

Clothe a Child Change a Life

How Clothing Helps Children Succeed in School

Academic success can be a challenge for many students. But for the nearly 195,000 preschool through twelfth-grade students in the Denver Metro area from low-income or in-crisis families, a barrier to success is often their lack of adequate school clothing.

For many students, inadequate clothing creates a sharp distinction between themselves and their peers. The result can be poor self-esteem and lower academic performance.

That's why **Clothes To Kids of Denver** provides students in need with free wardrobes that will encourage their success in school. Since the organization was founded in 2008, our more than 200 referral partners — including schools, agencies, shelters, hospitals, and churches — have directed thousands of students to **Clothes To Kids of Denver**, where they were able to shop for wardrobes in its welcoming store-like setting. Each wardrobe consists of the following new or gently-used items:

5

NEW pairs of undies and socks
Tops

4

Bottoms
(Pants, skirts or shorts)

1

Pair of shoes
Coat

How You Can Help Change a Child's Life for the Better

Whatever your interests and means, there's an important way you can contribute to the success of **Clothes To Kids of Denver** and the students we serve:



DONATE clothing or money.



VOLUNTEER in the store, on a committee, on our board, or on our Community Action Council.



HOST an event, such as our Socks in the City party, an Undie 500 underwear drive, or an Explore the Store event.

HELP CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD BY VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME

Volunteers support our mission by:

- Creating a welcoming atmosphere for clients.
- Providing a personalized shopping experience to help families find the clothes that work best for them.
- Keeping the store tidy and fully stocked so families feel like they are shopping in a boutique.
- Making sure that the clothes we provide are high quality, appropriate for students, clean and ready to wear.

Volunteers benefit from the experience by:

- Making a real difference in the lives of the families we serve who are in crisis or in need.
- Enjoying valuable networking opportunities with other volunteers who come from a wide range of career and life experience.
- Gaining experience in customer service and retail operations.
- Choosing a convenient volunteer schedule by signing up for shifts online.

Follow These Simple Steps to Become a Volunteer:

1.

Get to know us! Check out our website or contact us to arrange a tour of our space.

2.

Adults, youth and groups interested in volunteering should fill out an online application, available at <http://clothestokidsdenver.org/volunteer-opportunities/volunteer/>

3.

Attend a volunteer orientation. Once you have completed the application process, we will work with you to arrange an orientation to review our code of conduct, volunteer policies and scheduling.

4.

Get started! We do all of our volunteer training on the job and will do everything we can to help you get the most out of your time at Clothes To Kids.

