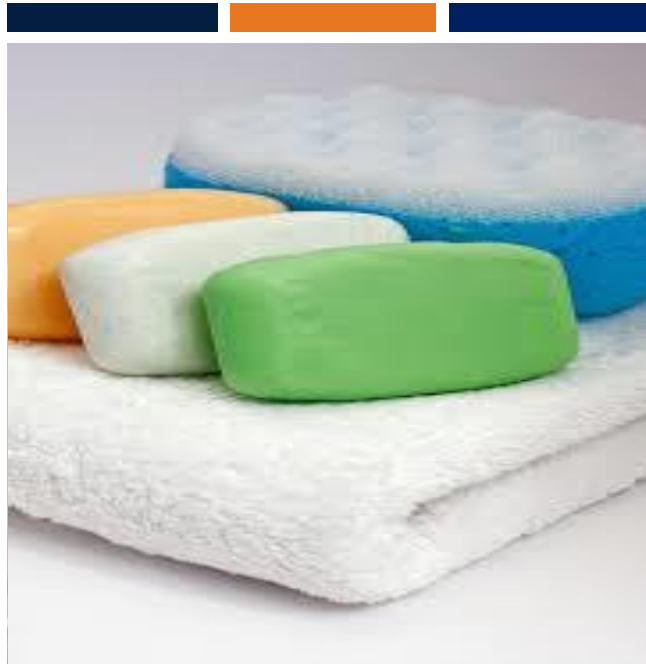
Simply click on the “Give” heart on the top right hand corner of the page. Once on the donation page select “Kids’ Closet” under the first drop down question “I want to support”. Any amount is appreciated.



## How Can You Help?

We are always in need of financial donations and/or new and gently used items at the Kids’ Closet. Below is a list of items you can donate:

- Shirts/Blouses (all sizes, youth sizes most needed)
- Pants (all sizes, youth sizes most needed)
- Shorts (ideally Bermuda short length)
- Jackets/Sweatshirts (all sizes, youth sizes most needed)
- Belts
- Shoes
- Backpacks
- School Supplies (unused only)
- Undergarments (new in package or with tags on only)
- Socks (new in package or with tags on only)
- Hygiene Items (unused only)



## IMPACT of OUR DONORS

*“I had a student who was having issues with attendance due to homelessness and other hardships. I visited his home and he was wearing shorts and no shirt. He said he didn't have clothing to attend school. The Kids' Closet was able to provide him with several new outfits, school supplies, and hygiene products to help him feel more comfortable and confident in returning to school. With the support of these donations, he returned to school within the week, ready to learn. He still faces many challenges, but this is one less thing he and his family have to worry about.”*

- OCPS School Social Worker