



Woohoo for Shoes!!!

Luke's Closet | THE CLOTHES LINE | Vol. 1 2025

Luke's Closet Awarded \$31,000 Grant

We're thrilled to announce Luke's Closet has received an anonymous \$31,000 grant which will enable us to provide new shoes in 2025! We are incredibly grateful for this contribution and the impact it will have on Dane County's foster care and kinship care children and teens. We've seen children and teens excited to choose their own shoes and guardians relieved of this financial burden. In addition to funding shoes at the three 2025 Shop & Eat events, the grant will also fund our emergency shoe need program in conjunction with Dane County social workers. Woohoo!



2024 Wrap-Up

Luke's Closet finished 2024 serving 679 children and teens in foster, kinship and adoptive families. This was very similar to 2023 allowing us to continue our commitment of providing a week's worth of curated, seasonal clothing and shoes twice a year. After nearly doubling the children served from 2022 to 2023, a year of stability was needed and welcomed.

Because of St. Luke's, all of our financial donations can go directly to serving the children and families. Buying new shoes and filling the gaps in our clothing inventory account for 96% of our expenses.

The Luke's Closet cell phone allows us to provide emergency services to our families and coordinate deliveries. Delivery supplies, 1%, are mostly the white Luke's Closet bags shopping bags used for

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deliveries and the final 1% of our expenses was spent on buying food to fill the gaps in our Shop & Eat food donation sign-ups.

Luke's Closet is possible because of the ongoing support of St. Luke's and our incredibly dedicated volunteers and donors. We couldn't be more grateful for each and every one. See more in our [2024 Annual Report](#).

Current Needs ->

- Large handled reusable shopping bags for Shop & Eat events. (Not plastic or paper grocery bags).
- Boys and mens athletic pants (sizes youth 6 - Men's XL)
- Hoodies (all sizes)

Shop our [Amazon wish list](#) or buy from your favorite store.

Special Donor Thank You's

GRANTS:

- Anonymous - \$31,000
- Marine Credit Union - \$600
- Culver's Night - \$700

Luke's Closet is always on the lookout for new grants to apply for! If you are part of a grant-giving organization, please consider contacting Kirsten Pedersen, Luke's Closet co-chair, at kirstenpedersen_30@msn.com.

CLOTHING DRIVES:

We're incredibly thankful for community partners that recently hosted clothing drives for Luke's Closet: St. Mary's Rehab Unit and Greg & Sandy O'Dell for the annual delivery of hundreds of pjs!

If you're interested in hosting a clothing drive, please email drives4lukescloset@gmail.com for more information.

Key Volunteer Roles:

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available for those interested in deepening their commitment to the Luke's Closet community:

- Inventory Clerks
- Fulfillment volunteer(s)
- Culver's Night coordinator
- Clothing Drive coordinator

As always, the following volunteer roles can be flexed to match your schedule and skills.

[Click for details!](#)

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Mission Statement: *To serve and support foster, kinship and adoptive families residing in Dane County by providing free, high-quality clothing. Clothing is made available quickly and is easily accessible.*

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