



The Clothes Line | Winter 2023

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2023 SHOP & EAT

Saturdays 10am - 1pm

March 4

May 13

August Back-to-School Dates TBD

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

We are filled with so much gratitude for what we have been able to do in 2022. Here are some highlights:

- We provided 5-7 outfits plus outerwear for over 350 kiddos in care.
- In August, we celebrated reaching the milestone of serving our 1,000th child! By the end of the year, we had served over 1,200!
- We held five Shop & Eat Events in March, May, August (2) and November, providing clothes for 114 children in care.
- We piloted a shoe gift card program at our Shop & Eat events and also in partnership with Dane County social workers. We received incredibly positive feedback from foster and kinship families. This program will expand in 2023 through a one-time grant from 100+ Women Who Care Madison.

- All seven of our partner clothing pick-up sites reopened from being closed during the height of the pandemic.
- We published our first four e-newsletter editions of *The Clothes Line*.
- We increased our collaboration with area student groups on service projects through clothing drives and fleece blanket donations.
- We received grants from community organizations that also want to support foster, kinship and adoptive families in our community.
- We continued to strengthen our collaboration with Dane County Human Services.

It has been an awesome and inspiring year!



Clothing being prepped, packed and delivered by one of our volunteers is what Luke's Closet looks like in action every week. In 2022, we provided clothes to over 350 kiddos!

RECORD BUSTING MONTH

For most of us, 2022 was a year of rebuilding, but it continued to be a year of hardship and stress for many as costs rose and pandemic-related assistance ended. The need for community resources and support services continues to grow and we have seen that reflected in the increase in clothing requests at Luke's Closet. Attendance at our Shop & Eat events nearly doubled from 2021 and neared pre-pandemic levels. November and December set new clothing

request records, doubling requests in both November and in December from the previous year.

We are especially thankful for St. Luke's Lutheran Church, our volunteers and our donors who make it possible for Luke's Closet to fulfill this mission throughout the year.

PROVIDING SHOES IN 2023!



Luke's Closet is honored to have been chosen as the recipient of a generous grant of \$16,000 from 100+ Women Who Care Madison. By receiving this grant for use in 2023, we can now offer the option of shoes for kiddos in care, while continuing to provide new and nearly new clothing.

Children's shoes are quickly outgrown and can be expensive, especially for the families we serve. We are filled with gratitude for the members at 100+ Women Who Care Madison who give generously to Dane County organizations and to our special guests, Kate Gravel, a Dane County social worker, and Flor Mitchell, a foster parent, who spoke on our behalf.

If you are part of a grant-giving organization, please consider [contacting Kirsten Pederson](#), Luke's Closet Fundraising Coordinator, or donate directly using the link below.

[Donate](#)

NEW CLOTHING DRIVES

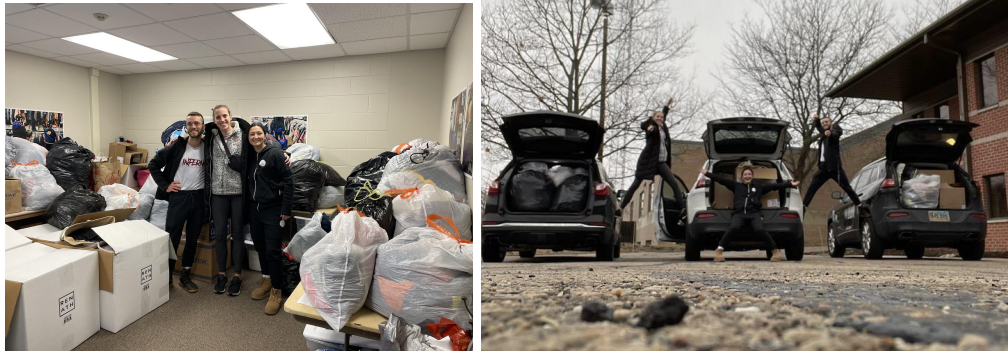
Are you part of an organization or club interested in giving back? Would you like to honor a birthday or special occasion? Host a Luke's Closet Clothing Drive!

We are excited to start partnering with other clubs and organizations to offer clothing drives



throughout the year. We can cater the clothing drive to your preferences and it helps us meet our seasonal clothing needs. Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in this opportunity.

Madtown Juniors Girls Volleyball Club recently held a clothing drive and collected over five carloads full of clothing for Luke's Closet - our largest donation yet – and restocked our inventory after a busy few months at our closet.



CURRENT CLOTHING NEEDS

We are accepting new or nearly new spring and summer clothing, size 12 months through teenage-styled adult size XXXL/3X.

[Shop our Target Wishlist](#)

[Clothing Guidelines](#)



Now Accepting Spring & Summer Clothes

We welcome new or nearly new clothes (without stains or tears) for toddler thru teenage-styled adult sizes.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, MIDDLETON
LUKE'S CLOSET
OUR "GOOD NEIGHBOR CHURCH IN OUR COMMUNITY" MINISTRY

Drop off M-F 8:30am - 4pm
or mail to: St. Luke's Lutheran Church
7337 Hubbard Ave., Middleton, WI 53562



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.

