



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Luke's Closet was started by a group of busy moms who appreciate flexibility. Our volunteer opportunities are designed to serve our foster/adoptive/kinship families best and fit with the lives of busy volunteers.

1) Sorting Volunteers

Sort clothing donations into categories based on quality and type. This is on an as-needed basis but typically 2 weekdays / month. Requires standing and ability to sort clothes based on quality and type.

2) Fulfillment Volunteers

Be "on duty" for one week (Monday – Sunday) and you choose the week. A Sign-up Genius email will be sent every other month. You can sign up for as many or as few weeks as works for your schedule. The Luke's Closet room is always unlocked and accessible during St. Luke's business and worship hours (Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5pm, Wednesday evenings during the school year and Sundays 8am - noon).

During your on-duty week, requests are forwarded to you via email to be filled and delivered within 3-4 days. Requests come from an online form detailing clothing sizes and needs. One never knows how many requests will arrive. There have been weeks of zero and weeks of six. If it's a busy week, other volunteers can assist. Plan on 30 minutes to pack one bag of clothes. After packing, you will deliver the bag(s) to the partner location selected by the parent. Some have limited hours so please refer to our website for locations and hours. <https://www.stlukes-elca.org/lukes-closet>

Host personal shopping appointments. During your on duty week you will also have the Luke's Closet cell phone which families call to request personal shopping appointments. This is a very rewarding experience to work directly with the families. Schedule appointments at a mutually agreeable time.

Before your first week, you'll have a **one-on-one training session with a Luke's Closet lead volunteer.** On your first week of fulfillment duty, you'll be paired with an experienced volunteer. Fulfillment volunteers need to have daytime flexibility and ability to follow a process.

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3) Shop & Eat Day Volunteers

Approximately once every 2-3 months, Luke's Closet hosts a "Shop & Eat Event" for families to shop the Closet and share a meal. Shop & Eat events are typically held on Saturdays from 10am – 1pm. For these events, volunteers are needed as:

- **Hosts** – Assist families in shopping. Requires conversation, walking and carrying bags.
- **Greeters** – Welcome families and connect them with a host. Requires a quick smile and sitting.
- **Servers** – Serve the provided food. Requires hospitality skills -- conversation, walking, standing, food safety and kitchen clean-up.

4) Laundry Volunteers

While most of the donations we keep in the Closet are freshly laundered, some are not. Volunteers will launder clothes that are perfect for our kiddos but need a fresh wash. Pick up laundry from room 101 in the lower level of St. Luke's. There will be approximately one load every other week. Sign up for only the weeks you're able to help. Laundry detergent is not provided.

5) Pillowcase Makers

When Luke's Closet delivers clothing to a child, they are packed in pillowcases that stay with the child. In a life of frequent temporary places and things, this pillowcase may be one of the few things that is permanently theirs. A standard size pillowcase requires 1 yard of fabric and volunteers sew pillowcases at their own leisure. We welcome fabric styles for boys and girls ages 0-18. Luke's Closet can supply the fabric, if requested. We'll send an email when our inventory is low.

Email kimnickeldesign@gmail.com and specify which volunteer list you'd like to be added to – sorting, fulfillment, Shop & Eat, laundry or pillowcases. You'll only receive email notifications for those specific needs. All of these opportunities, except when pillowcases are needed, are shared via Sign-Up Genius emails. Laundry volunteers will be included in the sorting opportunities.

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