



## The Clothes Line | Vol. 4 | 2024

### Volunteers Make Luke's Closet Possible

Luke's Closet is an all-volunteer organization. Our volunteers often work quietly and independently – sorting clothing donations, laundering the good but dirty clothes, organizing the closets for easy shopping, packing and delivering requested clothing, fundraising, managing media outreach, and leading our organization.

The families we serve are so grateful for what we do. A family shared with us that their children's only clothes come from Luke's Closet as they are unable to afford anything else.

Another family at a Shop & Eat event shared, "It's the greatest place ever. Organized, clean and absolutely amazing group of people."

Luke's Closet is a team of beautifully dedicated individuals. No one person could do this. It takes us all, using our time, talents, and treasure to make this happen. **Thank you for being part of the Luke's Closet team!**



### 105 Children Attended our November Shop & Eat

Our annual winter outerwear Shop & Eat event brought 105 kiddos plus their caregivers to St. Luke's, hosted by a wonderful mix of repeat and new volunteers. There were lots of familiar shoppers and many new faces as well, including a husband and wife who recently adopted their two nieces after the death of the girls' dad. The new parents shed tears at the difficulty of life and the gratitude for Luke's Closet.

Comments families shared:

- Luke's Closet is a place where we find community. Community of people who care and love our children. We feel welcomed! We feel seen! and LOVED! ❤️



- It is so nice for the kids to be able to choose anything without worrying about price tags. Shopping can be stressful as my niece is used to worrying about how much everything may cost vs. what she needs.
- It was our first time and wow! Was so much more than what was expected. So grateful!
- Luke's Closet is the most helpful outreach for children and families in the Dane County area.
- Their service is amazing and they're very helpful and nice. And their food is bomb!

A special thank you to the volunteers, food donors, Bloom Bake Shop, clothing donors – especially of new outerwear – and to St. Luke's Lutheran Church community.

## Culver's Share Night: Dec. 10

Join Luke's Closet on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Culver's on Parmenter St. in Middleton. Culver's will donate a portion of the proceeds to Luke's Closet, which will help fill the gaps in clothing inventory. Dine in or take out! It's always a fun night with lots of familiar faces! Get behind the scenes at Culver's by [signing up to volunteer to serve food](#). (Must be 16 years or older.)



## 2025 Shop & Eat Dates

Calendars fill in fast and we'd love to be on yours! It takes over 50 volunteers for each Shoe, Shop & Eat event. With a variety of volunteer roles, there's something for teens and adults, including some roles where families can serve together. Learn more about our [volunteering and food donor roles](#).

**SAVE THE DATES!**

2025 Shoe, Shop & Eat Events

**April 5**  
**Aug. 23**  
**Nov. 8**

Saturdays 9am - 1pm

## Key Needs ->

- Boys athletic pants (sizes youth 5 & 7)
- Girls size 14 leggings and tops

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

## Special Donor Thank Yous

GRANTS:

- Ironman (\$1,000) – Thank you to the Ironman volunteers who earned this grant for us!

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](mailto:kirstenpedersen_30@msn.com).

## CLOTHING DRIVES:

We're incredibly thankful for Harbor Athletic Club and the Trinity Irish Dance Academy (photo at right) who astounded us with their generous donations of new leggings, athletic pants, underwear, and outerwear. The donations were critical in stocking the November Shop & Eat event.

If you're interested in hosting a clothing drive, please email [drives4lukescloset@gmail.com](mailto:drives4lukescloset@gmail.com) for more information. We can supply the donation containers, signs, flyers, and social media graphics.



## Learn More

[Donating or volunteering](#)

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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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Our thanks to [St. Luke's Lutheran Church](#) for housing and supporting Luke's Closet.

