

Part 3 - Ways to Get Involved

As you began 2021, did you make a list of goals for this year? If you made goals to be more active, make a difference in your community, help someone in need, try something new, or learn something new, the **StreetSide Showers Clothing Ministry** can assist you with accomplishing these goals.

From the very beginning of the StreetSide Showers Clothing Ministry, we hit the ground running. It started out simply by determining what clothing would be needed, volume, and how to distribute the clothing at the Collin County Assistance Center. The Ministry has been evolving the past 8 months. As we entered the Fall and Winter seasons, we added “winter wear” and blankets. We have had to be creative with the addition of these items. On rainy days, we can be seen distributing rain gear, coats, sweatshirts, hoodies, sweaters and blankets from the backend of our vehicles.

There are many avenues for you to get involved whether it be in-person or from the comfort of your own home.

Volunteering from the comfort of your home. Did I hear you say, “I can do that!” The following are things you can do from home:

- 1.Mending clothes-sewing on buttons, patching, seam repair, zipper repair, repair of belt loops on pants and hemming.
- 2.Washing clothes-getting the dirt or stains out of clothing
- 3.Calling organizations (Churches and Manufacturers) to have them hold clothing drives or to see if they will donate clothing.
- 4.Spreading the word of what we’re doing to your family, friends and co-workers; they may want to or be able to help.
- 5.Donations of clothes or money. Have you cleaned out your closets recently? We have been blessed to date with donations from the congregation. Money donated is utilized to purchase those items that are needed.

Do you feel the need to get out of your house? The following are things that will get you out of the house:

- 1.Picking up donations when needed from individuals or organizations.
- 2.Processing of donations received. We can make arrangements to train you on what to do and arrange a time that you can work when there is a limited number of volunteers working.

Do you feel comfortable wearing a mask, social distancing, and utilizing hand sanitizer/hand washing?

- 1.Prepare for Wednesday distribution day on Tuesdays from 3 to 5:30pm at the Church.
- 2.Shopping for needed items from designated thrift stores.

3. Distribution of clothing on Wednesdays outside at the Collin County Assistance Center (18th and H Avenue) from 10:30am-3:00pm approximately.

Why are we involved with the StreetSide Showers Clothing Ministry?

The Theological Foundation for this ministry is grounded by scripture: Mathew 25:34-40: "I was naked and you gave me clothing, And the king will answer them, Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

What impact do we hope to have with this Ministry?

We are distributing clothing so that StreetSide Shower guests in our local community may improve their self-esteem and meet a basic human need.

Do you want to be involved? To get involved, please contact:

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